



St. Stephen COVID Reopening plans 2021-2022

Update 8/23/21

With the [new public health order](#) by the Kent County health department on Friday, August 20, the following updates have been made to our COVID policies:

Per the order from the Kent County Health Department located here, masks are required for children 4-years-old through 6th grade while inside the school building. Masks are also required for all persons, regardless of vaccination status, providing service to any children 4-years-old through 6th grade while inside the building.

Exemptions include:

1. Persons in the act of eating or drinking.
2. Persons under the age of four years; however, supervised masking is recommended for children who are at least two years of age.
3. Persons with developmental conditions of any age attending school for whom it has been demonstrated that the use of a face covering would inhibit the person's access to education. These are limited to persons with an Individualized Education Plan, Section 504 Plan, Individualized Healthcare Plan or equivalent.
4. Vaccinated teachers who are working with children who are hard of hearing or students with developmental conditions who benefit from facial cues.
5. Persons who have a medical reason confirmed in writing from a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) currently licensed to practice medicine in the State of Michigan.

If you believe your child fulfills the requirements for an exemption and would like to apply for an exemption, please send an email to Miss Black at eblack@ststephenparish.com.