
Safety Protocol for Classes During COVID-19

(as of March 2022)

Personal Preventative Measures

- Wear masks properly – must cover both nose and mouth.
- Handwashing and using hand sanitizers will be encouraged and enforced.
- At least 3-feet physical distance between each person will be maintained, where feasible.
- Increased ventilation is provided in classrooms.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home if feeling unwell.
- Don't share food or drinks.

School Measures

- Face masks, not face shields, are required for everyone inside our building whether vaccinated or not.
 - UV lights are installed in air handler coils and ducts with a 254 nm. This system has proven to kill up to 99.9% of bacteria, pathogens and mold.
 - Students will bring water bottles to school and will only use water fountains to fill their bottles when needed.
 - Social distancing will be observed at all times.
 - Student desks will be paced a minimum of 3-feet apart when possible. When not possible, we plan for more frequent hand sanitizing and increased airflow from outdoors.
 - Masks must fit securely over the nose and mouth and not hang openly below as with a bandana.
 - Masks need not be worn outside unless social distancing cannot be maintained.
 - Lunches will be eaten outside as long as masking is mandated. On bad weather days we can have lunch inside strictly maintaining social distancing and increase ventilation by opening windows, etc.
 - An isolation area, which will be cleaned and disinfected after each use, will be available for anyone feeling ill or showing any of the COVID-19 symptoms.
 - We are still looking forward to approval for the COVID vaccination for children under five years old.
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COVID-19 Symptoms

Following are COVID-19 symptoms:

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

When to Quarantine

- If a child develops COVID, the class will not be shut down. The child will be required to isolate for the full five days and return to school with a negative test on day six. If they still test positive, they will need to remain home for an additional five days. If after ten days their symptoms have improved, they can return to school without testing.
- Any child in the class of the positive case who exhibits symptoms of the coronavirus or is not vaccinated will be required to quarantine for five days and if they test negative can return to school on day six. If they test positive then they will also need to isolate for an additional five days and return to school after day ten without testing, if their symptoms have improved.
- If you had confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days, you do NOT need to get tested, but you should still follow all other recommendations (including if you develop COVID-19 symptoms).

Identifying Possible COVID-19 Cases on Campus

- Any student who shows symptoms of these infections while at school will be immediately separated until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian.
 - All areas used by the individual who shows symptoms while at school (student, teacher, or staff) will be disinfected as soon as is feasible.
 - Students who report feeling feverish will be given an immediate temperature check to determine whether they are symptomatic for COVID-19.
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Practices to Respond to a Lab-Confirmed Case in the School

Required Actions if Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School:

1. If an individual who has been in the school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, Kirby Hall will notify our local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. Areas will be closed off that were heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected, unless more than 5 days have already passed since that person was on campus.
3. Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, Kirby Hall will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on-campus activities.

Kirby Hall will not have distance or hybrid learning for the 2021-2022 school year. Children will have to obtain class and homework assignments for any absences and return completed assignments upon return to school.

Those who have been fully vaccinated:

·To reduce the risk of being infected with COVID-19 and possibly spreading it to others, mask wearing is mandated inside of Kirby Hall whether vaccinated or not.

·If you travel in the United States, you do not need to get tested before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel.

·You need to pay close attention to the situation at your international destination before traveling outside the United States.

- o You do NOT need to get tested **before** leaving the United States unless your destination requires it.
 - o You still need to **show a negative test result** or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 **before** boarding an international flight to the United States.
 - o You should still get tested 3-5 days **after** international travel.
 - o You do NOT need to self-quarantine **after** arriving in the United States.
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o If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you should get tested 3-5 days after your exposure, even if you don't have symptoms. You should also wear a mask indoors in public for 10 days following exposure or until your test result is negative. You should isolate for 5 days if your test result is positive.

Those who are not fully vaccinated:

If you are not fully vaccinated and must travel, take the following steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. The most important thing is to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

- Before you travel:
 - o Get tested with a **viral test** 1-3 days before your trip.
 - While you are traveling:
 - o **Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required** on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and while indoors at U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Travelers are not required to wear a mask in outdoor areas of a conveyance (like on open deck areas of a ferry or the uncovered top deck of a bus). CDC recommends that travelers who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear a mask and maintain physical distance when traveling.
 - o Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who is not traveling with you.
 - o Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).
 - After you travel:
 - o Get tested with a **viral test** 3-5 days after travel **AND** stay home and self-quarantine for a full 5 days after travel.
 - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 5 days.
 - If your test is positive, **isolate** yourself to protect others from getting infected.
 - o If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
 - o Avoid being around people who are at **increased risk for severe illness** for 10 days, whether you get tested or not.
 - o Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
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