

Education Center- Student COVID-19 Guidelines for Students and Families-

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Building Related Information

Cleaning and Sanitation precautions:

- Common areas and frequently touched surfaces are being cleaned by the Maintenance and Facilities teams daily.
- Cleaning supplies are available in each classroom and in common areas. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.
- Classroom layouts and seating arrangements have been changed to allow for social distancing.
- In-person meetings are limited in number of participants and limited to staff and students only. All other meetings will be held remotely.

Face Coverings:

Face masks will not be required for students, but will be encouraged, in all areas of the building. All staff are required to wear face masks. Students can be given “mask breaks” in certain areas within the classroom.

Temperature Screening:

Every staff person as well as students, will have their temperature taken, upon entering the building each morning or when at any time entering the building. Any staff or student with a fever higher than 100.4 degrees will be sent home. If your child has an underlying condition in which they may run a fever for other reasons, please talk with your child’s teacher and the school nurses.

COVID-19 Daily Student Health Screening

****If your child has any of the following symptoms, and/or you have answered YES to any of the questions below, please keep your child home and notify your child's school nurse immediately as these indicate a possible illness and risk of COVID-19****

Education Center Sewickley School Nurses: 412-749-2808

Education Center South School Nurses: 412-914-8811

- 1. Does your child have any of these symptoms that are not caused by another condition?**
 - Fever – temperature of 100.4 degrees or above
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Body aches
 - New onset loss of taste and/or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion
 - Nausea and/or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Headache
- 2. Has your child been exposed or been in close contact with a person confirmed to have COVID-19?**
- 3. Is your child waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test?**
- 4. Has your child travelled outside of Pennsylvania within the past 14 days?**
- 5. Has your child been in contact with any visitors from out of state who did not follow the quarantine guidelines prior to arrival?**
- 6. Has your child had a positive COVID-19 test for an active virus within the past 10 days?**
- 7. Within the past 14 days, has a public health or medical professional told you or your child to self-quarantine because of concerns of concerns related to COVID-19 infection?**

If the student is experiencing COVID 19 symptoms:

Student can return to school when:

Your doctor has evaluated your child and documented an alternative diagnosis and written a note for your child to return to school. We will still be following School Illness Policy guidelines that your child is fever free for 24 hours and symptoms resolving. Temperature must be less than 100 degrees, without fever reducing medications such as Tylenol or Motrin.

OR

Student is COVID tested and NEGATIVE:

- Keep your child home until test results are complete and you have reviewed negative results with doctor.

AND

- Received approval from school nurse for student to return.

AND

- The student is fever free for 24 hours and symptoms resolving even with negative result. Temperature must be less than 100 degrees, without fever reducing medications such as Tylenol or Motrin. *You do not need a follow up test to return.*

Student was COVID tested and POSITIVE

- Student needs to remain home for 14 days from the positive test result.
- A follow up test is not required to return to school.

Student has symptoms, but did not receive a COVID test and was not evaluated by a doctor and all of the following are true:

- Student needs to quarantine 14 days since start of symptoms

After quarantine, the following needs to be true in order to return:

- Temperature is less than 100 degrees for at least 24 hours (without medication).

- Symptoms are improved or gone for at least 24 hours

Student was exposed to someone with COVID:

Student may return to school when:

Completion of a 14 day quarantine.

OR

According to CDC, quarantine can end after 7 days if:

- COVID Test performed on Day 5 after exposure AND is negative
- Student can return on Day 7
- Continue monitoring for symptoms for full 14 days

Student is in the same household as someone who is COVID positive:

Student may return to school when:

Completion of a 14 day quarantine **after** the household member has completed their quarantine period and family member is asymptomatic

*Anytime a new household member becomes sick with COVID -19 and the student had close contact, the student will need to restart quarantine.

AND

A doctor's note for the child to return to school is required after the quarantine.

Student becomes sick at school:

The Education Center Programs have a designated isolation room for students who come to school sick or become sick while at school. If this happens, the student will need to remain in this room with our nurse or other staff wearing full PPE. You will

be called to come and pick up the student. **It is very important that arrangements for transportation have been made, if this should become necessary.**

When you pick the sick student up from school, please park in one of our parent drop off spots and call the main office number displayed on the sign. The nurse will be notified and the student will be brought to the vehicle.

If you have any other questions concerning these or other scenarios please contact the school nurses. We continue to be in close contact with the Allegheny County Health Department and CDC.

Travel Information

- By Order issued November 17, 2020, the Wolf administration is requiring that travelers entering Pennsylvania from other countries and states, as well as Pennsylvanians who are returning home from other countries or states, have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth or quarantine for 10 days upon entry into Pennsylvania. If a traveler chooses to get tested upon entering the Commonwealth, or is waiting for test results, the traveler must quarantine for 10 days, or until receipt of a negative test result, whichever comes first.
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>
- If a student travels outside of Pennsylvania, you will be need to report travel plans, in advance, to the school as a temporary precaution during the COVID-19 pandemic. The student will need to follow quarantine procedures for **exposure to someone with COVID-19.**
- In addition, if a student is a close contact of an out-of-state resident who is traveling to Pennsylvania, you will be required to report this to the school as a temporary precaution during the COVID-19 pandemic. The student will need to follow quarantine procedures for **exposure to someone with COVID-19.**
- If you can attest that the out of state close contact has followed the state guidance regarding entry to the Commonwealth as it relates to COVID-19 testing and/or quarantine, the student will not be required to quarantine. Please use the link above for this guidance.

The following situations may result in the return to remote learning for an individual classroom or the entire program:

- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19, the classroom or building may be closed and a thorough cleaning will be conducted. The students and

staff who have been in contact will then quarantine at home. Remote learning will then be provided, until a negative test result is provided. Multiple cases of COVID-19 may result in the entire building returning to remote learning for a period of time.

- Guidance from the Allegheny County Health Department will be followed.
- Multiple staff displaying symptoms of COVID-19 that require them to work from home could require that a classroom or the entire program return to remote learning if it is determined that there will not be an adequate staff: student ratio to monitor all students and keep everyone safe.

Other precautions:

- Social Distancing – Students will be helped with understanding and adhering to social distancing guidelines, staying at least 6 feet away from others at all times.
- Remaining in Classrooms – Most activities and classes will take place in the student's classroom. Students will be given chances to meet up with friends from other classrooms virtually using TEAMS.
- CBVE will be done 1:1 with students within the building in a designated area.
- Therapy rooms will be used for 1:1 therapy time and disinfected after each use.
- Life Skills will be limited to 2 students at a time (from the same room) and staff will wipe down area with disinfectant wipes following each use.
- The Playground will be used, but numbers of students and staff will be limited to one classroom at a time. Staff will wipe down equipment after each use.
- Lunch will be in the classrooms for all students.
- Staff will not be permitted to use the microwave to warm up foods for any students.
- Please provide an insulated lunch bag and ice packs to keep food and drinks cold. Students cannot store anything in the refrigerators
- Please send enough bottled water for your student each day. Personal water bottles will be sent home daily and should be thoroughly cleaned each day at home. Students will not be permitted to use the water fountains or coolers.

School Illness Policy (Non-COVID related)

Please review our Student Illness Policy found in the Medical Packet that was emailed home to via our Magnus Health Parent Portal.