

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

FAQ



What steps have been taken as St. Paul has evaluated the return of students, faculty, and staff?

St. Paul has meticulously planned to reopen campus for the start of school on August 17. Through this process, we have evaluated all rooms on campus to ensure that appropriate physical distancing and/or other mitigation measures can take place at all times. We have been working with our facility management vendor, SFM, to assess and enhance our maintenance and cleaning operations. This includes campus ventilation systems, cleaning protocols and the procurement of items such as hand sanitizer, wipes, and other cleaning supplies that are EPA approved, and kill COVID-19. We have purchased an electrostatic sprayer that will be used at the end of each day to fully disinfect the entire campus. We have consulted with medical professionals as we prepare to reopen campus and monitor local metrics and guidelines provided by health agencies. Insight from member organizations and our summer survey has also provided us with resources to inform our decision making.

What would lead St. Paul to move the entire school to distance learning?

We believe that the most beneficial learning environment for our students is to be on campus together, but we also realize that a number of factors could necessitate a move to distance learning. We will follow the mandates of state and local officials when it comes to the full closure of campus for COVID-19.

In what scenarios would St. Paul move to distance learning on a grade level or class level?

The safety of our students is our top priority, and we are taking intentional steps to ensure that students maintain physical distancing, wear face coverings, and follow hand hygiene guidelines. It is also important that students and employees do not come onto campus if exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. In the scenario where a homeroom teacher or student of that class tests positive for COVID-19, we could immediately move that classroom to distance learning for at least 14 days. Students would continue learning if his or her health allows, or be provided opportunities to make up assignments if unable due to illness.

Is distance learning available to any family who is not comfortable sending their child(ren) to campus?

We realize that circumstances are different for each family, and our goal is to partner with you during this unprecedented time. If a member of your family has a compromised immune system or presents increased health risks, St. Paul will offer distance learning to your child(ren).



Will there be a tuition break if a move is made to distance learning, and will dining fees be refunded during this time?

While the learning environment is certainly different, we are confident in our ability to deliver an excellent education experience while we are not physically on our campus. We will not be able to make any adjustments to our tuition, as a large component of the financial model for independent schools is based on annual contracts given to teachers. Whether on campus or in distance learning, our teachers are fully committed to your child(ren) and we want to honor the contract they were given. Regarding SAGE Dining fees, if our campus experiences an extended closure, we will certainly assess those fees along with any other savings that we recognize and appropriately share those with our families.

How long will my child(ren) need to stay home if they experience a non-COVID-19 illness (e.g. strep throat or flu)?

In order to return to school, a doctor's confirmation of the illness is required. If the doctor does not provide a specific diagnosis for the illness, a negative COVID-19 test or 10 day isolation period from the onset of symptoms is required to return. In addition, the student must also be fever free for 48 hours without fever-reducing medication and exhibit improvement of symptoms.

What is the policy for coming on campus this year?

In order to maximize health and safety on campus, visitors will be restricted to vendors and other essential on-campus providers. For those approved visitors, they will be required to adhere to school policies related to temperature checks and participation in health questionnaires. We recognize that some meetings are best served by an in-person interaction, and will certainly consider those situations as they arise.

Will Beyond the Classroom (BTC) be offered? What are the guidelines and policies for BTC this year?

BTC will be available to parents when the campus is open. All students attending BTC will need to be pre-registered, as we will not offer drop-ins this year. A communication with registration information will be shared the week of August 10.

What will P.E. and music classes look like this year?

P.E. will be held outside when weather permits. If held indoors, the class will be divided into groups to maintain physical distancing. To maintain student safety, our music curriculum will focus on instrumental development as well as aural training. Students will also have opportunities to study music history, composers, and pieces while being exposed to new and exciting cultures. For the 2020-21 school year, Mrs. Bricker will delay vocal work for students.

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