

# COVID-19 MITIGATION OPENING PLAN 2021–2022

## School Based Guidelines and Best Practices

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### Introduction

**Requirement** – This is defined as something that is specifically required for all campuses. These will be indicated in this document by an  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

**Best Practices** – These are defined as highly suggested practices, indicated by a  $\beta$

### Compliance and Reporting

#### Staff

- We will continue to report all known COVID cases to the local health department

#### Students and Parents

- We will continue to report all known COVID cases to the local health department

### Face Mask Policy

- Face coverings are strongly encouraged for staff and students.
- Face coverings are strongly encouraged for all visitors to the campus including parents, tours, and any event on campus.

### Entering and exiting the building

**Guiding Principle** – A safe and coordinated entrance into the building.

- Hand sanitizing stations must be present at all entry points for students  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$
- Handwashing or sanitizing will be required for students entering the building  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

### In the Classroom

- Designate a location for toys/supplies that need to be disinfected.  $\beta$

### Recess

**Guiding Principle** – There is a great opportunity for cross-interaction during recess. Minimizing that to the greatest extent possible is ideal.

- Disinfect and sanitize recess spaces daily  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$
- Students use handwash or use sanitizer before and after recess  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

### Restroom Use

**Guiding Principle** – There is a great opportunity for cross-interaction during bathroom use. Minimizing that to the greatest extent possible is ideal.

- Sinks need to be tested to ensure water flows for a minimum 30 seconds  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$
- Schools must develop a regular and frequent cleaning schedule of restrooms  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

### Award Ceremony

**Guiding Principle** – Recognition of student success remains important and should be in person.

- Schools may consider live streaming the ceremony for parents at home, assuming proper privacy precautions have been taken (media release verification, etc.)  $\beta$

## Building & Process Guidelines and Best Practices

### Entrance Doors (student and staff)

Required:  $\textcircled{R}$

- COVID signage that lists common symptoms

Best Practice:  $\beta$

- Mask Recommendation Signage

### Front Lobby

Required:  $\textcircled{R}$

- COVID signage that lists common symptoms
- Hand sanitizing station

## COVID-19 Decontamination Protocol

- When responding to a request to decontaminate a space that has been confirmed as a COVID-19 exposure location, the following protocols MUST be followed:
  - Confirm the space was last occupied by the exposed person a minimum of 24 hours prior.
  - Use the required PPE to ensure your personal safety in the decontamination process:
  - Gloves, face covering, eye protection, disposable gown
  - Thoroughly clean the space using standard cleaning procedures and chemicals.
  - Thoroughly disinfect the space (all open, accessible hard surfaces) using the appropriate disinfectant. Allow the chemical to dwell a minimum of 3 minutes prior to wiping with microfiber towel.
  - Use the Protexus Electrostatic sprayer and appropriately diluted PurTabs as a final disinfection process.

## COVID-19 Student Illness Protocol

### Students who appear sick:

- If a student should become ill during the school day, and exhibit any of the following:
  - Feverish/sweaty/flushed/warm to the touch not due to running or physical activity
  - Chills/shaking due to being cold, when others are not displaying the same symptoms
  - Continuous coughing (not due to choking on water/saliva, chronic asthma/allergies)
  - Having difficulty breathing and/or visibly looking distressed
  - A temperature at or above 100.4 degrees
  - Vomiting or diarrhea
  - Indicators of an infectious illness (e.g. chicken pox, pink eye, influenza, etc.).
- Send student to the office
  - Ask student to wear a mask, although not required
- Contact parents or guardian immediately to pick up their student
  - Staff will also ask the parent/guardian if the student in the previous two weeks has had close contact with someone who had a confirmed case of COVID-19. If the answer is yes. The “COVID-19 Exposure” screening process will be followed.

### When sick students can return to school

- If a student COMES TO SCHOOL with higher risk COVID-19 symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath or loss of taste and smell, parents will need to pick the student up from school and they can return once the following conditions are met:
  - The child should be fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication; and
  - should not have any signs or symptoms of illness.
- For students who are ill and DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL, they may return if following our current return to school policy:
  - They are fever free (less than 100.4 degrees) for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication; and
  - they have no other signs or symptoms of illness.

#### **For students who are symptomatic with higher risk COVID-19 symptoms –Vaccinated or Unvaccinated**

- Begin isolation protocol until the child receives a negative COVID test result
- If COVID test results are delayed, follow procedure as if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 until their test results are available.
  - If results are positive for COVID-19, continue isolation procedure for positive test results
  - If results are negative for COVID-19, students may return to school when they are fever free (less than 100.4 degrees) for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and they have no other signs or symptoms of illness.

#### **Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 –Vaccinated or Unvaccinated**

- Inform the school director of the COVID-19 positive test result
- Your student must isolate for a minimum of five days, regardless of vaccination status
  - If your student has no symptoms, or their symptoms are resolving after 5 days, they may return to school on day 6. Students must be masked for an additional 5 days after isolation (days 6-10 after positivity)
  - If your student is still exhibiting symptoms after 5 days, they must remain home until they are symptom free. Upon return, students must wear a mask up until the 10<sup>th</sup> day after the positive test result.
  - If your student has a fever, they must continue to stay in isolation until they are fever free (less than 100.4 degrees) for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication

#### **Confirmed Exposure to COVID-19 (Isolation) – Vaccinated Students**

- If there are no COVID-19 symptoms, your student is not required to isolate
  - Your student must wear a mask for 10 days after exposure
  - Whenever possible, your student should receive a COVID test on day 5 post exposure
- If your student is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms
  - Begin isolation until the child receives a negative COVID test result
  - If COVID test results are delayed, follow procedure as if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 until their test results are available.
    - If results are positive for COVID-19, continue isolation procedure for positive test results
    - If results are negative for COVID-19, students may return to school when they are fever free (less than 100.4 degrees) for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and they have no other signs or symptoms of illness.

#### **Confirmed Exposure to COVID-19 (Isolation) – Unvaccinated Students**

- Your student is required to isolate for five days
  - Your student may return to school on day 6 post exposure. Students must be masked for an additional 5 days after isolation (days 6-10 after positivity)
  - Whenever possible, your student should receive a COVID test on day 5 post exposure

- If your student is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms
  - Begin isolation until the child receives a negative COVID test result
  - If COVID test results are delayed, follow procedure as if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 until their test results are available.
    - If results are positive for COVID-19, continue isolation procedure for positive test results
    - If results are negative for COVID-19, students may return to school when they are fever free (less than 100.4 degrees) for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and they have no other signs or symptoms of illness.

### **Confirmed Exposure to COVID-19 (Isolation) – Previously COVID-19 Positive Students**

*Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 90 days and have subsequently met the criteria to end isolation*

- If there are no COVID-19 symptoms, your student is not required to isolate
  - Your student must wear a mask for 10 days after exposure
  - Immediate retesting is not required. Whenever possible, your student should receive a COVID test on day 5 post exposure
- If your student is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms
  - Contact your child's doctor
  - Begin isolation until the child receives a negative COVID test result or further instructions from your doctor
  - If COVID test results are delayed, follow procedure as if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 until their test results are available.
    - If results are positive for COVID-19, continue isolation procedure for positive test results
    - If results are negative for COVID-19, students may return to school when they are fever free (less than 100.4 degrees) for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and they have no other signs or symptoms of illness.