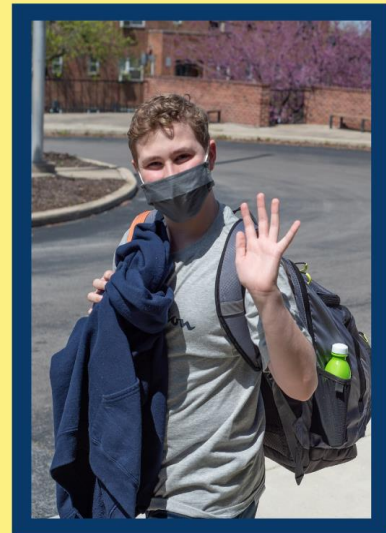


ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

JULY 2021 SAFETY UPDATES



Revised June 1, 2021



St. Elizabeth School will continue to base its instructional and safety procedures on recommendations made by the CDC, MDH, MSDE, and State government. Updates will be communicated to parents and made available on the SES website.

The following updates have been made to the original SES Reopening Plan for the July session. The Reopening Committee will reexamine all prevention measures and procedures prior to the August break.

- **Instructional Model**

MSDE has stated that all schools should be open for five days of in-person instruction per week in the new school year. St. Elizabeth School will continue to operate on a five-day, in person model with on-campus attendance preferred and encouraged. A virtual option will still be available, if needed.

- **Schedule**

St. Elizabeth School will return to its regular, pre-COVID bell schedule. In-person and virtual students will be on the same schedule. Class time will be modified slightly to include time for cleaning between class periods.

- **Masks**

State restrictions have not yet been lifted for schools, day care providers, or health care providers regarding mask usage; therefore, masks will be required when inside the school building. However, they will not be required outside when students and staff are able to maintain a distance of at least three feet from one another.

- **Physical Distancing**

SES will continually adjust the school's physical distancing guidelines based on the most current CDC recommendations. As physical distancing requirements gradually become more relaxed, the school's classroom capacity should increase in comparison to the more limited capacities outlined in the 2020-2021 reopening plan.

- **Temperature Checks**

Based on the consistent downward trend in the regional COVID-19 positivity rate, St. Elizabeth School will no longer provide student temperature checks at school. Student temperature checks and self-monitoring should continue at home, however.

- **Daily COVID-19 Self-Screening Questionnaire**
Staff will continue to self-screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms but will no longer complete the daily questionnaire in the PPI-HX Chat app.
- **Arrival/Dismissal**
All students will enter and exit the building through the main lobby doors.
- **Schools-Within-a-School Modifications**
St. Elizabeth School will, for the most part, continue using the schools-within-a-school model. Since many students will not have been vaccinated fully by July, staff will continue to limit crossing houses when possible. With a low positivity rate and a high percentage of vaccinated people, it is not as crucial to separate houses as it was in 2020-2021.

SES staff will continue staggering student transitions and will monitor and assist students with physical distancing.

- **Breakfast and Lunches**
SES will continue serving meals in the classrooms during the month of July.
- **Water Coolers**
SES will continue to use water coolers in the month of July, which will be refilled midday by staff. However, parents are encouraged to have their child(ren) bring in a water bottle to use, especially to offset the hot summer temperatures. (Please label the bottle with your child's name.)



- **Health Room Procedures**
In July, the nurse will continue to visit students in their classrooms to deliver medication.
- **Community-Based Instruction Modifications**
A tiered model of activities has been created. The “low-risk” activities from this tiered model will be available to students in July. After starting with low-risk activities, the Reopening Committee will assess the situation and determine if “higher-risk” activities will be permitted.
- **Work-based Learning Program**
SES will use a similar approach to CBI with tiered placements. Seniors and juniors will be prioritized for student placements. Off-campus WBL experiences will only be provided with parent permission.



- **Arrival and Departures**
All students and staff will resume using the main entrance doors. Parents should continue to drop off students outside and not enter the building.
- **Visitor Policy**
Visitors will be permitted on campus but will be required to wear a mask and maintain safe physical distancing. Room capacity guidelines must still be adhered to. Visits will be approved only for those visitors who have official school business (admissions, interns, IEP team participants, LSS reps, university supervisors, etc.).
- **Field Trip Policy**
There will be no off-campus field trips planned for July. Off-campus field trips will resume when the majority of students at SES have been vaccinated. This will likely not happen until after August break.
- **Response to Reported Direct Exposure**
The school does not necessarily need to close should a student or staff member report testing positive to COVID-19. Those who are identified as direct exposures should quarantine per the established SES policy. If you have questions or would like to report a potential exposure, please email the school at the following address: covidreporting@stelizabeth-school.org.

When will SES relax its COVID-19 safety protocols further?

St. Elizabeth School will look to remove more of its COVID-19 restrictions when a majority of the students have been fully vaccinated, probably after August break. The State of Maryland may also relax restrictions for schools, in which case the Reopening Committee will reconvene to reevaluate its safety restrictions for COVID-19.