



Health Protocols Addendum 04/15/21

Mask Requirements

According to public health officials, an individual can spread COVID-19 to others even if they do not feel sick, and wearing a face mask mitigates this risk. Masks are required for all employees, students, parents, and visitors at all times when on campus.

- Masks must cover the mouth and nose.
- Masks should fit snugly—with no gaps between the mask and the face on any side.
- Non-medical masks should include at least two layers of tightly woven fabric.
- Masks with exhalation valves are not allowed—these masks allow the wearer’s respiratory droplets to be released through the valve and therefore do not protect others in that person’s environment.
- A freshly cleaned mask should be worn every day. Do not reuse masks from day to day without washing.

Exceptions

- Masks will be removed for meals. Students will be asked to “eat with a purpose” and replace their masks once finished eating and before getting up to throw away their lunch container. Lunchtime and snack periods are the only times an entire cohort of students will have their masks off at the same time.
- For specific lessons requiring the teacher’s observation of mouth movement, students will alternate removing their masks one at a time or will remove masks in small groups where unmasked students maintain a minimum of six feet of physical distance from each other. At no time will an entire class take their masks off at once for a pronunciation or other articulation lesson.

Outside Activities and Physical Education

- When going outside for recess or physical education, students and adults will keep masks on and maintain a minimum six feet of physical distance from each other.
- When physical education is held indoors due to inclement weather, students will wear masks.

Returning to school in the event of Non Covid Illness

Anyone who is absent or sent home due to illness of any type shall not be permitted back in school again until:

- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND
- Other symptoms have improved.

Return to school is at discretion of school nurse based on symptoms and the diagnosis.

Returning to school in the event of COVID-19

Symptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 can return to school after:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND
- Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved.

Asymptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 can return to school after:

- At least 10 days have passed since the positive laboratory test and the person remains asymptomatic.
- *Of note, asymptomatic persons who test positive and later develop symptoms should follow the guidance for symptomatic persons above.*

Returning to school in the event of a Known Exposure

- Quarantine at home.
- Watch for symptoms for 14 days.
- If symptoms develop, follow the guidance for symptomatic person stated above.

Length of quarantine for an exposed individual will be determined by the Swift COVID Response team.