COVID PROCEDURES

COVID-19 Protocols for All Students, Faculty & Staff

In an effort to best serve our students, staff, and faculty by having appropriate response mechanisms in place, we have developed the following protocols. Our objective remains the same: for all of our students and staff to stay in school and for our protocols to prevent school spread.

Masking

Masking is a personal decision, however not required. Masking will be required in the following circumstances. In these cases, individuals will be masked for 10 days from last exposure unless otherwise noted.

- Individuals who are identified as a close contact to a member of their household who tested positive for COVID. The individual will not need to be masked if they obtain a negative COVID test on or after Day 5 following exposure.
- Masks will be required for individuals in a classroom when there are three or more positive cases in that classroom over a 10-day period.
- Masks will be required for those individuals returning to school (on Day 6) after testing positive for COVID if they have not yet tested negative.

Testing

Testing will not be required for students except for the following circumstances:

- If an individual has a known exposure to a positive case of COVID, we recommend monitoring for symptoms and testing will be required on Day 5 following exposure.
- If an individual is identified as a close contact of a household member, testing should be done on Day 1 and Day 5 and the results should be reported to the nursing team. Any FXW sibling who is a close contact should test on Day 1 and Day 5 regardless of vaccination status.
- Individuals who are experiencing COVID symptoms at home or who are sent home during the school day should test at home or at a clinic.
- Students who wish to return to school without masking will be required to test negatively on Day 6.

When students are symptomatic, families are expected to test at home or at a clinic. FXW will test at school -- with parental permission completed on Magnus -- in the following circumstances:

- Students become symptomatic at school.
- A sibling of a student tests positive during school hours.
- If a student has the sniffles or allergy-like symptoms without a fever, FXW will call home to inquire more. If the child was tested at home, tested negative and sent to school, FXW will accept the information. If not, FXW will offer to test the student. Families can decide to pick up their child if they do not want them to be tested.

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Quarantine for Close Contacts

There will not be any required quarantine for close contacts regardless of vaccination status. FXW will not be doing contact tracing to identify close contacts. There will not be a "testing to stay" program for those individuals identified as close contacts at home.

Close contact letters will only be sent to parents if there are three or more cases within a classroom over a 10-day period.

Isolation

Students who test positive are required to isolate through Day 5. If they test negative after Day 5, students may come to school and may be unmasked for Days 6-10. If they continue to test positive, they may come to school Day 6-10 wearing a mask.

To start the year, there will not be modified lunch seating for masked students who continue to test positive.

Communication

Please note that we recommend parents report symptomatic students and get them tested prior to returning to school. For students who become symptomatic at school, the nursing team will call home and explain options for those individuals.

FXW will communicate positive cases by email to the classrooms of the individual who test positive.

FXW will provide weekly updates to a COVID dashboard via the Parent Portal that shares the following information: percentage of vaccination students by grade; percentage of faculty and staff who are vaccinated; number of weekly positive cases by campus.