



## **PRINCE OF PEACE** CATHOLIC MONTESSORI

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### **An Update from us on COVID-19**

#### **POPCM COVID -19 Plan**

Prince of Peace Catholic Montessori is committed to providing a safe and healthy school building for all students, parents and visitors to our school. To ensure we have a safe and healthy school building our task force has developed the following COVID-19 plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In a building sanitized, cleaned and electrostatically dusted the public should be confident that POPCM is always prepared to welcome students, parents and community visitors to the school building.

#### **How its spread/safety expectations**

COVID-19 is transmitted mostly through direct contact with respiratory droplets from an infected individual. The infected individual may have no symptoms or have symptoms of a fever (greater than 100.4), a cough, gastrointestinal symptoms (diarrhea or vomiting), a new rash or new loss of taste/smell. These symptoms are not unlike other infectious viruses, yet it is difficult without testing to develop a plan that is able to meet all circumstances. The goal of our task force is to establish safety expectations based upon the core measures to mitigate transmission.

These include:

- Social distancing
- Screening, School Exclusion & Communication and Contact Tracing
- Personal Protective Equipment, including Cloth face Masks, gloves and Shoe coverings
- Sanitation, Environmental and Social Factors

The POPCM plan will address school attendance, communication, closure and transition to distance learning models. Our plan will be flexible enough to promote the safety for all students, staff and visitors to the building, while promoting the best possible learning environment for all.

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#### **Arrival at School**

**7:30 am** – Marks the beginning of our school day. The No Touch School

doors open and students may enter the building. The morning traffic pattern will not change for all students and staff. Pull in and go the opposite direction of the arrows, stopping at the main door. Mr. Barkley will greet each student and parent as they enter and proceed to the gym/classroom. All students sit quietly on marked space utilizing 6-foot social distancing distance. Mask and gloves are required to be worn by students while in cohorts. If a family member is sick, please stay home!

**7:30 am** – Pre/K students enter and proceed directly to their classroom. Temp check before entering classroom environment. Station outside classroom entrance to check temp/sanitize hands.

**7:45-7:55 am** – Students maintain social distancing while transitioning to their classrooms from the gym. Students receive temp check upon entrance into classroom. Hand sanitizer available for hands.

**8:00 am** – Morning Prayer and announcements- Prayer/announcements read by student. Transition to office through open doors requires mask for students and teachers.

**8:05-11:15 am** – Students work in classrooms with operations to cover their mouth and nose with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing and to avoid touching their face, particularly their mouth, nose and hands. Students wash hands and practice social distancing while in the classroom. Masks can be worn when in cohorts. Classes may be held outside if possible. Proper ventilation practice will be at the teacher's discretion.

**11:15 am - 12:00 pm** – Lunch/Recess – Students transition to the lunchroom utilizing social distancing while in line and at table. Service will be provided, and safety barrier screen installed to provide food protection. Adults will clean/disinfect tables and area upon exit.

**12:00 pm** – All transition from recess back into building utilizing basic infection measures that have been implemented in the school building. Hand washing with soap and water or hand Sanitizer at the entranceway so they can be used for hand hygiene for soiled hands. Masks are worn during transition

**12:00 – 2:40 pm** – Students continue work in classroom environment until final announce at 2:40

2:45pm Students are escorted to parking lot by teacher and released to parents for end of day procedures. Students are released by classroom beginning with K – Jr. High

**2:45-6pm** – Aftercare procedures for students remaining at school until 6pm. Students will transition to the cafeteria. School protocols are utilized while in after care. Students are release to parents.

**Specials** - All students will transition to Library, Art, Music, Gym and Religion. Our class size does not warrant in place special classes. Students will transition to special classes utilizing social distance measures and hygiene and source controls.

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## **Future Pandemic Alerts**

If an emergency arises, the school population will be alerted by email, text, webcam or phone message. Important information regarding Nontraditional instruction will be administered at that time. If students are to remain at home for a period, classroom instruction will continue via webcam. Teachers will utilize Google Classroom to instruct during the school day.

## **Specialist Plan and Procedures**

### **Art**

- Students transition to art wearing mask and entering the environment through no touch doors.
- Students will be using individual supplies
- Supplies have to be replenished through the year

### **Music**

- Students transition to music w/mask
- Maintain social distancing during instruction
- Room, Instruments and materials used will be sanitized at the end of each class and at the end of the day.

### **Physical Education**

- Classes will take place outside as frequently as possible
- The Gym has the capacity to hold each class safely spaced, so P.E. can take place outside when necessary
- Equipment will not be shared
- Activities will be conscious of social distancing (no contact sports)

### **Lunches**

- Students will transition to the lunchroom at their appointed time. They may eat outside if weather permits.
- The Cafeteria program will likely be able to make lunches available for purchase (awaiting final confirmation).

### **Recess**

- Students may go outside for recess
- Students are encouraged to bring their own playground balls or other small recess items to use individually or cohorts. The school will not provide common equipment.
- If recess is indoors, students must stay in their homerooms.

### **School Visitors**

- Only essential visitors will be permitted in the building (student pickups/drop-offs, deliveries to students, ect.)
- Visitors must wear a mask to be granted entry and must have their temperature checked in the office for anything other than a quick drop off item

### **Updated Daily Safety Guidelines**

- Water Fountains spouts will be covered. Please bring a labeled water bottle
- Every student will be assigned their own grade- level technology device. Students who travel to classes will take their device with them.

- Supplies will not be shared
- Mask are required when using the restroom
- Washing hands is vital when using the facilities
- No shareable outside treats (birthday, star student ect.) brought in by students

### **Mass, Assemblies and Field Trips**

- Mass will be held for all students
- Students will be spaced – singing will be permitted
- Field trips are suspended until further notice

## **Positive COVID -19 TEST/CASES**

If a student or staff member test positive for COVID-19, the school is required to notify the health department. If this occurs, the health department may decide to shut down part or all the school for a period.

If a shutdown occurs:

- Parents will be notified of the short-term plan for instruction
- The school building will be closed to everyone except essential personnel
- Extra -curricular events will be suspended

## **NTI/Distance LEARNING**

While its nobody's hope that we return to NTI, if it should be necessary, Prince of Peace faculty and staff will be taking these measures to ensure that top quality education will continue from all educational outlets.

- All Prince of Peace faculty will have Google Classroom training during the PD day at school Aug 10<sup>th</sup>
- All students in grades K-8 will have access to a school email account (through Google).
- All weekly assignments for the grade level will be posted by end of day Sunday.
- Specialist videos will be posted by end of day Sunday.
- A schedule will be created for every grade- level's NTI program to ensure consistency

### **NTI Schedules by Level Preschool/Kindergarten – Schedule created by Classroom Teacher**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Here we intend to answer some of the common questions that we have heard that are not directly addressed in the presented document.

### **1) Will we receive a mask? Can we bring our own?**

- a. The school will provide every child (and faculty member) with a gaiter-style mask. Its flexible to adjust to reflexes.
- b. You may bring your own, personal style is ok!

### **2) What if my child won't wear a mask?**

- a. We will work with you, but you may have to sign a waiver!

### **3) What if my child forgets their mask?**

- a. We have spares. Donations are always welcome!

**4) What if I'm not ready to send my child back full time?**

a. We understand and can relate to your comfort levels. We can assure you that we are providing the highest level of education and safest environment possible for school to occur. If you don't feel comfortable, then try to set up with your teacher an NTI process until your comfortable entering the building safely.

**5) What cleaning measures have been taken?**

a. Our maintenance crew has cleaned and sanitized every surface in the building. Their tireless efforts have classrooms, furniture, desk, lockers, carpets, hallways, handrails, all bathroom surfaces, ect.

b. We are have the building electrostatically cleaned before school begins Aug 10<sup>th</sup>.

**6) Can parents visit the school?**

a. Not currently. Parents may do so when asked directly by faculty or staff member. Parents are permitted to attend mass, if a mask is worn, and social distancing is occurring.

**7) Will there be Field Trips and after school activities?**

a. When restrictions change, we will adjust and move forward on all field trips and related activities!

**8) If the pandemic status is lifted and restrictions change, will school return to normal?**

a. Yes, as soon as possible! Any changes we make will comply with the law!

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