



St. George's Episcopal School's 5 Point Plan Operations under COVID-19 2020-2021 School Year

(these procedures are in addition to the school's normal practices found in the family handbook)

This is a revised version of the school's 5 Point Plan. In this version you will find that the school's staff will continue to wear masks as the school gathers more information regarding potential rise in Austin Covid cases, and the efficacy of vaccines ([Benefits of Vaccines](#)). Parents will also be asked to continue to wear masks while on the school's campus. The school will reassess this plan at the end of the school year.

As a non-profit, 100% tuition driven school, St. George's must adhere to the financial policy stated on the school's enrollment form and continue to collect tuition, even if a brief closure happens due to a COVID-19 related incident or your child is absent due to a COVID-19 related incident. The tuition is the school's only means to support the staff and operations of the school. If an extended closure were to happen, you would have the choice to immediately withdraw and avoid further costs, however no refund of your May deposit can be given. The St. George's teachers will immediately move into a virtual classroom experience during any COVID-19 related closures.

The school realizes that some in the school population are more vulnerable to infection than others, and the school recommends that those who are at higher risk not pick up or drop off children during this time. The school is also sensitive to the fact that some staff may be dealing with special COVID-19 vulnerabilities, and the school will be working with them on a case by case basis. Finally, the school recognizes that health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation, therefore the school will continue to closely monitor the school's practices, and if changes are needed, you will be promptly informed.

1. Preventing the Spread of COVID-19

1. Masks will continue to be worn as the school gathers more information and teachers receive vaccines.
2. All staff will be trained through the Texas A&M Agrilife extension on the following:
 - a. Providing High Quality Experiences during COVID-19
 - b. Special Considerations for Infection Control during COVID-19
3. The school will require sick children and staff to stay home. The school will follow CDC guidelines on how to disinfect areas where a sick child or staff has had access.
4. The school requires all families to report when there has been close contact or positive cases.
5. If there has been **Close Contact** or a **Positive Case** to children, staff, or a person living with the enrolled child or staff member by a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19: Definition of Close Contact: any individual who was within 6 ft. of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic

patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

- a. The school will contact the Austin Public Health’s (APH) dedicated child care nurse line and follow their guidance.
 - i. The guidance will be communicated to those involved in a “close contact” or “positive case” scenario.
 - ii. A [graph](#) provided by APH also offers clarity.
- b. The school will contact Child Care Licensing – 512-834-3195 to report the presence of COVID-19 in the school.
- c. If more than 7 days have passed since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.
- d. In the case of a child or staff member who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all of the following criteria are met:
 - i. at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed **since recovery**
 - ii. And the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms
 - iii. And at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
 - iv. Or a doctor’s note stating they are free to return
- e. In the case of a child or staff member who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work **before** the self-isolation period, **IF** they obtain a medical professionals note clearing the individual for return based on the results of a false positive.

2. Health Screenings

1. Temperature checks must be performed by parents on themselves and their child (ren) each day before dropping off, and on yourself before picking up your child. No person entering the facility can have a fever of **100.4 or above** degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Staff will visually check if any of these signs or symptoms are seen at drop-off:

Cough	Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	Chills
Muscle pain	Headache	Sore throat
Diarrhea	Repeated shaking with chills	Loss of taste or smell

No person will be allowed entry if any of the above symptoms are seen, unless of a diagnosed childhood virus that is spreading in the school.

3. The school will not allow staff or children with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to campus without a doctor’s note.

3. Drop off and Pick up

1. Parents must wear masks while on the school's campus until further notice.
2. **School Day Drop Off:** Between 8:30-9:00 AM
 - a. If for some reason you must drop off after 9:00 AM, then the parent will walk their child to class, open the door, and wait for assistance.
 - b. Parents will be asked to enter the school using 3 access points. The entry points will be determined by the classroom a child is assigned to.
 - The East Gate {next to playgrounds} (Rainbow, Purple, Orange)
 - Main gate {in front of office} (Blue, Pink, Green)
 - West Gate {next to red room} (Red, Yellow)
 - c. Parents will stand outside the classroom door and not enter the classroom.
 - d. If a parent has two children in different areas, you do not have to re-enter, just walk your child to their classroom door and use social distancing as you pass others.
3. **School Day Pick Up time:** At 3:30 PM
 - a. Parents will use the same access gate for picking up their children and follow the same above procedures under school drop off.
4. **Fun Zone Pick Up time:** After 3:30 PM
 - a. Pick up will happen at either the classroom door (hand sanitizer will be made available) or on the playground, keeping in mind to social distance with other parents. You will access the school by using one of the 3 access points mentioned above in item 2.b.
5. Hand sanitizer will be stationed at every gate and every classroom door.

4. Social Distancing Strategies

1. Parents will use social distancing while at the facility until further notice.
2. During any large event, i.e. Pre-K Graduation, parents will wear masks and social distance.
3. During nap time children will be spread apart as much as possible and placed head to toe in order to further reduce the spread of the virus. Bedrolls will be placed in individual cubbies.

5. Cleaning and Disinfecting

1. Our disinfecting product, Oxivir Tb is a hospital grade disinfectant without harsh chemicals. The school will use bleach/water only when children are not present in the room or if the school cannot purchase Oxivir Tb due to a shortage.
2. Routine cleaning will be intensified during the day.
 - Extra staff will disinfect high traffic areas throughout the day, such as, doors, gates, staff bathrooms, and staff kitchen.
3. Handwashing will be the school's first line of defense. If handwashing is not available, then a 60% alcohol based hand sanitizer will be used. Children will be closely monitored during this use and the hand sanitizer will be out of their reach.