

City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority

COVID-19 Guidelines for 2021-2022 School Year

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year! The Oasis Charter School System has worked hard to put a plan together to ensure the health and safety of our students and employees. The following questions and guidelines are a summary of recommendations of the local and state health agencies and Florida Department of Education. These mandates may change throughout the school year as guidance from medical professionals and governmental mandates are updated.

Are facemasks mandatory?

No, the wearing of facemasks for staff and students is voluntary but particularly encouraged for those who are not vaccinated. If the staff/students choose to wear a facemask, it should fully cover the mouth and nose and be a solid color. If a student presents to the clinic with any symptoms of illness, they will be required to wear a mask.

What if my student is experiencing symptoms of illness?

| High Risk Symptoms | Low Risk Symptoms |
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| Shortness of Breath | Fever of 100.4 or higher |
| Difficulty Breathing | Congestion/Runny Nose |
| Cough | Muscle or Body Aches |
| New Loss of Taste or Smell | Headache |
| | Fatigue |
| | Sore Throat |
| | Nausea or Vomiting |
| | Diarrhea |

If your child is experiencing High Risk Symptoms:

Students must remain out of school for 10 days and be symptom free for 24 hours without symptom reducing medications before returning to school OR have a signed note from a doctor to return before the 10 days.

If your child is experiencing Low Risk Symptoms:

Students must remain out of school and be symptom free for 24 hours without the use of symptom reducing medications before returning to school.

In either case, please call and report your student as absent. S/he may log on to Google Classroom and complete the assignments posted by the teacher. His/her attendance will be reported as an absence and students may return to school when symptom-free, for 24 hours.

What if my student is exposed to a positive case?

IF VACCINATED: If the student or staff member identified as having direct contact with a positive case is VACCINATED and has been confirmed by the DOH to be fully vaccinated for 14 days or more prior to contact with a positive case, then s/he may continue to attend school on campus unless they begin to show symptoms of illness.

IF NOT VACCINATED: If the student or staff member identified as having direct contact with a positive case is NOT VACCINATED, then s/he is required to quarantine for 10 calendar days following the last date of exposure as long as no symptoms develop.

IF Positive For COVID-19 Within The Last 90 Days: If the student or staff member identified as having direct contact with a positive case has been confirmed positive by the DOH for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, then s/he may continue to attend school on campus unless they begin to show symptoms of illness.

Quarantine for exposed individuals can be reduced to 7 days if the student or staff member meets ALL the following criteria:

- 1) Receives a negative PCR test taken on day 6 or later following the date of exposure
- 2) S/he has remained symptom-free throughout the quarantine period
- 3) Receives a clearance letter from the Department of Health stating they may return to school

The return to school date will be set by school medical staff.

Students that are quarantined are expected to log in to their assignments daily in Google Classroom so that s/he can keep up with the flow of instruction. His/her attendance will be reported as GC. Teachers may choose to give tests when the student returns to campus.

When a positive case is reported to the school, clinic and administrative staff will conduct a contact tracing investigation. Any student or staff member in direct contact with the affected individual will be notified via text, phone call and email through parent square (direct contact is defined as within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more).

What if my student is positive for COVID -19?

If your student tests positive for COVID-19, notify the school immediately. The student must isolate and remain out of school until 10 days have passed following the first date of symptoms and they are 24 hours symptom free without the use of symptom reducing medications. If they are asymptomatic, the student must isolate and remain out of school until 10 days have passed following the date of the first positive COVID -19 diagnostic test. (This assumes that no symptoms have developed since the positive test.)

The return to school date will be set by the school medical staff. In order to return to school, a doctor's note or a negative COVID-19 test result will be required.

Students that are positive and able to do schoolwork, can log in to their assignments daily in Google Classroom so that s/he can keep up with the flow of instruction. His/her attendance will be reported as GC. Teachers may choose to give tests when the student returns to campus.

Will synchronous virtual school (live-streamed classes) be offered?

No. Teachers will have assignments posted in Google Classroom for students at home to maintain the pace and flow of instruction.

Will visitors be allowed on campus?

All non-essential visitors will not be allowed on campus visits for the first quarter. Updates will be made at the end of the first quarter based on community infection rates, and school infection rates. Unvaccinated visitors will be highly encouraged to wear a mask on campus.

Will health, safety and cleaning protocols remain the same as last year?

Yes. Social distancing will occur to the greatest extent possible. Assigned seating and accurate seating charts will be kept. High frequency cleaning of common surfaces will occur during the day, school buses will be cleaned and disinfected daily, hand washing, and respiratory etiquette will be taught and reinforced, and hand sanitizer will be available in key areas.