

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 any gastrointestinal issues.

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

- Five days after the positive test and a re-test is done.
- If the test is negative, symptoms have subsided with no fever for 24 hours. The person may return in seven days.

If the person has symptoms but is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for Covid-19, they must quarantine for ten days and be symptom-free and fever-free. Upon return, the person must wear a mask securely during school hours.

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:

- The child's temperature will be taken immediately
- Will stay in the outer office until picked up by parent or guardian
- Any school area used by that child will be cleaned thoroughly

Parents will be notified when:

- Someone in close contact at school develops symptoms
- The number of days from the positive test determine the quarantine of a class

Parents must:

- Report close contact with any individual who has lab-confirmed Covid-19 and have the child stay home for the 5-day incubation period
- Ensure that they do not send children to school with Covid-19 symptoms listed above

If fully vaccinated, please see the Head of School for further guidance.

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

*****SUBJECT TO CHANGE**