



2021-2022 Protocols

Subject to change as needed.

Masks

- Masks are required for adults and children except for PE while outside.
- All visitors are required to wear masks on campus.

Classrooms and Hallways

- Classrooms will continue to be set up so that desks are the recommended distance of 3' apart.
- Lockers will be in use.
- Grade levels will continue to be organized in cohorts to prevent crossover transmission between divisions.
- Lunch will continue to be served outside.

Contact Tracing and Exclusion from School

- Exclusion from school for confirmed positive COVID-19 cases will be based on contact tracing between individuals who are confirmed positive and those in direct contact with them according to CDC guidelines.
- Contact tracing will be performed by the School Nurse and Task Force as needed.
- See instructions below for Non-vaccinated and Fully Vaccinated individuals who experience symptoms, are considered to have close-contact with a positive case, and who test positive for COVID-19.
- COVID-19 screening will be posted outside of the school. The information is included below.

Visitors, Food, and Events

- Visitors will be permitted on campus with masking protocols.
- Tutoring and after school activities will continue as planned.
- Teachers and parents may send food and snacks for classes. Food and snacks should be store bought and covered or individually wrapped.

Fully Vaccinated Definition

- Vaccinated Definition: at least 2 weeks have passed since the final dose of the series. If more than 2 months have passed following a Johnson & Johnson vaccine. They must also have had a booster. Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are viable for six months from the last dose.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>





COVID-19 Screener

If you can answer “Yes” to any of these questions, please refrain from entering the building. Parents must obtain clearance from Mary Feak, RN before their child is permitted back on campus.

Symptoms

- ✓ Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
- ✓ Sore throat
- ✓ New cough or a change from baseline cough
- ✓ Difficulty breathing
- ✓ Gastrointestinal upset (diarrhea, vomiting, nausea)
- ✓ Congestion or runny nose
- ✓ New onset of severe headache
- ✓ New loss of taste or smell
- ✓ Chills or acute muscle aches

Close Contact/Potential Exposure

- ✓ Had close contact with a person confirmed or presumed positive for COVID-19 (according to CDC guidelines)
- ✓ Recent travel to an area where the health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases

❖ Masks are required for all individuals in the building.



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	Non-Vaccinated (see vaccination definitions below)	Vaccinated (or positive test within 90 days)
Exposure	<p>Non-vaccinated individuals must quarantine for a minimum of 7 days following exposure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Option 1- Quarantine for a full 10 days. Return on day 11 with no test required. - Option 2- Individual may elect to get a PCR/NAAT test no earlier than day 5. If this test results negative, and they remain asymptomatic, the individual may return on day 7. <p>Should symptoms develop, see next section.</p>	<p>Vaccinated Definition: at least 2 weeks have passed since the final dose of the series. If more than 2 months have passed following a Johnson & Johnson vaccine, they must also have had a booster. Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are viable for six months from the last dose.</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html</p> <p>Vaccinated people are not required to quarantine unless symptoms develop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must isolate should symptoms develop (see next section) - PCR testing on day 5-7 recommended but not required - Must adhere to strict masking and eat separately through day 10
Symptoms	<p>May not be at school with symptoms until the individual has been cleared by Nurse Mary. Clearance process is as follows.</p> <p>Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever >100.3, new or worsening cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, runny nose, congestion, chills, body aches) must meet the following criteria prior to returning to school</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All symptoms must resolve or be improving 2) Must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications 3) No episodes of vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours 4) Must meet one of the following options: <p>FOR SYMPTOMS LASTING LESS THAN 48 HOURS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Option 1- Isolate at home for 5 days. Return on day 6 without a test requirement - Option 2- Individuals may elect to obtain a rapid/antigen test to return earlier. This must be an official lab reported result- not a home test or doctor's note. <p>FOR SYMPTOMS LASTING MORE THAN 48 HOURS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Option 1- Individuals may follow the positive protocol—obtain a rapid/antigen test on day 5 and return on day 6 when it results negative. This must be an official lab reported result- not a home test or doctor's note - Option 2- Individuals may elect to obtain a molecular PCR/NAAT test and return when it results negative. <p>FOR SYMPTOMS FOLLOWING VACCINATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No test is required unless symptom(s) persist beyond 48 hours - 24-hour rule still applies for post-vaccination fever 	
Positive Test Result	<p>May not be at school following a positive test result until the individual has been cleared by Nurse Mary. Clearance process is as follows.</p> <p>Individuals with a positive SARS-CoV-2 test result must meet the following criteria prior to returning to school (regardless of vaccination status)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All symptoms must have resolved or be improving 2) Must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications 3) No episodes of vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours 4) Must meet one of the following options: <p>FOR ASYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Isolate for 5 full days. Return on the 6th day with no additional test requirement. Must adhere to strict masking and eat separately through day 10 <p>FOR SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must isolate for a minimum of 5 full days from the onset of symptoms. - Option 1- may return on day 11 without an additional test • Option 2- may return on day 6 with a negative rapid/antigen test collected no sooner than day 5. This must be an official lab reported result- not a home test or doctor's note. - Must adhere to strict masking and eat separately through day 10. If the rapid/antigen test is positive, isolate for 5 <u>additional</u> days. 	





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The priority for The Joy School is to keep students and staff safe and healthy while providing the instruction and environment to ensure the academic, social, and emotional success of our students.

The protocols that we are communicating this year have been designed with the input from the medical community, the Independent School Management Association, The National Association of Independent Schools, The Independent School Association of the Southwest, the Center for Disease Control, the American Association of Pediatrics, and our experience on campus with a successful school year.

The responsibility for the safety of our community is a top priority. We need parents, friends, and other adults to help us in the fulfillment of that goal. In addition to the protocols listed above, we ask that you work with us to mitigate transmission of the COVID-19 virus by supporting our work inside and outside of the school. This includes responsible behavior, vaccination where available, and constructive conversations about The School.

Thank you for your support and continued diligence this year. We are happy to return to school to work with you and your children and provide a fun and supportive environment where our community can thrive!