



## COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

### Health and Safety Precautions:

In order to ensure our campus's health and safety, we are utilizing CDC recommendations for re-opening schools to prevent COVID 19 spread. We will practice the following precautions:

- **Face Covering Policy:** Face masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times by students, parents, visitors and school personnel while they are in the building. Teachers will wear face shields in conjunction with the masks. Parents or students who do not have a face mask will be provided with one, and will not be permitted to go past the front lobby until they are wearing it.
- **Temperature Check Policy:** Staff will temperature check all students who enter campus. Staff will call the parents of those students who have a temperature of 100 degrees or above so that their child may be sent home as quickly as possible. Please be sure that we have a current telephone number for you and that you answer your phone should we have to call you. Until we are able to contact a parent, the student will be kept in a safe isolated area which is observable by staff.
- **Social Distancing Policy:** CDC guidelines for social distancing will be practiced. Those students who are on campus for their appointment-only learning sessions will be seated 6 feet apart and there will be no more than 4-5 students per classroom at a time, and only 20 students will be permitted to be in physical attendance on our campus at a time for learning appointments.
- **Cleaning & Disinfection:** Enhanced cleaning schedules have been established allowing for regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and work areas throughout the day. Paper towels, cleaner and hand sanitizer will be placed in high traffic areas throughout campus. All staff have been provided with cleaning products to be used as needed between classes, at workstations and in common areas.

### Campus Reopening Checklist

Our staff will consult with Arizona Department of Health Services data to confirm that the following three benchmarks are within the minimal or moderate spread category for two weeks:

- \_\_\_ Cases <100 cases/100,000 or a two week decline in number of cases
- \_\_\_ Percent Positivity: <7%
- \_\_\_ COVID Like Illness: <10%

The importance of staying home when sick cannot be emphasized enough. We encourage all students, parents, staff, and teachers to self-monitor for symptoms at home prior to leaving for school. Symptoms include:

- Fever (greater than or equal to 100°F)
- Subjective chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue

- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

COVID-19 symptoms may present differently in children than in adults. For example, children are less likely than adults to have fever with COVID-19 and more likely to present with non-respiratory symptoms such as nausea and diarrhea. It is important to recognize many common illnesses have similar symptoms. In an abundance of caution, any person experiencing symptoms should remain home.

If a student or staff member on Site has COVID-19 symptoms they will be sent home if illness is suspected and emergency contacts will be notified immediately. Our school assumes that any of the symptoms listed above that are not related to an already diagnosed condition or illness (as known by school personnel) could be COVID-19. The student or staff member should not physically attend school until clearance from isolation criteria\* have been met or an alternative diagnosis is made. As with other infectious diseases, if a student or staff member develops any symptoms at school, they will be immediately removed from any group setting and will be placed in a separate room with a mask on, as tolerated. If a separate room is not available, the sick student or staff member will be placed in a location where they can be at least 6 feet away from others until emergency contacts have been notified. Staff tending to the care of the sick individual should use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) including surgical mask, gloves and eye protection (goggles or face shield). If they are in direct contact with the sick individual they should wear a gown. Contact will be made with the emergency contact for the individual to be picked up from campus as soon as possible, ideally within 1 hour. 911 will be called if the individual is exhibiting any serious symptoms, including difficulty getting enough air, change in alertness or responsiveness, and bluish lips or face.

All household members of someone confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 should not physically attend school and quarantine at home for 14 days. Keep in mind, siblings may be at the same school or at another school (age dependent). Should a student become sick, families should notify the school of any household contact. If a sick student's household contact is in school, the contact's school should be notified and they should be removed from the classroom and sent home as soon as possible, even if not displaying symptoms. If the household contact is also sick, follow steps as above. \*It is important to note that release from isolation does not require a provider's note and DOES NOT require repeat testing or a negative test. Verifying that a student or staff member meets criteria for release from isolation will be up to the school staff or administration. The following dates should be collected for verification:

- Date of test collection (if tested)
- Date of onset of symptoms; and
- Date of resolution of fever.

### **Quarantining Classes or Closing School Buildings**

Our school will report any outbreaks of COVID-19 to the local health department. Having more than one case within a school does not constitute an outbreak. An outbreak is defined as two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases among students or staff with onsets within a 14 day period, who are epidemiologically linked, do not share a household, and were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting during standard case investigation or contact tracing. Similar to determining

when to reopen school buildings, the decision to quarantine a class, close a portion of the school, or close the school entirely will be made in close coordination with the Maricopa County health department.

#### **COVID International or Domestic Travel**

The COVID-19 pandemic has spread in all regions [internationally](#) as well as throughout the [United States](#). Individuals who travel internationally, or domestically outside of their communities, may be at risk for exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, before, during, or after travel, and could spread the virus to others at their travel destination or upon returning to their home community. As part of a broader strategy aimed to limit continued new introduction of COVID-19 into US communities, all travelers should remain vigilant for [signs and symptoms](#) suggestive of COVID-19 and take routinely recommended precautions to limit community spread after traveling from one location to another. Travelers with greater potential risk of exposure because of the circumstances of their travel (e.g., travel from or to an area that is experiencing a high level of spread based on [country](#), [state](#), or [county](#) data) or activities during travel (e.g., attendance at a large social gathering or mass gathering) are recommended to take additional precautions during the 14 days after travel. Staff and students who have travelled outside the state should notify staff upon their return and quarantine as suggested on the table that is displayed on the CDC.gov website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>