



## 2021-2022 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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SAS continues to prioritize the health and wellness of our school family during the 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 for drop off.
- 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 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
  - If a member of the student's household receives a positive test result for Covid-19, we strongly encourage the exposed student to stay 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.

### **Vaccination Information**

SAS and Leon County Schools strongly encourage 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 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.
- All staff will wear masks indoors (see “Masking on Campus” for more details). We strongly encourage students to wear a mask while indoors.
- 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 regularly throughout the day.
- Cohort isolation will be maintained when feasible, keeping groups of students together throughout the school day.
- SASC has upgraded HVAC filtration to MERV 13 filters and installed True HEPA air filters in each homeroom classroom.
- 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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### **ISOLATION PROTOCOLS & QUARANTINE GUIDANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING ARE OUTLINED BELOW:**

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

#### **1.0 PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS**

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

We **encourage anyone with symptoms to be tested for COVID-19**. Please do not attend school while waiting for test results.

Students experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should not attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property.

Students can return to school if the student is fever free for 48 hours without the aid of medication and other symptoms are improving.

## **2.0 PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**

Students can return to school:

- a) Ten (10) days have passed since the day the test was administered, the student remains fever free for 48 hours without the aid of medication, and the student's other symptoms are improving.
- b) A negative COVID-19 test and the student is asymptomatic.
- 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.

## **3.0 GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19**

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 for 10 days following the 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
- Fever (100.4 and higher) or chills
- 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 remain asymptomatic.

Families may choose to quarantine their child and/or have their child tested for Covid. If you choose to quarantine, absences will be excused and lessons will be posted and available in your scholar's Google Classroom. If you choose to be tested, your scholar should remain at home while you wait for the results. Please share the results with the school so that we can monitor any new cases.

Please contact the school if you would like any further guidance for quarantining after an exposure.

### What Happens if there are COVID-19 Positive Cases?

In an effort to keep our community safe and informed, we will continue to notify families of any classroom exposures. We will also continue our weekly dashboard.

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## MASKING ON CAMPUS

Following [CDC](#) and [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) guidelines, we encourage students to wear masks while indoors. It's our collective responsibility to help keep each other safe.

Students who opt in will be given short mask breaks during the day, and masks will come off for eating and drinking. Masks are optional while outdoors.

### 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.

<b>DO choose masks that</b>	<b>Do wear a mask that</b>			
 Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covers your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.</li><li>• Fits snugly against the sides of your face.</li></ul>			
 Completely cover your nose and mouth	<b>How NOT to wear a mask</b>			
 Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps	 Around your neck	 On your forehead	 Under your nose	 Only on your nose
 Have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask	 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.

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**We thank you for your continued support and dedication to the safety of our entire school family.**