



Good Shepherd Lutheran School
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Good Shepherd Lutheran School Re-opening Plan August 12th, 2021

The primary goal of coming back to school during the 2021-2022 school year is to protect the health and well-being of students, parents, staff, and their families but also to ensure we provide the highest quality Christian education. We believe the best course of action is to get kids' school lives back to normal as much as possible. **With the announcement made by the governor's office on August 4th, we have made revisions to our plan. All revisions are highlighted.**

The following guidelines are being put in place for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The School Board reserves the right to make changes to these guidelines based on the local data.

Masks

Masks will be required at all times while inside the school.

We want you to know that we did not take our decision on masks lightly and we balance our decision making on the most current data and feedback from experts combined with what has made our school successful and the family Christ-centered atmosphere and community that it is.

Self Certification

Parents will be required to Self-Certify their child(ren) before the start of the day. Either with a paper or with an [online form](#). Please continue to be diligent in keeping your child(ren) home if they do not feel well.

Morning Arrival

During arrival, students, k-8, may enter the building through the front door or the playground door. Parents may accompany their children to the check-in table. After check-in, students will report to their classroom.

Arrival for Pre-K will change a bit. Parents of PreSchool children may walk their children to their classroom. [Masks will be required when walking your child into the building](#). We ask that you try to maintain three feet of social distancing while in the building. It is recommended PreSchool parents use the playground parking lot.

For all students, Self-Certification forms will be verified upon arrival.

Visitors

Visitors may enter the building during the day if there is a purpose for your visit (Helping in a classroom, helping with a project at the school, etc...). These times must be pre arranged with the teacher or the office. All visitors must check in at the office. At this time, parents may not join their students for lunch.

Transitions

During transitions, teachers will monitor students to make sure they are respecting each other's space.

Group Work

Group work is an important part of the daily learning process. Good Shepherd will allow group work to take place in classrooms. Teachers will monitor the closeness of the students during the activities.

Lunch

Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria. Students will sit at tables with their class only. Lunch tables will be spaced according to guidelines.

Chapel

Wednesday Chapel Services will resume, in person. These Chapel Services will take place in the multipurpose room with chairs properly spaced.

Closing

Daily closing will take place in the multipurpose room with chairs properly spaced.

Afternoon Dismissal

K-8 students will be dismissed from the multipurpose room, in-turn, to their buses, car line or latch-key.

Pre-school parents will collect their child(ren) in the playground pick-up line.

Disinfecting and Sanitizing

Good Shepherd will continue to disinfect and clean high touch and high traffic areas. Hand sanitizing stations will be available for students, staff and visitors.

Recess

At this time, there are no mitigation measures for outdoor recess. For indoor recess, students/staff will be required to wear a mask.

Buses

Bus policies will be set by the City of Pekin's Transportation Department.

Sports

Student athletes will wear masks when practicing indoors. If practice can take place outdoors, masks will not be required.

Our student athletes will follow expectations set by the hosting school for away games and matches. For our home contests, student athletes will wear masks.

Before and After Care

Our Before and After Care program is run by the TCHD. Students will be required to wear a mask if they participate in before and after care.

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**Good Shepherd Lutheran School
COVID-19 Self Certification Form**

Date:

I certify that my child(ren),

is/are free of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Parent Signature