



# COVID Return to School Update 2022-23

## General Guidelines

For most things, we are returning to pre-COVID procedures for all Pre-school - 8th grade students with a few exceptions.

- If a student tests positive, they will remain home for five days and then may return to school wearing a mask for an additional five days.
- If a student has an exposure and is asymptomatic, they may remain in school, but must wear a mask for 10 days (as long as they remain asymptomatic).
- If a student has an exposure and does have symptoms, they must remain at home and work with the school nurse on a return to school plan.
- At this point, these are the only situations where students will be required to wear masks.
- St. Justin will provide virtual learning for students testing positive and those who are exposed with symptoms. The absence must be expected to last at least three days. Teachers will take one day to get organized and then the student may join their class virtually on the second day of absence.





## **Masks: A Three-tiered Approach**

- SJM School Mask Protocols will be organized into three status levels: red, yellow and green.
- Initiating changes from one mask-wearing level to another will be based on a variety of inputs including CDC guidelines, St. Louis County mandates, community transmission rates and SJM specific COVID indicators.
- **Please note the change in definition of the “Yellow Level” for the 2022-23 school year.**

### **RED Level**

- All Staff and K-8 students, vaccinated and unvaccinated, will wear masks all day indoors & for outdoor classroom situations where social distancing is not feasible.
- For Preschool students, masks may be worn, but are not required.

### **YELLOW Level**

- **All day masking indoors will not be required, but students returning to school (on day 6) after testing positive or who have had an exposure will be required to wear masks.**
- We will begin the 2022-23 school year at this level.

### **GREEN Level**

- Mask wearing for students will be at the discretion of parents.
- Mask wearing for staff will be at the discretion of the administration.



## Visitors

- All school business visitors should self-administer a health screening and temperature check prior to entering school.
- Parents arriving to pick up or drop off a student will buzz at the main door, but will be allowed only entry into the vestibule to sign out their student.
- Parents dropping off any student supplies (marked with student's name i.e. lunch bags or boxes, books, Chromebooks) will buzz the school office to let the School Secretary know they have placed these items in the bin provided by the front door.

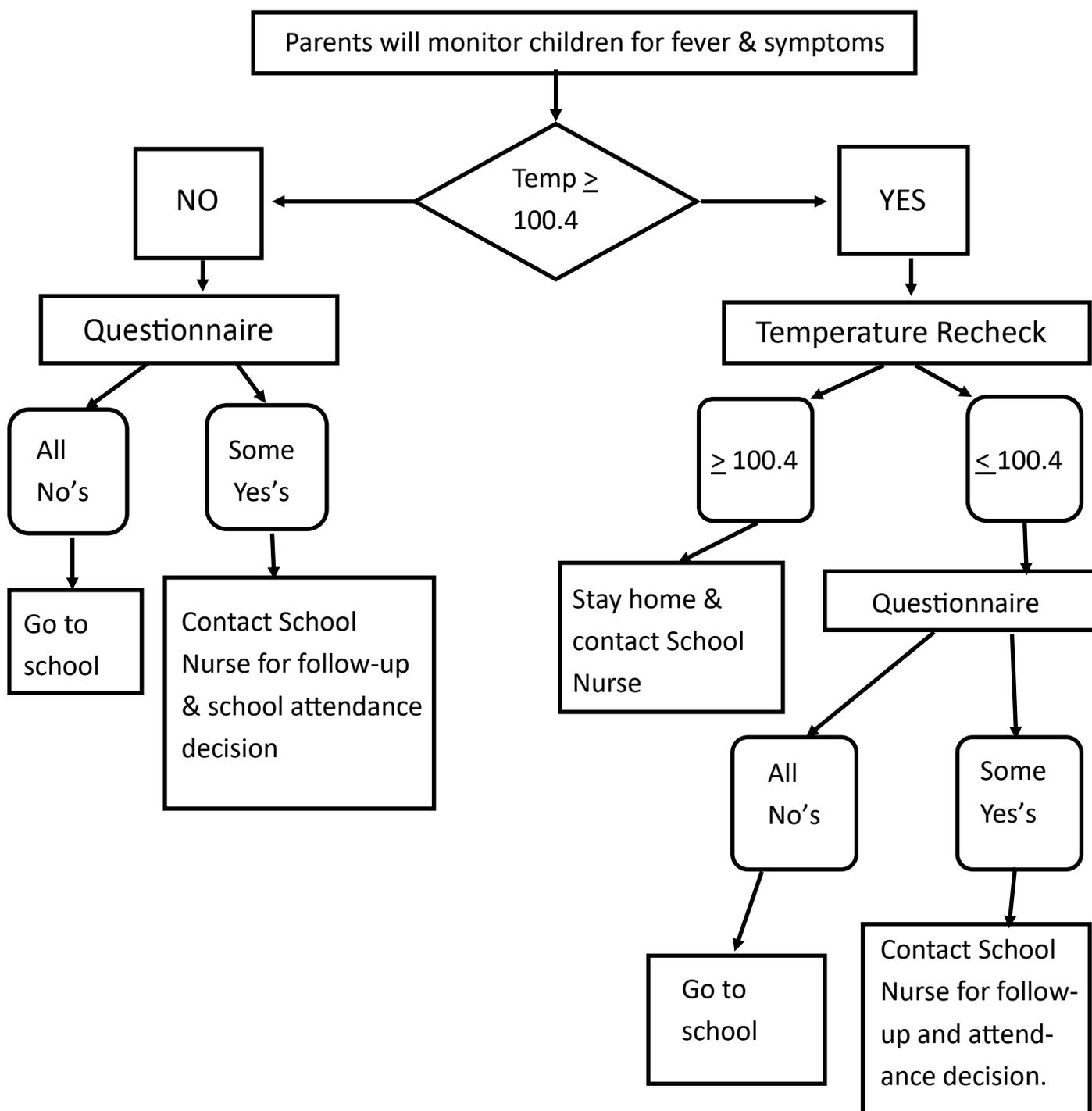
## Miscellaneous

- Lunch will be during 6th hour (half of student body will eat the first 20 minutes, the other half will eat the last 20 minutes of the period). There will be no restrictions on number of students at a table (except for normal safety reasons). Hot Lunch will begin Tuesday, September 6th and will be offered 3 days/week.
- Students may continue to bring their own personal water bottle clearly marked with their name every day.
- All students will attend All School Mass together, masking is optional in church.
- Buddy and Family Group activities will return this year!
- Recess will return to its normal procedures.
- Arrival/Dismissal: Parents still need to complete a health assessment and temperature check for all their children before arriving at school. Students will continue enter school through their assigned door and school will dismiss students in two groups to facilitate traffic flow in the afternoon.



# Student Health Screening

- We will rely on parents to monitor fever/illness symptoms prior to bringing their child to school everyday.





## Health Screening Questionnaire

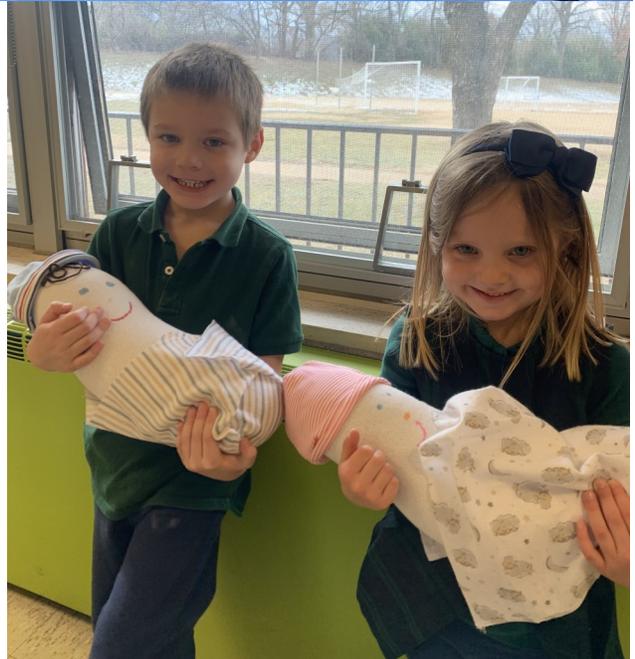
The questionnaire will identify individuals who have experienced a new onset of the following symptoms not explained by another known condition:

- fever (100.4 or higher)
- chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue or muscle aches
- headache
- new onset of loss of smell or taste
- sore throat, nasal congestion or runny nose
- nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- close contact with a confirmed COVID –19 case

A “yes” answer to any of these will be further evaluated by our nursing staff and may require the student or staff member to stay home.



# Preschool





## Preschool

St. Justin Preschool looks forward to welcoming our students into classrooms for a healthy & happy school year!

Please note, unlike the St. Justin K-8 calendar, our first days will be starting August 30th for all our Tuesday students, with dismissals at regular times (11:45 & 2:55).

Masks are optional for preschool students. If sending a mask with your student, please mark their name clearly.



## Preschool Arrival (7:30—8:00)

- We rely on parents to monitor fever/illness symptoms prior to bringing their child to school everyday (see flowchart & questionnaire on pages 4 and 5).
- You have two options for drop-off:
  - ◊ Park on the upper lot near the basketball poles (without waiting in the car line) and walk your child down the sidewalk in back of school to meet a teacher for check-in near the playgrounds or side door to school. Even with rain, we will greet you on the playground area.
  - ◊ Go through the K-8 drop-off line in front of school/church, keeping your preschooler in your car, proceeding to the last parking lane in front of the Rectory. Please take your preschooler by the hand until safely on the sidewalk and walk around to the playground/side door to meet a teacher. This may be the better option if it is raining in the morning.
- Please make every effort to arrive by 8:00, as we are ready to start our day and will no longer be outside the doors by the playground area! Any late-comers will need to follow K-8 school late arrival procedures and check in their student at the front doors of school.



## Dismissal:

You will pick up your preschooler :

- For any 11:45 dismissal, parents should park on the upper lot (in front of Rectory) and walk to the sidewalk to pick up your child from their teacher.
- If it is pouring rain, please come out with an umbrella and pick up your child at the front doors of school. We just don't have enough hands!
- Our full-day dismissal will at 2:55. On Parking Lot A, please form a car line beginning at the church steps and extending back along the sidewalk toward the basketball hoops and the gardens. We will be on the church steps or inside church in inclement weather. If the line becomes so long that it is interfering with a PE class, please respect the safety cones, park your car and walk up to the church steps to collect your student. This 2:55 dismissal time is firm. If you are late, your child will be taken back to the school office where you can collect them.

Happy School Year!





## How Parents Can Help

There are so many ways parents can help!

- Check temperatures and review the daily Health Questionnaire for your children before you arrive at school to support a healthy school community.
- **Please do not disguise any symptoms by giving medications to reduce fever or other symptoms and then send your child to school.**
- **Report symptoms or exposures related to COVID-19 to our school nurse immediately.**
- **If you have any question about a possible exposure within your family or your family's bubble, contact the school nurse.**
- If you are called to pick up your child due to COVID-19 symptoms, please arrive at school within an hour of being called.
- Please organize your plans now to provide childcare at home in case of illness.
- **LABEL, LABEL, LABEL!** Please label all student items entering the school building including face coverings, water bottles, lunch bags or boxes, and clothing.

