



## **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. abide by social distancing guidelines:

a. in Grades K-5, students should be at least 3 feet apart (with masks)

b. in Grades 6-12, students should be at least 3 feet apart (with masks) and 6 feet apart in areas of high community transmission risk (cafeteria, large gatherings)

v. follow revised 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.

vi. avoid congregating when moving throughout the campus.

vii. not share any school supplies, such as pens, pencils, devices, textbooks, etc.

viii. wear face coverings at all times while on campus. The school districts in which Franklin operates have adopted certain exceptions to the requirements that students wear a face covering at all time

while on campus. Each Franklin campus shall observe the exceptions adopted as policy from time to time by the school district in which that campus operates. *Links to current school board policies on face coverings are available on the Franklin website.*

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. Please note facial coverings are in addition to, and not a substitute for, the required social distancing. Nothing within this policy is intended to supersede Franklin's dress code policy.

- ix. assist with keeping their desks or workstations clean and clutter-free.
- x. abide by separate guidelines for athletics and intramurals as established for COVID-19 by Franklin administration.
- xi. be placed in Franklin From Afar if testing COVID-19 positive, or being exposed to COVID-19 positive case. This may result from a report from a parent or guardian, the local Florida Department of Health, or the campus reporting of a positive COVID-19 case on campus. For purposes of this section, exposure is close contact of 6 feet or less for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Contact at greater than 6 feet or for less than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period is generally not sufficient to transmit COVID-19.

#### **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 designated isolation area. 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. If a student tests positive for 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. 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 and be enrolled in Franklin From Afar until the student meets the criteria to return to campus. A student who has tested positive for COVID-19 may return to campus when each of the 4 criteria is met:

1. at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset (20 days if illness is severe);
2. at least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever (100.4 or higher) without the use of fever-reducing medicine;
3. other symptoms have improved; and
4. a negative COVID-19 result has been between 10-12 days after symptom onset or positive result or a doctor provides clearance for the students to return indicating that the student may be testing positive but is no longer contagious

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. 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 and be enrolled in Franklin From Afar until the student meets the following criteria to return to campus:

1. If the reporting student is asymptomatic, the student may return to campus after at least 14 days have passed since the last exposure to the person testing positive for COVID-19; and
2. If the reporting student is symptomatic, the student may return to campus after at least 10 days have passed since the symptom onset.

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 and may be assigned to Franklin From Afar. 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.