

# Covid-19 Mitigation

May 2021

It is with great anticipation that St. Peter's Nursery School is re-opening for our popular 2021 Summer Program!

St. Peter's Nursery School (SPNS) has adopted a multi-pronged approach to Covid protocols with several mitigation strategies to keep our children, our staff, and our families as safe as possible during these uncertain times. Below is an outline.

## **Air Quality:**

As of March 2021, the CDC has placed an emphasis on air quality and ventilation in buildings. You can read the most recent update here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/ventilation.html>

SPNS has added to each classroom state-of-the-art portable air cleaners that include a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) fan/filtration system and ultraviolet germicidal irradiation via a fully-contained UV-C filter. Here is a link to the MedifyAir MA-50 units we are using: <https://medifyair.com/collections/all/products/ma-50-air-purifier>

## **Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting:**

As of April 2021, the CDC has updated their recommendations for cleaning and disinfecting. You can read the most recent update here: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html)

SPNS is following the current CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting. SPNS has selected a hypo-allergenic disinfecting solution that is on EPA List N and is in the lowest EPA Toxicity category IV. Here is a link to VitalOxide: <https://vitaloxide.com>

SPNS will fog each classroom after school each day using the Nixalite VectorFog C100+ ULV. We will also vacuum each night using a HEPA vacuum cleaner.

High-use areas in classrooms, bathrooms, hallways and stairwells, and high-contact surfaces such as door knobs, railings, and faucets will be cleaned throughout the day. Playground high touch areas such as railings and grab bars will also be cleaned throughout the day.

## **Physical Distancing:**

SPNS has adopted several strategies to maximize social distancing:

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- Meetings with prospective families, tours of the school, and student orientation will be conducted virtually.
- SPNS has moved to a paperless Cloud-based student information system that allows contactless drop-off and pick-up, online billing, and more. We have hired an IT professional and have installed a secure private wireless network to ensure the safety of Personal Identifiable Information (PII).
- SPNS will utilize our outdoor spaces as much as possible.

### **Face Masks, Hand Hygiene, Class Sizes, Health Forms, Vaccinations, and Other Protocols:**

Our other mitigation strategies are outlined in our Covid-19 Health and Safety Addendum. Please feel free to ask us about our policies. Matriculating families will receive a copy and will be expected to follow the Covid-19 health protocols outlined in that document.

SPNS endeavors to exceed the current regulations and recommendations from the Massachusetts Governor's Office, the MA Department of Early Education and Care (EEC), the CDC and the EPA so that our children, our staff, and our families can feel safe.

*Note: These mitigation strategies are subject to change as the above-mentioned agencies update their policies. SPNS will continually monitor these resources for ongoing changes.*