

## 2021-2022 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

SAS continues to prioritize the health and wellness of our school family during this COVID-19 pandemic.

### GUIDELINES FOR FAMILIES:

- Parents and caregivers should notify the school of any current COVID-19-related illness or exposure in the household.
- **Daily** health checks should be conducted by families, at home, each day before arriving at school for drop off.
- Students should remain at home if any of the following occur:
  - Student has a temperature of 100.4F or higher. (students should be fever free without the aid of medication for 48 hours before returning to school)
  - Student has other signs of illness including a sore throat, cough, diarrhea, severe headache, vomiting, or body aches
  - Student is experiencing any other symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or has received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19
  - Any member of your household receives a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19, or the student has been in direct contact with any other individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID- 19
- Please send 1-2 spare masks in your child's backpack each day.

**SAS strongly encourages all eligible students and their families to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. This is a critical public health measure in ensuring a safe and productive school year.**

## **SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE ON CAMPUS:**

- Classes will eat **snacks and lunch outdoors**, weather permitting.
- All staff and students will **wear masks indoors**.
- **Physical distancing** will be maintained to the maximum extent possible, at a minimum of 3 feet.
- **Respiratory etiquette** will continue to be taught and practiced.
- Proper **hand washing and sanitizing** will continue to be taught throughout the school day.
- **Cleaning and disinfection** of high traffic areas will occur daily.
- **Cohort isolation** will be maintained when feasible, keeping groups of students together throughout the school day.
- SAST has upgraded **HVAC filtration to MERV 11** filters and has also installed **bi-polar ionization** units on each of the HVAC systems on campus. Classrooms that do not have windows also have portable HEPA filtration units.
- At this time, **visitors will not be allowed on campus**.

## **QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS BASED ON SYMPTOMS, POSITIVE TESTS, OR COVID-19 EXPOSURES:**

The following quarantine protocols will be in place, following FLDOH Rule 64DER21 -12.

### **1.0 PROTOCOLS FOR SYMPTOMATIC OR COVID-19 POSITIVE STUDENTS:**

Students experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who have received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 should not attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property until:

- a) The student receives a negative diagnostic COVID-19 test and is asymptomatic; or
- b) Ten (10) days have passed since the onset of symptoms or positive test result, the student has no fever for 24 hours, without the aid of medication, and the student's other symptoms are improving; or
- c) The student receives written permission to return to school from a medical doctor licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459, or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 464.

### **2.0 PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19:**

Students who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 should not attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property until:

- a) The student is asymptomatic and receives a negative diagnostic COVID- 19 test after four (4) days from the date of last exposure to the COVID- 19 positive individual; or
- b) The student is asymptomatic and seven (7) days have passed since the date of last exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual.
- c) If a student becomes symptomatic following exposure to an individual that has tested positive for COVID- 19, the student should follow the procedures set forth in sub-section 1.0 above.

### **3.0 PROTOCOL FOR STUDENTS WITH PRIOR COVID-19 INFECTION:**

- A student who has received a positive diagnostic test for COVID- 19 in the previous 90 days and who is known to have been in direct contact with an individual who has received a positive diagnostic test for COVID- 19 is not subject to the protocols set forth in sub-section 2.0 **so long as the student remains asymptomatic.**
- If a student with a previous COVID-19 infection becomes symptomatic, the student should follow the procedures set forth in subsection 1.0 above.
- **This applies equally to students that are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.**

### **What happens if there is a COVID-19 positive case on campus?**

The school will notify parents if there is a positive case in the classroom. The schools will work with the local health department to follow contact tracing protocol and contact anyone who may have had contact. The health department will guide the school on next steps regarding quarantine and isolation.

## **MASKING ON CAMPUS**





Following [CDC](#) and [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) guidelines, as well as the Leon County School policy, masks will be required indoors for all staff and students. It is our collective responsibility to help keep each other safe.

Masking will be optional while outdoors. Students will be given short mask breaks during the day, and masks will come off during the day for eating and drinking. Classes will eat snacks and lunch outdoors, weather permitting.

### **What type of mask should my child wear?**

Please follow [CDC guidelines on masks](#). Masks should fit well over the nose and mouth and under the chin and there should be no gaps around the side. Masks should fit snugly to prevent airflow around its edges. Handkerchiefs, neck gaiters and face shields do not meet these guidelines. Please see [CDC guidelines](#) for further helpful information.

**DO choose masks that**

-  Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric
-  Completely cover your nose and mouth
-  Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps
-  Have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask

**Do wear a mask that**



- Covers your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Fits snugly against the sides of your face.

**How NOT to wear a mask**

 Around your neck	 On your forehead	 Under your nose	 Only on your nose
 On your chin	 Dangling from one ear	 On your arm	

**What happens if my student forgets their mask or it is soiled/lost?**

We encourage families to send 1-2 spare masks in the backpack each day, just like a spare set of clothes. The school will have backup masks for students and staff who need them.

**What happens if a student refuses to wear a mask?**

We have a strong community and, in general, low incidents of defiance. At our school, the adults are our safe-keepers and students are responsible for helping us keep everyone safe. We regularly work to empower students to keep it safe on campus. During this pandemic, this will include wearing a mask.

If a child refuses to wear a mask we would use the same approach to behavior management we use for other cases of defiance or refusal. We would remind the child of the expectation, and if there was still a refusal to wear the mask, we would problem solve with the child and the family as needed.

**Is there an exemption from the mask requirement?**

We are following LCS procedures for mask exemptions. In order for a student to be exempt from wearing a mask, a signed form on file is required.

We encourage medically vulnerable staff and students, and those living with medically vulnerable family members to work with their doctor to develop a safe plan for returning to school.