Uncommon Schools HEALTH AND SAFETY STRATEGIES

For the 2021-22 school year, we will continue to layer prevention strategies in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our schools. All Uncommon guidelines reflect state and CDC guidance and best practices.

HEALTH AND SAFETY STRATEGIES FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR



I. CORRECT AND CONSISTENT USE OF MASKS

- · Masks must be worn at all times while indoors, except while eating
- Masks must be worn on school buses
- Masks can be removed outdoors



2. PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- All community members must maintain 3 feet of distancing at all times, including mealtimes
- There may be some limited exceptions to ensure all students can return to school (e.g., hallway transitions)



3. HANDWASHING/SANITIZING

- Hand washing and sanitizing practices will be incorporated throughout the day for staff and students
- All schools will continue to have sanitization stations in classrooms, offices, and common areas



4. MAINTAINING HEALTHY FACILITIES

- Schools will maximize ventilation in all spaces
- Schools will ensure regular, daily cleaning



5. CONTACT TRACING & ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

- All students will participate in symptom monitoring via a daily HealthPass screening and temperature checks at arrival
- All schools will conduct weekly screening testing to monitor transmission rates in their school community
- Under certain circumstances, individuals must quarantine to prevent the spread of COVID-19. More information can be found in the student Stay Home/Send Home policy

Uncommon Schools HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES

In addition to our health and safety strategies, we have made updates to our policies given the COVID-19 pandemic. Families are encouraged to review all student policies which can be found in your school's Handbook. Below are a few frequently asked questions about our policies for the 2021-22 school year.

When should my student stay home or will they be sent home due to COVID-19?

In order to keep our communities safe and minimize the spread of COVID among our students and staff, all members of the school community are asked to stay home in the following circumstances:

- · If they are unvaccinated and exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID
- If they experience symptoms commonly associated with COVID, or generally feel unwell
- · If they receive a positive COVID diagnosis

Everyone entering an Uncommon Schools building will be asked to complete a daily HealthPass screening each day sharing whether or not any of the circumstances noted above are true. When students are required to stay home/go home under this policy, families should reference the full policy to understand when they can return to school. The policy can be found in the school's handbook, or families should reach out to the main office with any questions.

Will my child be tested for COVID-19 at school?

Schools will implement a screening testing plan in order to proactively identify community members who may be infected with COVID-19 but are not displaying symptoms, so that measures can be taken to prevent further transmission. Each week, a randomly selected portion of the school community will be tested for COVID-19. Your student's school will distribute a COVID-19 testing consent form, and will only test persons who have provided consent. Consent is not required to attend school in person.

Full policy information can be found in your region's student handbook, which will be posted to each regional website's "Family Resources" page and shared with families electronically prior to the first day of school.

Can I visit the school?

We recognize and welcome family and community members as critical partners in building our schools and supporting our students. All visitors entering the school building must:

- 1. Make an appointment by contacting the school's main office
- 2. **Complete the HealthPass** screening and receive "clearance" prior to entering the school building

3.

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- Abide by all health and safety procedures in the building including use of masks, physical distancing, handwashing, temperature screening, and other safety strategies as directed
- 4. Participate in contact tracing if directed

Can my student learn remotely?

We know how important it is for our students to be in school to maximize instructional time, and so at this time we are prioritizing in-person learning and not offering an opt-in remote learning program.

How can I submit proof of my student's vaccination?

Students who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are encouraged to submit proof of vaccination directly to the school's main office, via email to your school's email address. Submitting proof of vaccination will ensure that vaccinated students who are exposed to COVID-19 can be cleared to return to in-person school without any delay.

Students age 12 and over can be vaccinated! Vaccines are safe and effective. To find a vaccination location near you go to vaccines.gov.