



# Church of the Savior

## L U T H E R A N

September 27, 2021

### MASK GUIDELINES

Teachers and staff are required to wear masks and are given the option of wearing safety eyewear or face shields. Masks protect the people around us while eyewear and shields protect the wearer.

As Christians we believe that our love for each other should be paramount in helping to protect one another. Therefore, the following decisions have been made:

- All persons, adults and children, are required to wear a mask on Church of the Savior property as the children are checked into and out of school.
- Children will wear a mask as they are escorted through common areas to and from their classrooms.
- Masks must be worn inside the classroom unless engaged in active eating or drinking.
- Masks that the children take off during snack and Lunch Bunch will be placed in a paper bag with their name on it for use for when they will be in the hallways.
- Masks will not be required when playing outdoors.

**There will be no exceptions to these rules unless we receive a medical exemption from a doctor citing an accepted medical diagnosis.**

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## **RE-OPENING SCHOOL GUIDELINES**

- Arrival times for classes will be staggered in order to facilitate check-in. Arrival times will be as follows:

Star	8:30am
Smiley	8:30am
Shamrock	8:45am
Butterfly	8:45am
ABM	9:00am (morning class)
ABM	12:30pm (afternoon class)
Rainbow	12:40pm
Heart	12:45pm

We ask that you arrive at your scheduled time in order to maintain social distancing guidelines.

- All children will check-in under the portico by the parking lot. Please follow the posted signs for check-in.
- All children will receive a temperature (non-contact) and health check upon entering the building, sanitize their hands and be escorted by a staff member to his/her classroom.
- All children will wash their hands and be escorted to his/her assigned play area upon arrival to the classroom. Children will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the class session.
- All children will be assigned their own chair which will be rotated in the classroom regularly.
- The class will be divided into two groups to maintain social distancing guidelines.
- All classes will only use their assigned bathroom which will be disinfected regularly and thoroughly at the end of each session.
- All children will bring his/her own snack and water daily.
- All children will have his/her own art supplies and playdough.
- All classes will have their own assigned playground time and their own container of sand toys. The playground and toys will be disinfected after each use.

- The playground will be closed before and after classes to maintain social distancing and sanitary guidelines.
- All children attending Lunch Bunch will be escorted to the Multi-Purpose room which will be sectioned off by class. Each class will have their own set of tables and rug to play on in their area.
- All school surfaces will be sanitized and disinfected between each session. This includes the Multi-Purpose Room which will be cleaned before and after Lunch Bunch. Each classroom will have their chairs, tables and toys disinfected at the end of each session.
- Only essential visitors will be allowed in the school during school hours (i.e. police officers, PSE&G etc). All visitors must wear a mask, and be temperature and health checked prior to entering the building.
- Any parent who has an inquiry will be asked to call the school office.
- All classes will dismiss through different doors throughout the building.

### **HEALTH GUIDELINES**

If you or any member of your family is symptomatic or awaiting a COVID test result we ask you to **keep your child home** from school.

If you or any member of your family is symptomatic you are **required to keep your child quarantined for 14 days from last contact**. Symptoms include: **(2 of the following)**...chills, shivers, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion/runny nose, **or (1 of the following)**...cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell.

If you can answer **“YES”** to any of the following questions please **do not send your child to school**.

- a. Is temperature 100.4 or higher?
- b. Was fever reducing medication administered?
- c. Does child exhibit **(2)** of the following symptoms:
  - Chills, shivers, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion/runny nose
- d. Does child exhibit **(1)** of the following symptoms:
  - Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell
- e. Close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) over a 24 hour period with a person with confirmed COVID in the past 14 days
- f. Someone in the household has symptoms of COVID or is diagnosed with COVID
- g. Traveled to an area of high community transmission

If your child exhibits **ONE** of the (less) common symptoms (chills, shivers, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion/runny nose) **your child must stay home and consider being evaluated by a doctor.** You may return to school 24 hours after symptoms improve.

If your child exhibits **ONE** (more) common symptom (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell) or **TWO** (less) common symptoms **your child must stay home and be evaluated by a doctor before returning to school.**

**An alternative diagnosis will not be accepted for return to school when individuals meet COVID-19 exclusion criteria. Subsequently, although a negative test result may be received the individual may not be well enough to attend school. The student should remain home until symptoms are clear.**

**Please note – rapid COVID tests will not be accepted. All COVID tests must be PCR.**

### **TRAVEL GUIDELINES**

Travelers and residents returning from any U.S. state or territory **excluding the immediate region (New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware)** should quarantine at their home, hotel, or other temporary lodging following recommendations from the CDC:

- If travel is unavoidable, travelers should consider getting tested with a viral test (not an antibody test) 1-3 days before the trip and again 3-5 days after the trip.
- If travelers test positive, they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should postpone travel during that time.
- If travelers test negative, they should quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
- If testing is not available (or if the results are delayed), travelers should quarantine for 10 days after travel.

The advisory is no longer specific to certain states. Because of the high number of case counts across all states, there is an increased risk of spread of COVID-19 upon return from any travel. To clarify, we are requiring a **PCR test 3-5 days after travel (Rapid tests will not be accepted)** which will allow your child to return to school after a 7 day quarantine period. If you do not wish your child to be tested they must remain in quarantine for 10 days prior to returning to school.

If a member of our school community comes to school while not feeling well or exposed to COVID-19, it has the potential to force a class (or the entire school) to switch to a virtual format. All areas that the student occupied must also be closed for 24 hours to be deep cleaned and sanitized.

We understand the strain this can cause parents and children. To keep the children on track while they are out (due to quarantine) there will be a virtual option with their teachers, during regular class time. To clarify, if a child will be out due to COVID like symptoms and/or quarantine, they will be able to join the class via Zoom for circle times. Supplemental material can be picked up at the school.

The New Jersey Department of Health issued guidelines for schools and childcare facilities to follow during the COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines may change as our “Risk Factor” changes. The categories range from Green (low risk), Yellow (moderate risk), Orange (high risk), to Red (very high risk).

Should the entire school be ordered by officials to close for an extended period of time and teach virtually, we will implement an alternate plan via remote learning. Teachers would begin utilizing a form of Google Classroom – detailed curriculum will follow as necessary. Parents will be asked to have children participate (except All By Myself classes) in the virtual learning and **pay half tuition for the time that the entire school is closed – as previously stated in your Acceptance Letter.**

We again thank you for your continued support and understanding in keeping everyone safe during this time. We will continue to update you as circumstances change.

Be blessed,

Church of the Savior Nursery School