



## 2021-2022 Reopening Plans

### The following items expand on topics covered in the COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist

#### **Stable group structures (where applicable):**

- All students in all grades will be required to stay in stable groups (class cohorts) while outside the building, at lunch or playing on the field. Play areas will be assigned by the Movement teacher and rotate each week. After school programs and students being transported shall sit and play in the same stable groups in each of these programs as far as possible.
- All students in T/K and K, shall be kept in their respective cohorts during their program day, including when at play.

#### **Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School:**

- During school hours, students will enter the building through the front door of the school and exit the building through the side door near the picnic tables. Students should move through the school building singly and avoid moving in groups. Students should keep a minimum 3 feet of distance between each other inside the building when moving through the hallways.

#### **Face Coverings and Other Essential Protective Gear:**

- All adults and students in grades 1-8, irrespective of vaccination status, entering the school building are required to wear a face mask or shield with drape unless exempted for all or part of the time indoors, due to a physical/psychological reason and requested by the parents and including proper documentation.
- Face coverings must be looped around the ear types or shields with drapes. Neck gaiters, scarves and bandanas are not acceptable alternatives.
- All parents, visitors and staff entering the school building must wear a face covering while in the building.
- Students, parents and staff are not required to wear face covering while at play and outside the building. This includes when in outdoor tent classrooms if there is sufficient distancing. Teachers will design a safe protocol for eating lunch and playing areas for class cohorts.
- All teachers in grades TK/K through 2nd grade will be allowed to temporarily exempt individual children from wearing a face covering when the teacher sees signs of the child being under stress, either physically or psychologically, with parent consent and after proper documentation has been submitted. Such children shall be situated in the room so as to not be within 3 feet of any other child not wearing a face covering at that time.



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- Parent requests for “time-outs” to wearing face coverings shall be in writing using the form provided in the BigSis Parent Portal.

### **Health Screenings for Students and Staff:**

- All parents shall have on file a signed agreement to keep their child home from school if showing any symptoms identified in the agreement, and to notify and follow instructions on quarantining before bringing a child who has been exposed back to school. Parents and staff who do not have this signed agreement will be required to complete the daily screening questions in the ParentSquare app. The agreement will be available in the parent portal for parents to sign.
- All students and staff, upon arrival at school, shall have their temperature taken by one of the nursing staff or other delegated administrative staff. If the temperature exceeds 99 degrees, the student or staff will be asked to go home and follow quarantining instructions.

### **Healthy Hygiene Practices:**

#### **Ventilation and Sanitation:**

- All indoor rooms shall keep windows open and the classroom doors open, at all times during school hours.
- All rooms where the enrollment is at 80% or more of room capacity or a room without windows, shall be provided an air filtration system suitable for the size of the room. If possible the school will strive to make air filtration systems available in all classrooms. (At the current enrollment, this would include Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and Marigold). The central HVAC system will be equipped with MERV-13 filtration.
- Additional handwashing stations have been installed at each end of the building and on the field.
- All classrooms have hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes.
- All rooms in the building are sprayed with non-toxic disinfectant using electrostatic sprayers each evening.

### **Identification and Tracing of Contacts:**

The school will take the following measures to inform possible exposed individuals with information about exposure to COVID-19:

1. The primary responsibility for identifying exposures at school belongs to the nursing staff. This includes logging all students identified with symptoms, following up with parents on symptoms, and identifying quarantine periods and possible return dates.
2. Upon identifying a possible case of COVID infection, all individuals in the student’s cohort and all teachers in contact with this cohort shall be informed of



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the “possible exposure”. Upon confirmation of a positive test result, these same individuals will be informed of the positive confirmation.

3. The nursing staff will inform the school administration of all possible exposures and will confirm to the school administration any positive test results.
4. The school administration, (Executive Director or delegate) will inform the County Health department according to the regulations in effect.
5. The school administration will then inform the parent community of any confirmed COVID-19 infections and steps being taken to reduce the spreading of the infection, including quarantine steps required.

### **Staff and Student Testing:**

- The school will be offering free, rapid-antigen testing with results in 15 minutes and free PCR testing with results on the 2nd day after the test on site (conducted by the nursing staff). Parental consent is required for administration of these tests. Unvaccinated staff will also have these tests available on site.
- **Use of rapid antigen testing (15 min results)**
  - Unvaccinated staff must be tested every three days using these tests.
  - Students who may have been exposed but are not showing symptoms should be tested before returning to class. This includes exposure to individuals with COVID symptoms that is less than a “close contact”. I.e. less than 15 minutes within a 24 hour period and contact that is not within 6 feet and not without a face-covering.
- **Use of PCR testing (2nd day results)**
  - This test can be used to reduce the quarantine period after exposure as a “close contact” to a positive COVID infected person. This test can be used after the 5th day of quarantine from the date of initial exposure. A negative test result will allow a return to school on day 8, on the condition of continued testing (rapid antigen test) every other day until day 14.
  - This test can confirm a positive antigen test. This test should be used when a person is symptomatic to allow return to school if there are symptoms without clear exposure.

### **Staff Training and Family Education:**

- All staff will be trained in the contents of the prevention plan during the August Staff meetings.
- All parents will be provided an easy to read summary of all protocols and the updated Symptom and Quarantining Decision Tree before school starts in September.