



2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR COVID-19 POLICY

The Oak Hall Episcopal School Board of Trustees, with the assistance of the School's COVID-19 Task Force, continues to review information about COVID-19 with the aim of designing policies that best support the mission of the School. The following COVID-19 policy for the 2022-2023 school year has been created keeping in mind the following four things:

1. Being safely in-person remains the priority;
2. Vaccinations and boosters are readily available for adults and school-aged children;
3. Masking remains optional; and,
4. To better reflect how our community, state, and nation are dealing with COVID-19.

Exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms – Regardless of Vaccination Status

- Stay home.

If symptoms occur at School:

- The student will be removed from contact with others and kept in the sick room until picked up by a parent.
- The employee should inform the Office, stay separate from other teachers and students, and leave School as soon as possible.

The student/employee may return to School after s/he is:

- Symptom free (without medication) for 24 hours.

Testing Positive – Regardless of Vaccination Status

i. With Symptoms

- Isolate for at least 5 days (Day 0 is the first day of symptoms).

The student/employee may return to School after the 5-day isolation period when s/he is:

- Fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication); and,
- Symptoms have improved.

If the student/employee is still not feeling well after the 5 days of isolation, please consider keeping him/her home for additional days.

ii. People who are infected but asymptomatic (never develop symptoms) – Regardless of Vaccination Status

- Isolate for at least 5 days after the first positive test (with Day 0 being the day their specimen was collected for the positive test).

The student/employee may return to School after the 5-day isolation period if s/he has remained:

- Fever free; and,
- No symptoms have developed.

However, if symptoms develop after a positive test, the 5-day isolation period should start over (Day 0 changes to the first day of symptoms).

Potential exposure to a positive COVID-19 case at School – Regardless of Vaccination Status

If a student has potentially been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case at School, the parents will be notified. Employees will also be notified of any potential exposure.

The student/employee may:

- Attend classes and activities as usual – the wearing of a mask is optional;
- For 10 days after the last close contact with someone with COVID-19, watch for new occurrences of fever (100.0°F or higher), cough, shortness of breath, or other COVID-19 symptoms.

If symptoms develop:

- Get tested immediately and isolate until the test results are received.
- If the test is positive, follow “Testing Positive” recommendations.
- If the test is negative, remain home until symptoms have improved, including being fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication).

We ask that if there has been a potential close-contact exposure away from School, parents be especially vigilant about the onset of any symptoms.

As with the School’s general health policy and previous COVID-19 policies, it is requested that if your child is not feeling well, s/he remain at home rather than being sent to school. We continue to ask you to contact the School if your child exhibits symptoms, tests positive, or has potentially been exposed outside the School.

Very importantly, any student, employee, or guest coming into the School, who would like to wear a mask is encouraged to do so.

The School monitors the spread of illness both within individual classes and School-wide, and will continue to take appropriate steps to minimize disruption to the educational experience, while attempting to keep students and employees, and their families healthy and safe.