

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:

- ❖ Families 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, before arriving at school.
- ❖ Students should remain at home if any of the following occur:
 - Student has a **temperature of 100.4F or higher** (student should be fever free without the aid of medication for 48 hours before returning to school).
 - Student has any other signs of illness including a sore throat, runny nose or congestion, cough, diarrhea, severe headache, vomiting, or body aches. Student should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.
 - Student is experiencing any other symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or has received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 (see relevant sections below)
 - If any member of your household receives a positive test for COVID-19, we strongly encourage the exposed student to stay at home until the household exposure has ended and the student tests negative.
- ❖ Please send 1-2 spare masks in your child's backpack each day if they are opting to mask.

VACCINATION INFORMATION

SAS and Leon County Schools 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.

Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find vaccination providers for in the Tallahassee area. This includes vaccines for children 5 years of age and older.

It's free, it's safe, and it's easy. <https://www.leonschools.net/Page/53137>

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SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE ON CAMPUS:

- Classes will eat snacks and lunch distanced and/or outdoors, weather permitting.
- All staff and students are strongly encouraged to wear masks indoors (see “Masking on Campus” for more details).
- Physical distancing will be maintained to the maximum extent possible
- 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. When possible, classroom windows are opened. HEPA filters were purchased for those classrooms without windows that open.
- At this time, visitors will not be allowed on campus.
- Volunteers may be on campus with prior approval for purposes of supporting academic and special programs/activities or facility improvements.

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WHEN THERE ARE COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES ON CAMPUS

The school will notify parents if there is a positive case in their child’s classroom. The school will notify the school community of a positive case on campus.

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ISOLATION PROTOCOLS & QUARANTINE GUIDANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING ARE OUTLINED BELOW:

1. Students who have been exposed to COVID-19
2. Students with COVID-19 Symptoms
3. Students who test positive for COVID-19

1. PROTOCOL FOR STUDENTS EXPOSED TO COVID-19 IN THE CLASSROOM

Per updated protocols, students exposed to COVID are not required to quarantine unless they develop symptoms and/or test positive. Anyone exposed to COVID is strongly encouraged to wear a mask 10 days after his or her exposure.

We ask that you monitor your child closely for any COVID-like symptoms that may include the following:

- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches

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- Fever or chills – 100.4 and higher
- Cough
- Nausea or vomiting
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea

Students should stay home if any of the above symptoms appear. However, your child may continue to come to school if they are **asymptomatic** (no symptoms).

Families may quarantine their child and/or have their child tested for COVID-19. If you choose to quarantine, the absences will be excused, and lessons will be provided. If you choose to test, please share the results with the school so that we can monitor any new cases.

***PROTOCOL FOR STUDENTS EXPOSED TO COVID-19 IN THE HOME**

It is preferred that students with COVID positive household members quarantine for the duration of the illness. When a member of the household tests positive for COVID this results in a daily recurring exposure and a higher probability of contracting COVID. Contact the school to confirm the timeline for the student's safe return to campus.

2. PROTOCOL FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

COVID-19 Symptoms include (but are not limited to) headache, congestion or runny nose, sore throat, fatigue, muscle or body aches, fever or chills – 100.4 and higher, cough, nausea or vomiting, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, diarrhea.

We strongly encourage anyone with symptoms be tested for COVID-19. A rapid diagnostic test will help us determine if there was a campus exposure requiring notification of families. If a rapid test is negative and symptoms are present, it is recommended to follow up with a PCR test.

Students experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 **should not attend school**. Students can return to school if the student has had no fever for 48 hours, without the aid of medication, and the student's other symptoms are improving.

3. PROTOCOL FOR COVID-POSITIVE STUDENTS

If a student tests positive, the student may return to school when:

- (a) The student receives a negative diagnostic COVID-19 test and is asymptomatic; or
- (b) Five (5) days have passed since the day the test was administered, the student has had no fever for 24 hours, 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, F.S., an osteopathic physician licensed under Chapter 459, F.S., or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under Chapter 464, F.S.

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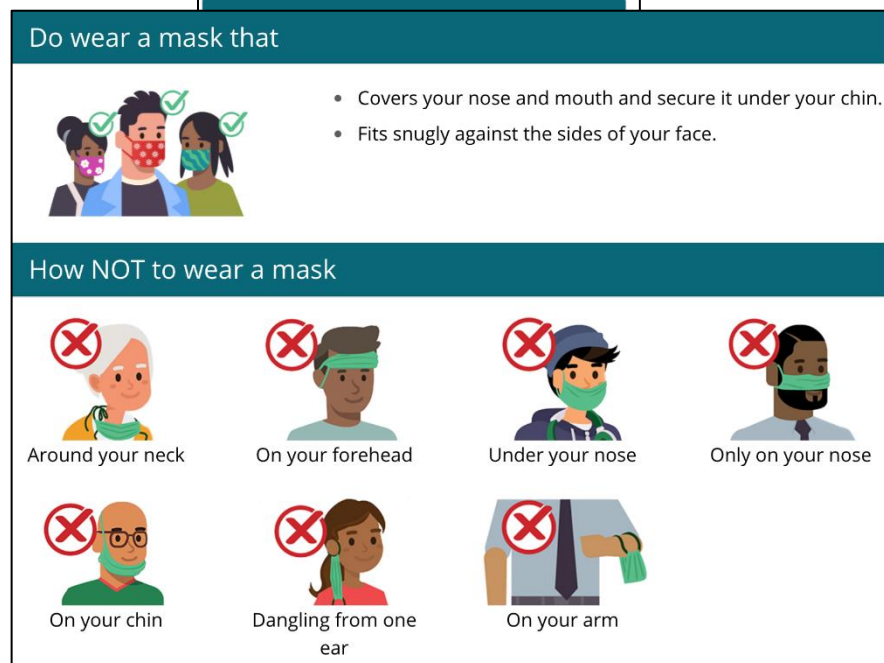
MASKING ON CAMPUS

We acknowledge that many students and staff choose to wear a facemask while indoors. Per Florida Statute law, public schools may not require students or staff members to wear facemasks or any other facial coverings.

Parents may ask that their child wear a facemask or any other facial covering using the Mask Opt-in form in Operoo or via email. The school will only enforce mask wearing if a parent requests that their child wear masks on campus.

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.



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

We encourage families who opt in to masking 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.