

VISITOR COVID-19 POLICY 2021 - 2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of the students and staff are of the utmost importance. As such, the school's visitors shall abide by the following guidelines while on school premises. The following guidelines shall remain in effect for the entirety of the 2021-2022 academic year. Government and public health guidelines and industry best practices regarding COVID-19 are changing rapidly as new information becomes available and further research is conducted. The Board reserves the right to modify this Policy at any time to adapt to changing circumstances, consistent with its commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment.

1. Health Evaluations

- A. All visitors, contractors, and volunteers that enter the building must complete a health self-assessment prior to coming to the school. Anyone exhibiting the symptoms as outlined by the Center for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>) will not be permitted at the school and should seek appropriate medical care.
- B. The school reserves the right to conduct health evaluations, including temperature checks, at the school building before an individual enters the school.

2. Quarantine for Individuals Diagnosed or Exposed to COVID-19

- A. Pursuant to Ohio Department of Health guidelines visitors must notify the school if they have been exposed to COVID-19 or if they, or any members of their households, have been diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID-19. They must also notify the school if they are quarantined or have been recommended to quarantine.
- B. Visitors with known or presumed exposure to COVID-19 are required to self-quarantine at home for 14 days.
- C. Visitors with known or presumed exposure to COVID-19 must meet conditions prescribed by the Ohio Department of Health and their local health departments prior to coming to the school. These conditions may change, and any changes made are expressly incorporated into this Policy.

3. Personal Protective Equipment

- A. For the purposes of this Policy, a “**face mask**” is defined as any material that covers an individual's nose, mouth, and chin.
- B. For the purposes of this Policy, a “**face shield**” is defined as a type of personal protective equipment wrap that is made of see-through material which covers the individual's face and extends below the chin. It must originate at the forehead with no gap, wrap around the sides of the face, and extend below the chin.
- C. All school visitors must wear a face mask when on school premises.

4. Social Distancing Requirements

- A. For the purposes of this Policy, “**social distancing**” is defined as maintaining at least three (3) feet of distance from other individuals. The Ohio Department of Health and the CDC recommend six (6) feet between individuals and it is recommended that six (6) feet be utilized when possible.
- B. All visitors, contractors, and volunteers shall comply with Social Distancing guidance pertaining to school settings set forth by the Ohio Department of Health.

5. Visitors

- A. For the purposes of this Policy, a “**Visitor**” shall be defined as any individual who is not a student or staff member that enters the school premises.
- B. This Policy shall work in conjunction with the school’s previously adopted “School Visitor Policy.” The below clauses shall supersede any conflicting clause contained within the “School Visitor Policy.”
- C. Visitors will not be permitted at the school unless an appointment has been made with the School Leader.
- D. All visitors to the school will be required to wear a face mask that covers the nose, mouth, and chin.
- E. All school visitors must confirm, upon entrance, that none of the following apply:
 - a. Currently experiencing active COVID-19 symptoms as defined by the CDC;
 - b. Has been instructed to quarantine by a local or state health department;
 - c. Has been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- F. The school reserves the right to conduct health evaluations, including temperature checks, at the school building before a person enters the school.

6. Enforcement of this Policy

- A. If any individual becomes aware of a visitor violating this policy, they are encouraged to report the individual to their teacher or the School Leader.

7. Notice

- A. A copy of this Policy shall be placed on the school’s website.

Reference Materials

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>