

St. Peter's Sunday School Reopening

Rationale: At the start of the 19-20 program year, we welcomed around 65 children in the Sunday School classrooms and nursery. During the pandemic, only 15 families participated in the “Learning at Home” curriculum. For the health of the parish, it is imperative that families are given the option to send their child(ren) to Sunday School for the 21-22 program year. Sunday School is often a child’s first introduction to church and is thus crucial for a vibrant church future. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) emphasizes the need for children to return to schools and school-supported programs for proper development and well-being. In order to do this in a safe manner, the AAP and CDC have multiple recommendations for institutions which will be summarized below.

Reopening Guidelines (Adapted from CDC: K-12 Schools Guidance):

- All Nursery and Sunday School teachers are fully vaccinated for COVID-19
 - o COVID-19 vaccination status will be determined based on honor system of teachers
- All children older than 2 years and all teachers/volunteers should wear face masks while attending Nursery or Sunday School regardless of vaccination status
- Children will maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance when possible
 - o When 3 feet of physical distance is not possible, other prevention strategies will be implemented such as additional symptom screening
- Children and teachers are asked to stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness
- Ventilation in Nursery/Sunday School classrooms will be increased
 - o Classroom Doors will always be OPEN
 - o Windows in classrooms will be open when possible
 - o HVAC systems set for max ventilation
 - o Child-safe fans will be used to increase the effectiveness of open windows when possible
- Children and teachers will practice handwashing and respiratory etiquette
 - o Bathrooms will include signs reinforcing proper handwashing technique
 - o Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom
- Nursery/Sunday School attendance will be recorded which will double as a contact tracing record
- Classrooms will be cleaned and disinfected after each class
- No snacks will be permitted to limit airborne particle exposure