



STUDENT POLICY RELATED TO COVID-19

1. Purpose.

a. To facilitate the continuous operations of Franklin Academy charter schools and protect the health, safety, and welfare of students by adhering to safety policies and protocols related COVID-19 in compliance with CDC, state and local guidelines.

2. Parent/Guardian Notification.

a. Franklin Academy recognizes that parents and guardians are essential allies in its efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 on Franklin campuses. Franklin Academy will disseminate information about this Policy including student and family responsibilities, to students and families via email, social media, and on its website. Upon returning to campus, Franklin staff will implement a variety of strategies to inform students about their duty to comply with Franklin Academy's safety policies and protocols. This may include additional markings on hallway floors, the flow of student traffic on campus, posters and other signage, designation of hand sanitizing stations, etc.

3. Safety Guidelines.

a. All students must:

i. not come to school if ill including, but not limited to: symptoms of fever (100.4 or higher), cough, sore throat, diarrhea, headache, body ache, shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite and sense of smell, and other flu-like symptoms.

ii. self-screen at home prior to reporting to campus. Parents and guardians are recommended to take their child's temperature prior to reporting to campus and the student shall not report to campus if they have a temperature of 100.4 or higher. Students shall not report to campus while using fever-reducing medications.

iii. comply with all directives related to health and safety, including, but not limited to: usage and passage through common areas and shared spaces.

iv. follow school procedures that **may** include, but not limited to: direct report to classrooms, after school care, limited classroom changes, limited movement throughout the campus, enhanced sanitation, wearing of facial coverings, changes to school cafeteria and food service procedures, increased handwashing, any school activity outside the regular school day, and other changes needed to comply with CDC guidelines and other changes that may be needed for health and safety.

v. assist with keeping their desks or workstations clean and clutter-free.

vi. not share any food or drink.

vii. abide by separate guidelines for athletics and intramurals as established for COVID-19 by Franklin administration.

viii. Emergency Rule 64DER21-15, Protocols for Controlling COVID-19 in School Settings,

mandates that parents/guardians of healthy children identified as being exposed to COVID-19, but not showing any symptoms of the virus, now have options regarding whether to keep the student home or continue to have their child attend school and all school activities including athletics. The Rule defines direct contact as “cumulative exposure for at least 15 minutes, within 6 feet.” The Florida Department of Health will continue to conduct contact tracing, and will notify parents and guardians when a student has direct contact with an individual who is positive for COVID-19.

At that point the parent/guardian will have the following options:

1. Allow the student to attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property, without restrictions as long as the student remains asymptomatic: or
2. Quarantine the student for a period of time not to exceed seven days from the date of last direct contact with an individual who is positive for COVID-19.
3. If a student becomes symptomatic, following direct contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, or tests positive for COVID-19, the procedures set forth for symptomatic or COVID-19 positive shall apply.
 - ix. Wear face coverings at all times while on campus. A face covering shall not be required for any student outside of the school building while the student is engaged in physical activity provided that the student maintains physical distancing (six (6) feet minimum) from other persons when not wearing a face covering; when distancing measures are not possible, masks must be worn.

Parents and guardians shall provide facial coverings for their student and ensure that their student report to campus wearing a facial covering. Franklin will provide a facial covering for any student who reports to campus without one. Facial coverings should cover the nose and your mouth and comply with the CDC recommendations. All face coverings (whether disposable or reusable) must: be made with at least 3 layers of breathable material; fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face and be secured with ties or ear loops allowing the students to remain hands-free. At this time, based on guidance from health authorities, neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas, and mesh material, valves or holes of any kind are not acceptable face coverings. Nothing within this policy is intended to supersede Franklin's dress code policy.

- x. Parents and guardians who would like their student to be excluded from Franklin's mask requirement can opt-out via the following form:
 1. <https://tinyurl.com/NoMaskAtFA>
 2. Students will be required to wear a mask until such time as the official submission form has been received. Opt-out requests will not be accepted via email or phone calls or any other medium other than the form above.

4. Responsibilities of Students, Families and Staff.

- a. Students Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms While on Campus.
 - i. Students and families agree that no student will take fever-reducing medicine prior to the start of the school day.
 - ii. If a student is detected entering campus with a fever (100.4 or higher), the student will be directed to the designated isolation area, where the school nurse will assess the wellness of the student and confirm the student's temperature. A parent or guardian shall promptly pick up their

student upon notification that the student is experiencing a fever and/or other COVID-19 symptoms.

iii. If a student exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, as set forth in the CDC guidelines (CDC COVID-19 Symptoms), during the school day, the student will be sent to the nurse's office. The school nurse will assess the wellness of the student to make the recommendation if the student should be sent home. A parent or guardian shall promptly pick up their student upon notification that the student is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

iv. Any student sent home with COVID-19 symptoms is encouraged to be tested for COVID-19. The parent or guardian will monitor the student until symptoms are no longer present. The student may return to campus once symptoms are no longer present.

b. COVID-19 Positive Students or Symptomatic Student. If a student tests positive for COVID-19 or is experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, the student or the student's parent/guardian must self-report to the campus principal no later than the following school day after learning of the positive test result or the onset of the COVID-19 consistent symptoms. The campus principal will alert the Franklin Academy Foundation to collaborate on a determination related to enhanced cleaning and disinfecting requirements and necessary notification staff and student notifications.

i. Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 must immediately provide campus administration with a list of everyone on campus with whom they have been in close contact outside of regular classroom contact within the past two weeks, including while riding on bus transportation and extracurricular activities (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes). Staff will assist younger students with their contact list. The list must be kept confidential and securely maintained.

ii. Campus administration shall notify the appropriate staff and families about the student's positive COVID-19 result. The student's name shall not be revealed when notifying other students' parents or guardians and Franklin staff members of a positive test.

iii. A student who tests positive must remain home until the student meets the criteria to return to campus. A student who has tested positive for COVID-19 may return to campus when any of the three (3) criteria are met:

1. The student receives a negative diagnostic COVID-19 test and is asymptomatic.

Or

2. Ten (10) days have passed since the onset of symptoms or positive test result, the student has had no fever for 24 hours and the student's other symptoms are improving

Or

3. The student receives written permission to return to school from a medical doctor licensed under chapter 458. Osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459. Or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 464.

c. Students Exposed to COVID-19 Positive Case. A student or student's parent/guardian must self-report, no later than the following school day after becoming aware, that the student has been exposed off-campus to a person testing positive for COVID-19. "Exposed" for purposes of this reporting means close contact of 6 feet or less for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period of time. Only students who are on the individual's contact tracing list will be required to isolate.

i. A student who has been exposed off-campus to a person testing positive for COVID-19 must remain home until:

1. The student is asymptomatic and receives a negative diagnostic COVID-19 test after four (4) days from the date of last exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual;

Or

2. The student is asymptomatic and seven (7) days have passed since the date of last exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual.

Or

3. If a student becomes symptomatic following exposure to an individual that has tested positive for COVID-10, the student should follow the procedures set forth in subsection 4(b), above.

d. Any self-reporting required by the Policy shall be submitted on the COVID-19 Self-Reporting Form available on your campus homepage.

5. **Consequences for Student Non-Compliance.**

a. Any student choosing not to adhere to Franklin Academy's policy regarding the wearing of facial coverings or any other aspects of this policy will have consequences as outlined in the student code of conduct. No student will be discriminated against on the basis of disability.

6. **Duration.**

a. The Board of Directors of Franklin Academy Foundation, Inc. may suspend/revoke/rescind portions of this policy based on the updates/available information from the CDC, State, or local authorities regarding COVID-19 cases. This policy shall remain in effect until suspended/revoked/rescinded by the Board.