



PARK PLACE SCHOOL

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2021-2022 Park Place School Mitigation Health Plan (Update from Revive Us! Health Plan of 2020-21 SY)

We would like to thank every stakeholder of Park Place School for your prayers, understanding, patience, and support, from all our school board members, administrators, faculty, staff, learners, parents/guardians to the generous donors, trusted volunteers, and educational partners within our community. The past school year required collective thoughtfulness, great faith, and encouragement as everyone has worked to prepare for the pandemic. As we move into the 2021-2022 School Year, the mission to build a strong academic and spiritual foundation with students and community is more imperative as we are realizing the post pandemic impact.

In keeping with our value of responsibility that speaks to caring and serving others as well as taking care of God's creation (Galatians 6:1-10), we have updated our current Mitigation Health Plan to reflect current CDC guidelines. The REVIVE US! Mitigation Plan from last year will still apply for the most part, except with updated information. Sections of the mitigation plan that no longer apply, or are deleted for the 2021-2022 SY, will be clearly indicated with a strikethrough. Changes and revisions will be made to reflect current conditions and updates from the health department and/or Governor's office. We want to do our part in keeping our school community healthy and safe.

Current CDC updates have recommended several strategies for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, due to the transmissions of the virus. Taking precautions is necessary due to the fact that children under 12 are not vaccinated and not all children ages 12 and older are vaccinated. The CDC K-12 Operational Strategy strongly recommends using a "combination of layered prevention strategies" to avoid COVID-19 transmission in school that includes:

1. Universal and correct wearing of masks.
2. Physical distancing.
3. Hand washing and respiratory etiquette.
4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including ventilation improvements.
5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine.

Reference: [COVID-19 Manual - Volume 1 \(updated\) \(PDF\)](#)

This plan will be updated with added areas of prevention and action to protect students, teachers, and staff against the COVID-19 and (Delta) variant during the 2021-2022 School Year.

Environmental Safety

The school facility is critical to the conditions of learning for students. Since the school is smaller, it lends to greater interaction, socialization, creativity, achievement, and worship. The nine classrooms including one large administrative office space, a principal's office, a 3-stall girls' restroom and a 2-stall boy's restroom, and accessible entrances invite greater opportunities for improved safety, health, and air quality. The following was put in place based on last year's recommendations regarding environmental safety:

- Portable Air Purifiers with HEPA Filters in every classroom
- UV Light, Air Sanitizers, and Foggers with HOCl-Removes 99.9% particles such as viruses, mold, dust, allergens, and other bacteria by disinfecting and sterilizing the air.

For this school year:

- Frequency of cleaning or choice to disinfect in shared spaces will apply if rates of high transmission or low vaccination rates in the community are indicated.

Health Safety

This section speaks to updates regarding screening and response to when a student, staff, volunteer, or visitor is exposed to the virus. Our goal is to quickly assess and respond in order to maintain everyone's health and safety while keeping to the following practices:

- SchoolPass - daily monitoring software to screen and track the wellness of students.
- Staff including bus drivers and volunteers will support morning duty activities which includes temperature checks (100.4 must be reported) and student self-reporting of any illness.
- Bus drivers will do temperature checks at the bus stop before students are permitted to come aboard.
- Self-reporting for when one is ill, and monitoring when there are signs of sickness.
- Handwashing and sanitizing at different opportunities throughout the day.

The CDC continues to encourage the following as a strategy of intervention:

- Talk about washing hands often.
- Talk about wearing a mask that fits snugly and is worn properly.
- Talk about wearing a mask at all times on the bus.
- Talk about wearing a mask at all times in a carpool.
- Talk about staying at least 3 feet apart from others.
- Tell your child to avoid sharing supplies.

- Sharing objects can spread COVID-19.
- Pack an extra mask.
- Pack hand sanitizer.
- Pack a water bottle (spill proof).

For this year, based on CDC guidelines:

- Updated information for fully vaccinated people given new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant currently circulating in the United States.
- Unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people are to wear masks in public indoor settings.
- Fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to be tested 3-5 days after exposure, and to wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result. Isolate if they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the prior 10 days or are experiencing symptoms.
- CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status.

Infections happen in only a small proportion of people who are fully vaccinated, even with the Delta variant. However, preliminary evidence suggests that fully vaccinated people who do become infected with the Delta variant can spread the virus to others.

Educational Service and Safety

- Conduct daily health screenings and take temperatures of all personnel, students, family members, volunteers, and interns before entering the school building.
- The administrative front office will allow 1 student at a time, and no more than 4 adults at any given time. These limits will be posted on each door.
- Appropriate physical distancing of three feet in classrooms, meal areas, hallway transitions, at chapel, and during arrival and dismissal to buses.
- Utilization of outdoor spaces to provide additional opportunities for instruction, eating, exercise, recess, and brain breaks.
- Post appropriate signage on school doors, at entrances, and around the building detailing physical distance reminders, required face coverings, healthy hygiene practices, directional traffic patterns during hallway transitions, and room capacity limits.
- Use multiple entrances for parent and bus drop-offs to limit traffic and large gatherings of learners in the hallways.

For this year:

- Teachers must be three feet apart, with a mask. When circulating in the classroom, coming into close proximity of learners, and working in small groups or one on one, teachers and learners must wear masks inside the building.
- Students should be given assigned seats to better identify individuals who are exposed to any virus.
- Instructional needs of all learners will be met via face-to-face interactions.
- Classrooms are to remain in cohorts, meaning students will be seated in proximity to the same students from one classroom to the other.
- In person PPS Chapel service will resume.

Final Note:

Any concerns regarding environmental, health, and educational service and safety should be immediately brought to the attention of the principal and/or designee. The principal and/or designee will follow up accordingly with appropriate contacts and guidance in a timely manner.

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Changes to this document are made based on current issuances, and recommendations by the CDC, the governor, and the public health department regarding health policy changes.

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