

COVID-19 2021 Fall Safety Update

Let's keep our students, teachers & community safe

We will continue to update our safety practices as new insight is available (8-25-2021)



BEFORE You Come to School

Let's Each Do Our Part

▶ Protect Yourself & Others

- Stay home if you are sick
- Wash your hands often
- Keep your hands away from nose & mouth
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Expanded Employee Training about COVID-19 & prevention measures
- Bring your mask/face covering with you

▶ Added Health Checks for Students, Teachers & Staff

- Each day, take child's temperature *BEFORE* leaving home > if temp 99.0 or above, keep them home
- This also applies to teachers & staff

▶ COVID-19 vaccines optional

▶ WW COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines

- Read & observe these guidelines
- Watch for updates



Arriving & Leaving

Car Lines - Parents Remain in Car Until We Signal You

Read car line schedules & details [here](#) under "Arriving & Leaving Each Day" >> Lower School >> Car line

Escort your Lower School student(s) to & from their classroom(s) until car lines begin Sept 7. Then you will be given a day each week to walk your child inside. Toddler parents escort your child to & from their classroom all school year.

▶ Arrival Car Line

- Wait until your scheduled time to enter parking lot
- Put car line tag on rearview mirror
- Unbuckle child's seatbelt & gather their belongings
- Make sure child wears required mask/face covering**
- We will escort child into the building, check their temp & spray their hands with hand sanitizer

▶ Leaving Car Line

- Wait until your scheduled time to enter parking lot
- Put car line tag on rearview mirror
- We will escort child from building to the car
- You put away child's belongings & buckle them into seatbelt/car seat



DURING School

We'll Learn & Have Fun - Safely

- Share age-appropriate info about how we work together to protect ourselves from COVID-19
- Encourage frequent handwashing – hand sanitizer will be provided when soap & water are unavailable
- Emphasize respiratory etiquette
- Temperature checks for students, staff & visitors

▶ Safe Distancing

- Encourage social distancing
- Focus on handwashing before & after eating
- Personal nap kit for toddlers & 3-year olds, including nap mat & bed roll*

*Parents must purchase bed roll and nap kit container

▶ **Masks

- Indoors: Anyone 3 years & older must wear a mask
- Outdoors: Masks optional

▶ Our Campus

- Specialized [medical grade air purifiers](#) in every classroom & common area
- Child-sized sink & soap in each classroom
- Signs to encourage important behavior
- Increased controls on who can visit campus
- We will offer school lunch service (no other food deliveries accepted)

▶ If Someone Gets Sick

Click [here](#) & see "Personal Health" for more details

- Anyone with fever or COVID-19 symptoms will be isolated and sent home immediately

If COVID-19 suspected or confirmed, the school will

- Communicate: a) General community notice
b) Specific notes to classes / levels with possible direct exposure
- Coordinate with local & state health departments

*Individuals with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 can return to school when ALL 3 of these criteria met:

1. at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared or 7 days with negative COVID test
2. symptoms have improved (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
3. at least 24 hours has passed with no fever & no fever-reducing medications

*Individuals with fever and no COVID-19 symptoms can return to school when at least 24 hours have passed without fever (no medication)

▶ When to Quarantine

- All family members w/ confirmed positive COVID must quarantine for 10 days
- No quarantine needed if not directly exposed & no symptoms

Expert Guidance, Community & Values

We've enhanced the way we do safety to protect and serve our entire community. Our decisions are informed by our core values as well as guidance from experts in childcare, education and COVID-19 including:

- Mandates by Texas & Dallas county government officials
- [TEA Public Health Guidance](#)
- [AAP COVID-19 Guidance for Safe Schools](#)
- [CDC: Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#)

AFTER School

▶ Intensified Daily Cleaning & Disinfecting

- Misting with sanitizer/disinfectant combo
- Extra focus on high activity areas & equipment



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