

St. Mark's Episcopal Day School

Health, Safety and Exposure Procedures

Suspected or Lab-Confirmed Covid-19 Protocols

Children, teachers, and staff will be sent home with suspected COVID symptoms as well as general illness symptoms:

- A fever higher than or equal to 99.6°F or
- Any of the following unusual symptoms: loss of taste or smell, cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, headache, chills, sore throat, shaking/excessive shivering, muscle aches and pains, and diarrhea

If diagnosed with Covid-19, the person may come back to school when ALL three of the following conditions have been met:

1. Three days or 72 hours have passed since the recovery with no fever-reducing medication
2. Improvements in symptoms
3. Ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared

If the person has symptoms but does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for Covid-19, they may not return to school until completing the three-step process listed above.

If the individual has symptoms but wants to return to school before completing the stay at home period, they must do ONE of the following:

- Get a note from a medical professional that clears them to return based on an alternative diagnosis
- Receive two negative COVID tests at least 24 hours apart

If a child has symptoms at school, they will be separated and moved to an isolation area and:

- Child's temperature taken immediately
- A tent in the Head of School's office will serve as an isolation area while waiting to be picked up by a parent
- Any school area used by that child will be cleaned thoroughly

Parents will be notified when:

- Someone in close contact at school develops symptoms
- There is a lab-confirmed case anywhere in the school

Parents must:

- Report close contact with any individual who has lab-confirmed Covid-19 and have the child stay home for the 14-day incubation period
- Ensure that they do not send children to school with Covid-19 symptoms listed above

Increased cleaning and disinfecting with CDC approved methods and cleaners

- Daily use of an electrostatic sprayer which is shown in the link to be most effective in sanitizing every surface <https://joeflyco.com/product/victory-handheld-sprayer/>
- A full supply of disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, and cleaning products
- All classrooms cleaned on a nightly basis by our custodian

More ventilation and cleaner air

- Merv 16 – Carbon Clean 16 Media Air Cleaner filtration system, please see link for description, https://mcusercontent.com/55746ce0f2813ab4f87d24e47/files/1188be39-ba50-45ea-ac8c-a83e4277c430/Healthy_Climate_Merv11_filtration_info_003_.pdf
- More time will be spent outside in both free play and active learning
- Each classroom will have an assigned time on the playground, one class at a time

Increased spacing, small groups and limited mixing between classes

- Non-staff adults will only be allowed inside the building on an as-needed basis with a health screening and temperature check
- All events, meetings, and conferences will be virtual at this time, or limited to one family at a time with social distancing, masks for adults, and cleaning and disinfecting in-between