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COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY PROCEDURES

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Foundation Academy has enlisted the support of experts and key stakeholders to guide us staying healthy on our campuses.

The following plan sets forth the expectations we have for face to face learning and for cooperation by our partner families. We all need to do our part. As guidelines change, the procedures outlined in this document may be enhanced or discontinued.

The following plan is written using the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and Orange County health department and with a team of medical advisors.

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FADE (FOUNDATION ACADEMY DAILY EFFORTS)

This plan requires the cooperation of parents and employees to ensure that only healthy individuals are permitted on campus. The school facilities will receive increased levels of cleaning and sanitizing, with minimal disruption to typical classroom routines. Violators may lose their privilege to return to campus for the duration of the pandemic.

This document provides a thorough overview of an all encompassing plan for face to face learning at Foundation Academy. Major components of this plan include:

- Health Screening
- Classrooms & Facilities
- Physical Distancing
- Face Coverings
- Lunch/Break
- Personal Items
- Guests, Parents, & Visitors
- Athletics

In addition to the plan components, emphasis is placed on frequent hand washing. Please note that this plan addresses a fluid situation and is subject to change based on updates to the institution and guidelines provided to Foundation Academy.

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- Parents and employees must neither send a student nor enter the campus themselves if they have tested positive for COVID-19 or are exhibiting any of the symptoms listed here:

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- To further support a healthy campus, we are asking families to perform daily temperature checks of their children before coming to school for the day. If a student has a temperature of 100.4 °F or higher, without having taken fever-reducing medicine, they should stay home.
- If a student/staff presents any possible COVID-19 symptoms, the nurse will complete an assessment and notify parents/staff to be sent home.
- In order for a student/staff who tested positive for COVID-19 to be allowed to return to campus they must be able to answer YES to the following questions:

Has it been at least 10 days since the individual first had symptoms?

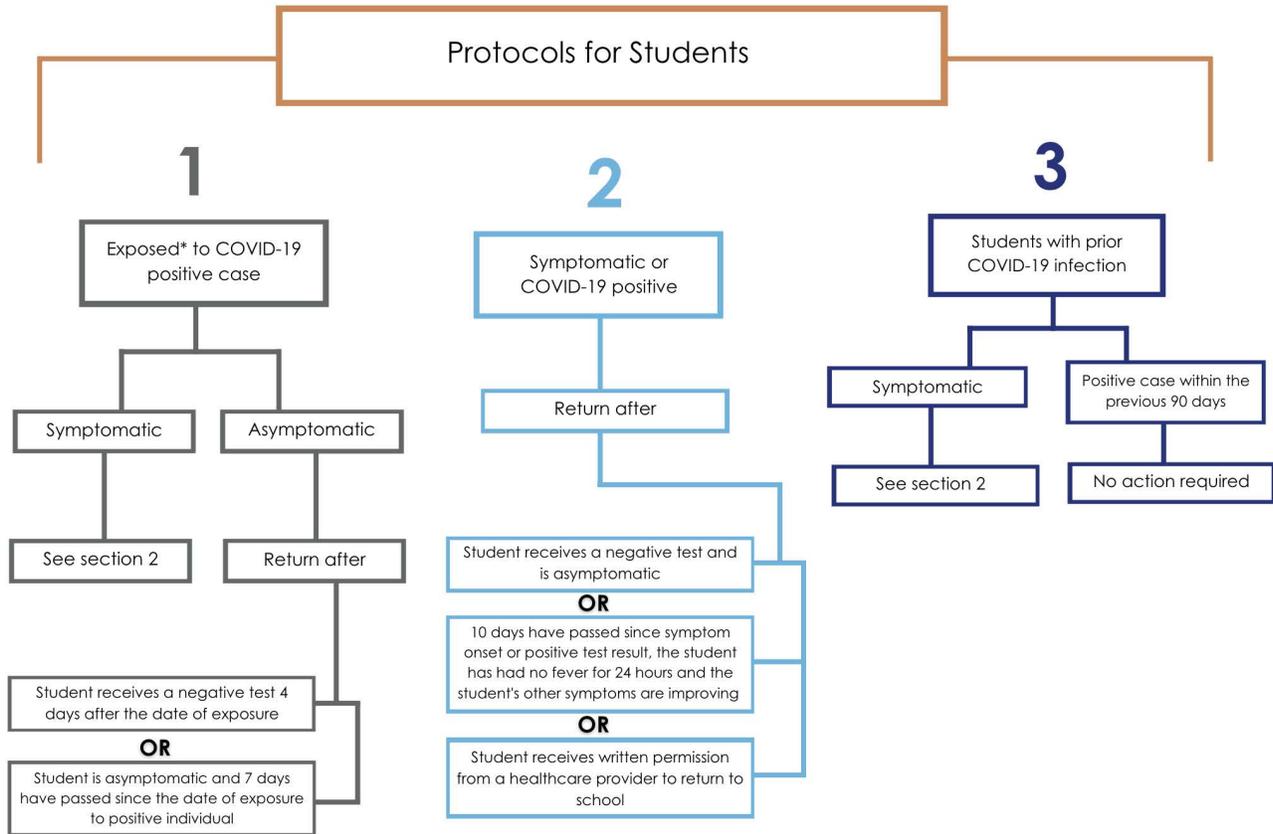
In the case of a positive test with no symptoms, has it been at least 10 days since the positive test?

Has it been at least 24 hours since the individual had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)?

Has it been at least 24 hours since the individual's symptoms have improved including cough and/or shortness of breath?

- Per CDC guidelines, a student/staff member who has been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should quarantine. The student and parent (or staff member) have the responsibility to enter into and maintain this quarantine. Close contact is currently defined as being within 6 feet of the person under infection for more than 15 minutes.

COVID SCENARIOS



*CDC classifies exposure to close contact of 6 feet or less for 15 minutes or more. Contact at greater than 6 feet or for less than 15 minutes is generally not sufficient to transmit the virus.

COVID SCENARIOS

Positive Test for COVID-19

All positive test results for COVID-19 should be reported to the campus nurse. In the event of a positive case, that individual will be isolated for 10 days from the positive test or the onset of symptoms, whichever is earlier. The campus nurse, in consultation with school administration, will determine the isolation end date and coordinate contact tracing efforts for on campus activities.

Contact Tracing Protocol:

Close contact: For an individual in close contact (defined as within 6 feet for a cumulative 15 minutes), the approach varies.

Vaccinated Individuals:

- * Wear a mask in public indoor settings until they receive a negative test result.
- * Test for COVID-19 3-5 days after the date of exposure. [Guidance for Vaccinated Individuals](#)
- * If the test is declined, isolate for 10 days at home if they remain symptom free.
- * Positive test result: Inform nurse and isolate at home. [When You Can be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19](#)
- * Negative test result: Resume regular activities.

Unvaccinated Individuals:

- * Quarantine can end after 7 days if the individual remains asymptomatic.
- * Quarantine can end after 4 days if the individual remains asymptomatic AND takes a test on day 4 or after and that test result is negative.

WHEN SHOULD YOU QUARANTINE?

Does the student have a fever of 100.4°F or higher?

YES

Is a member of the household positive for COVID-19, awaiting results, or experiencing symptoms?

YES

Is the student experiencing COVID-like symptoms (cough, chills, loss of taste/smell, muscle pain, etc.)?

YES

Has the student been within 6 feet of a person for 15 minutes or more who has tested positive for COVID-19?

YES

1. Quarantine at home
2. Consult your doctor
3. Inform Foundation Academy

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- All cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing products and methods are approved for use on COVID-19 by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Multiple cleaning methods, including wiping, spraying, and fogging, are utilized.
- All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, and wipes.
- Common areas will be cleaned & sanitized by facilities staff throughout the day.
- While facility team members will sanitize and disinfect spaces after hours as well as wipe down door handles and hard surfaces during the day, students will partner with faculty/staff to prioritize regular cleaning practices for personal items such as desks, writing utensils, and other classroom materials.
- Students will be asked to only touch or handle their own learning and personal materials (e.g., textbooks, pens, backpacks).
- Students are required to bring their own water bottles labeled with their name.
- Water bottle filling stations are available on Plant street and Tilden campuses and there will be a recommended method for filling water bottles on the Lakeside Campus.

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PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND FACE COVERINGS

Protocols

- Understanding that schools, by design are not conducive to physical distancing, Foundation Academy will promote behaviors, when and where possible, that reduce risk. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the American Academy for Pediatrics (AAP), and the Orange County Health Department, keeping space between you and others is one of the best tools we have to avoid being exposed to the virus. However, we understand for small children distancing might be difficult to follow, so we will continually encourage and monitor good hygiene practices in the classrooms.
- Arrival, dismissal, class changes, lunch, recess, and break will be modified in an attempt to achieve as much physical distancing as is practical and reasonable under the circumstances.
- Class sizes may be varied.
- Classroom furniture will be organized in a manner that will allow students to practice physical distancing.
- Foot traffic in the hallways and between classrooms and buildings will be adjusted to accommodate physical distancing to the extent possible.
- Meetings, events, assemblies, and performances may be adjusted and hosted in various formats, including online.
- Chapel services will continue to be held with physical distancing in place and multiple services to limit overall crowd size, as appropriate.
- No visitors are allowed at chapel services until further notice.
- Face coverings are optional for students at this time. If you would prefer your student to wear a mask please click below to opt-in.

MASK OPT-IN

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- All personal items brought to the school by a student or employee must be disinfected daily by the parent or student prior to being introduced to the campus.
- No personal items may be shared (e.g., backpacks, clothing).
- All personal items (including textbooks) must be labeled with the student's name (e.g., uniforms/clothing, water bottles, notebooks, backpacks).



- Parents should not drop off academic supplies, athletic equipment, or lunches to the front office until further notice. Students must report to school with everything they need for the day.
- No guests, parents, or visitors are allowed in indoor spaces other than the front office without an appointment until further notice.
- No visitors are allowed at chapel services and student lunches until further notice.
- Chapel services will be live-streamed.
- All guests, parents, and visitors are advised (vendors required) to wear a face covering, complete the health screening form, and submit to a temperature check.
- One adult of a Preschool or Kindergarten student, will be permitted to accompany their child to their classroom door during the first week of school.

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- **Will it be acceptable for the students to wear masks while in the classroom?**

All students will have the option to wear a mask all day, if desired.

- **How will a student or teacher who may be coughing or exhibiting other symptoms in the classroom be handled?**

The school nurse will be contacted and the student or teacher will be taken to the clinic. The nurse will immediately complete an assessment to determine if there is a risk of infection. If infection is possible, the student or teacher will not return to class. If the student feels up to working, then online options will be available for the student to complete work daily until they return to school. Supervision will be immediately provided should a teacher not return to class.

- **What will the protocols be if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at FA?**

FA has a certified contact tracer on staff to direct the appropriate response to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our community. There will be a measured approach to this challenge, with quarantines limited to a specific student, student group, classroom, or grade level if possible.

- **What are the protocols for a student or teacher to return to class after suspected or confirmed infection?**

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