



St. Stephen COVID Reopening plans 2021-2022

As of June 22, Governor Whitmer reopened Michigan to full capacity as society continues to recover from COVID-19. In addition, the Diocese of Grand Rapids has shared their guidelines for reopening.

In light of this guidance, St. Stephen will resume its fully in-person education next academic year because of our commitment to the truth that the human person is a unity of body and soul and is created for in person relationships.

We will continue to closely monitor and comply with State, County, and Diocesan requirements and are poised to respond promptly as needed to any change in requirements. We respect you as the primary educators of your children: while face masks will not be required, your child will be allowed to wear one if you deem it best.

If your child is not feeling well or is symptomatic, please do not send him or her to school. This was a significant factor in the success of last year, and we would like to continue to live this as we move forward.

Our classrooms are large with ample space for spreading out and we will continue to clean and sanitize regularly.

Personal hygiene such as covering coughs and sneezes and hand washing will continue to be taught and made part of our daily routines in an age-appropriate manner.

If your child tests positive for COVID, please notify the front office immediately. The school will also communicate with the families of any other students who may be deemed a close contact. He or she will be asked to isolate and any close contacts in the school will be asked to quarantine according to the Kent County Health Department guidelines. Schoolwork packets will be sent home by his or her teacher.

Our Arrowsmith program will continue to offer a virtual component due to students are who are geographically remote.