

# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL**

## **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Face coverings are not required for students. However, any family who wishes for their child to wear a face covering are allowed to do so. Solid-colored face coverings or gaiters are allowed.
- Face coverings are recommended, but not required, for all visitors to campus.
- Parents are asked to check their child(ren) each day to determine if their child(ren) should report to school. If your child doesn't feel well or has any of the following symptoms, please do not allow him/her to come to school: fever, chills, loss of taste or smell, headache, muscle or body aches, cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea/vomiting, and/or diarrhea. Direct any questions regarding these symptoms to your primary care physician.
- If a physician clears a child for school return, a note to this effect should be submitted to the FPDS office.
- Any testing which decides a student's status or return to campus must include a PCR test.
- A pending COVID-19 test is considered a positive test until notified otherwise.
- If a student or member of a student's household has a potential positive case, all siblings should remain off campus until the test result is confirmed.
- Students who exhibit symptoms during the school day will be removed from the classroom setting and evaluated by the administration. These students will be quarantined in designated areas until the child can be picked-up.

### COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE PROTOCOLS

- If a student or member of a student's household receives a positive COVID-19 test, notify the FPDS office immediately.
- If a student receives a positive COVID-19 test, the following protocol will be observed:
  - Asymptomatic students must isolate for ten (10) calendar days from the administration of the test.

- Symptomatic students must isolate for ten (10) calendar days from the date that symptoms first appear AND the student must be fever-free for at least 24 hours (without the aid of a fever-reducing agent) before returning to campus.
- Any student who tests positive will not be allowed to return to school until protocol requirements are met.

## COVID-19 QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS

- Any student who has recovered from a documented case of COVID-19 in the past 90 days, or has completed the full vaccine series, does not require quarantine in any scenario of potential exposure to another infected individual.
- If a household member of a student's family tests positive for COVID-19, the following protocols will be observed:
  - If the student can make arrangements to live separately or maintain strict isolation from the infected family member for ten (10) calendar days AND remains asymptomatic, the student will be allowed to return to campus under the following protocols:
    - Quarantine for ten (10) days and remain asymptomatic, OR
    - Quarantine for seven (7) days and return with a negative test, taken at day five or later of the quarantine.
    - Anyone who chooses option two as listed above should wear a face covering while on campus until the conclusion of the ten (10) day quarantine period.
  - The period of quarantine must begin after the last contact with an infected individual. If the student cannot live separately or maintain strict isolation from an infected family member, the student must quarantine during the ten (10) day period of illness, at which time the student may return under the following protocols:
    - Quarantine for ten (10) days and remain asymptomatic, OR
    - Quarantine for seven (7) days and return with a negative test, taken at day five or later of the quarantine.
    - Anyone who chooses option two as listed above should wear a face covering while on campus until the conclusion of the ten (10) day quarantine period.
- If a student has direct contact or exposure while on campus to a positive COVID-19 case, he/she will be allowed to attend class, but are asked to monitor symptoms daily. Parents should isolate the child and seek

medical advice from your primary care physician if any symptoms develop.

### COVID-19 Campus Response

- Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization equipment is installed on all HVAC systems on campus. The technology works by emitting charged ions that target harmful airborne contaminants such as various bacteria, allergens, mold spores, odors, and viruses, including the virus that causes COVID-19. These ions bind to the particles and break down their molecular structure. A recent study by an independent laboratory reported that this system can neutralize the coronavirus with an efficacy of 99.4 percent in 30 minutes.
- SEJ, our cleaning service provider, provides daily disinfecting and sanitizing of all classrooms, restrooms, and all other areas of student use at FPDS.
- Any classroom entered by a confirmed positive case will receive extra cleaning with electrostatic sprayers.
- Teachers sanitize and clean their individual rooms throughout the day.
- Students are encouraged to thoroughly wash their hands with warm water and soap throughout the day. Hand sanitizer is available in the classrooms and throughout the building.

### Symptoms

Symptoms of COVID-19 for screening include the following:

- Fever (or a measured temperature equal to or greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit)
- Loss of taste or smell
- Persistent Cough
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

## Reminders

- Each decision we make potentially affects everyone. Please ‘err on the side of caution’ regarding the health of your children; what seems like a cold or allergies may be a larger issue. Follow the directions of your primary care provider and consider the well-being of our entire school community.
- There are other potential illnesses in this environment. Per our normal procedures before COVID-19, all sick children will be asked to remain at home until they are symptom/fever free for at least 24 hours (without the aid of a fever-reducing agent) before returning to school.

***FPDS will adhere to the protocols and procedures that are suggested by our governmental medical bodies as is feasible, with the dual objective of maintaining on-campus learning and providing a safe and healthy environment for our staff and students. FPDS reserves the right to evaluate each case independently if it does not fall under our guidelines.***

***FPDS recognizes that information and data is changing daily, therefore these protocols and policies will continue to be evaluated and updated as guidelines and recommendations change.***