

OASIS ELEMENTARY NORTH

SAFE REOPENING OF SCHOOL

2020-2021

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OASIS ELEMENTARY NORTH 2020-2021 REOPENING PLAN

INSTRUCTIONAL CONTINUITY PLAN

- All teachers will have a Google Classroom set up for learning at home and/or in the classroom.
- Online programs will include: Khan Academy, Safari Montage, Reading A-Z curriculum, Reflex Math (plus others if necessary).
- Chromebooks will be provided to students as needed.
- The details of the "Live Virtual" components are being developed and will be shared prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Teachers will be prepared to transition to a virtual environment if needed.
- We have requested 4 additional daily substitutes to float between classrooms, take temperatures, monitor the hallways and cafe, etc.

Student Return to School Options / Attendance Options

Option 1: Full time

• Students return full time with safety measures in place.

Option 2: 100% Virtual

- Students that are participating in the full-time virtual option are expected to follow the time and class schedule from home by logging in, being present, and participating in class when it is scheduled. Attendance will be taken daily.
- Virtual students must remain "live" and visible during instruction; they are not permitted to post a still picture/background or leave the video off (displaying name only). Students will exhibit proper digital and social etiquette while participating in instruction.
- Students are expected to meet deadlines established by teachers.
- Students will need to come on campus when state assessments are given. If the student is medically vulnerable, individual test settings and/or times will be scheduled.
- Selection of the virtual option is quarterly, the parent will need to notify the school of the intention to continue the virtual option, or switch to full time instruction.

Option 3: Temporary Virtual Instruction Program - TVIP

- If a student is placed on quarantine, but is still able to attend school virtually, he/she may be placed on a TVIP (Temporary Virtual Instruction Plan), specifically written for the anticipated dates he/she is on quarantine.
- Students that are experiencing potential symptoms of COVID-19, and whose parents notify the attendance secretary of the student's need to stay home, can participate in virtual instruction that day, and will be marked present.
- Students that are participating in TVIP are expected to follow the time and class schedule from home by logging in, being present, and participating in class.
- Students are expected to meet deadlines established by teachers.

KINDERGARTEN

- Open House for K only Only one student and one parent in the building at a time.
- Student and parent will be temperature checked.
- Parents will bring in supplies at that time.
- K siblings will be placed in the same classroom.
- Online curriculum (if necessary) will be Reading A-Z.

FLORIDA STANDARDS

 Teachers will be expected to teach, and students will be expected to master all of the grade level standards for each core academic subject.

GRADING

- · The standard grading policy will remain in effect.
 - 90-100 = A
 - 80-89 = B
 - 70-79 = C
 - 60-69 = D
 - 0-59 = F

HEALTH AND SAFETY *See end of document for further information

Students are to bring their own personal protection equipment to school (masks, face shields). Masks are expected to be worn in all areas where an appropriate social distance of 6 feet may not be maintained (i.e. busses, hallways, cafeteria, etc. Please review the full plan for specifics).

STAFF

- All staff will have their temperature checked in the front of the school, prior to entering the main office.
- A temperature under 100.4 is acceptable.
- Substitute teachers will be available to cover classrooms if necessary.

STAFF EDUCATION

We will teach staff the importance of....

- Staying home if you feel sick.
- Recognizing COVID-19 symptoms in students.
- · Proper use of a touchless thermometer.
- Proper documentation of students with a fever over 100.4.
- Knowing the procedures for sending a student to the clinic.
- Knowing the procedures for sanitizing their classroom throughout the day.
- The use of masks.

We will teach students the importance of....

- Social distancing.
- The use of masks.
- Proper care of the mask during the day.
- Frequent hand washing.
- The use of hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- · Covering a cough or sneeze properly.
- Staying home if you feel sick.

STUDENT DROP-OFF

- Students will have their temperatures checked immediately upon arrival (while still in the vehicle). A temperature under 100.4 is acceptable.
- Parents will be shown temperature if over 100.4.
- Students with a temperature above 100.4 will not be allowed out of the vehicle and will be sent home with parents.
- Students will enter the building through the breezeway and follow guided traffic patterns to allow for social distancing.

KINDERGARTEN/WALKERS

• K parents will have the option of parking at Jim Jeffers and walking their student to the front of the building or using the back car line.

- If parents walk the K student to the front, the parent AND student will receive a temperature check. If either is above 100.4, the student will not be allowed in the building.
- All walker students will have their temperature checked in the front of the building. 100.4 is acceptable to enter.

MOVEMENT THROUGH BUILDING

- All students will travel in the same direction, always with a teacher present.
- Masks will be expected to be used when students are in common areas (we will provide masks for students who do not have one).

COMMON AREAS

- Water fountains will be turned off.
- Automatic filling stations will be added to the existing fountains (first floor, second floor, and cafe).
- Cafe restroom use will be limited to no more than 2 students at a time.
- Plexi glass will be installed where needed.



SANITIZING/CLEANING

- Hand sanitizing stations will be available for students/staff in several areas of the building.
- We have requested a day porter (4 hours per day).
- Day porter will wipe down stair rails, and common areas throughout the day.
- USSI will provide the deep cleaning on a nightly basis, to include the use of a spray disinfectant in all areas of the school.
- Staff will clean their classrooms throughout the day and after school.
- No supplies will be shared.
- No books will be shared.
- Assigned seats will be used in all classrooms and during lunch.

CLASSROOMS/ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH and SAFETY

Assigned seats will be in place.

All students will face the same direction.



- Sharing of materials is not allowed. Paper-based materials will be used as they
 are not high risk for spreading the virus.
- Teacher's classrooms have been moved to ensure all grade level teachers are close to each other.
- · Teachers will limit the movement of students throughout the building.
- Chorus will be held outside, or cancelled.
- No field trips or clubs will be permitted.

SIGNAGE

 Appropriate signage will be placed throughout the building regarding social distancing, use of masks in the hallway, washing hands, using hand sanitizer.



ARRIVAL

Buses

- Students will have their temperature checked immediately after exiting the bus. A temperature under 100.4 is acceptable.
- Buses will be unloaded one at a time at the front of the school.
- Students with a temperature will be escorted to the isolation area of our school.
- Students will enter the building through the front door of the school building (K hallway).

Breakfast

 Students needing breakfast will receive it in the cafeteria - "grab and go". Students will eat their breakfast in their classroom.

Lunch

- The cafeteria and breezeway will be used.
- Assigned seats will be used.
- Social distancing will be maintained while students are in line and seated.

Volunteer/Visitors

- The main office will be staffed. Parents/visitors will use the video/audio camera at our front door to communicate with our receptionist.
- Volunteers will not be allowed at this time.
- Only essential visitors will be able to enter the office/school mail delivery, package delivery, food delivery, maintenance personnel. Masks will be required.
- All visitors will be screened temperature check and questions.

Recess

- · Classes will stagger times one class at a time.
- There will be no sharing of balls/equipment.
- OEN will use Jim Jeffers Park as often as possible.

Procedures for sick students/staff

- Two locations will be available at OEN a clinic for normal issues (medicine distribution, cuts, etc.) and an isolation room.
- Staff and students showing possible signs of COVID-19 will be separated from others.
- While waiting to be picked up, the student with symptoms will wear a face mask if it can be tolerated.
- The isolation room will be cleaned and disinfected after the person has left the area.
- The parent of the student will be asked to inform the school immediately if the child is diagnosed with COVID-19. The Lee County Health Department will assist in contact tracing and determining which students should guarantine.

TRANSPORTATION

We are following the recommendations of the Lee County School District and will provide full transportation services to students who rely on this method to get to school.

- We are requiring that masks be worn for all students while riding the bus as proper social distancing cannot be maintained.
- We are requiring masks or face shields for all bus drivers.
- Students are able to bring their own hand sanitizer for use on the bus each day.
- Windows will be lowered to allow for proper ventilation (approximately 3 windows).
- Siblings will be asked to sit together in the same seats whenever possible.

- Assigned seats will be required to ride the bus in case COVID tracing is necessary.
- Drivers will clean buses after each route with an approved disinfectant.

COMMUNICATION

- Rediker or ParentSquare will be used to keep families informed.
- Social Media posts will be maintained and updated with any information.
- OEN's website will have a Health Related Section for return to school guidelines for health issues.
- · Open houses will be virtual with the exception of incoming kindergarten students.
- Principals will maintain weekly communication via newsletters/websites/virtual platforms to communicate news to families.
- Superintendent will maintain necessary communication with families as new needs present themselves and will stay in close contact with Lee County regarding protocol and processes.

WORKFORCE

Employee Rights and Responsibilities during COVID-19 Pandemic 2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal Government has created additional leave protections for employees. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) was effective April 1, 2020 and continues through December 31, 2020. Under the FFCRA fulltime and part-time employees are eligible for benefits. Under the FFCRA, the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act was created as well as the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act.

If a business is open but lays off part of its workforce, employees who are laid off or furloughed are not entitled to leave under the FFCRA. Employees must be employed at least 30 days prior to the leave request. Basic benefits under the EPSLA include six (6) qualifying reasons for job protected leave. During leave, employees are entitled to continue their health insurance.

Employees are entitled to take leave if the employee is unable to work or telework because the employee:

- Is subject to a federal, state or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19,
- 2. Has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine related to COVID-19,

- 3. Is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and is seeking a medical diagnosis,
- 4. Is caring for an individual who is subject to a Federal, State or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19 or has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine related to COVID-19,
- 5. Is caring for his or her child whose school or place of care is closed (or childcare provider is unavailable) due to COVID-19 related reasons, or,
- 6. Is experiencing any other substantially similar condition specified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Under the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA), full time employees may use up to 80 hours and part-time employees may use the number of hours equivalent to the number of hours they work, on average, over a 2-week period for reasons 1-3. An employee is due two-thirds of the required rate of pay for leave hours taken because of reasons 4-6.

There is only one qualifying reason for leave under The Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act. This leave only covers employees who use leave to care for his/her son/daughter whose school or place of care is closed (or childcare provider is unavailable) due to COVID-19 related reasons.

This leave provides up to 12 workweeks of job-protected leave, with continuation of health insurance. The initial two (2) weeks are unpaid. The remaining ten (10) weeks are paid at two-thirds the employee's regular rate of pay.

Employees may choose to use paid sick leave under the EPSLA, or accrued time off under their employer's benefit package at the same time as using unpaid EFMLEA leave. An employee who has already used twelve (12) weeks of leave under the FMLA is not able to use EFMLEA leave.

COVID-19 Return to Work FAQs

- Q: Am I required to return to work if I am concerned that I will be exposed to COVID-19?
- A: Any employee who has a valid contract for FY 20-21 is expected to return to work.
- Q: If I am in a high-risk category will I be required to return to work?
- A: If you are unable to work or telework because you have been advised by a medical professional to self-quarantine, you are eligible for 80 hours of Emergency Paid Sick Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. After the 80 hours of paid

sick leave you can apply for Family Medical Leave. Approved Family Medical Leave can cover up to 12 weeks in total over a one-year period. If you qualify first for the 80 hours of EPSLA, your FMLA coverage will cover 10 weeks of a qualifying absence. After the FMLA expires you are expected to return to work.

Q: What if I am quarantined at home but don't feel sick? Can I work from home?

A: Yes. If you are observing a quarantine order, you may teach from home and an adult will be placed in the classroom to supervise the students while the teacher is teaching.

Q: If I test positive for COVID-19 and am unable to work will I be paid?

A: You will be paid 80 hours regular pay under the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act. Any additional time off will be taken from the employee's leave bank and you will need to apply for Family Medical Leave.

Q: If I am caring for a family member who is subject to an isolation order related to COVID-19 am I eligible for Family Medical Leave?

A: Under the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act, employees can receive 2/3 of their required rate of pay for leave hours taken to provide care for a family member. If you have a positive leave balance you can supplement your 2/3s pay by using 1/3 leave to offset any difference in pay. There will be no leave donations permitted for use during this time.

Q: What if my childcare provider isn't open?

A: Under the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act, an employee who uses leave to care for his/her son/daughter whose school or place of care is closed, can be absent for 12 weeks. The first two weeks are unpaid, and the remaining 10 weeks are paid at 2//3 the employee's regular rate of pay. Employees may choose to use accrued time off under their benefit platform.

Q: I had Family Medical Leave during the last school year. Am I eligible again this year?

A: An employee who has already used 12 weeks of leave under the FMLA is not able to use EFMLEA leave.

*Prior to reopening

A. Are we ready checklist

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Schools-Decision-Tree.pdf

- B. Staff education and training on COVID-19 symptoms, protocols and proper procedures
- a. In-person instruction (or virtual) and safe schools
- b. How to use a non-contact thermometer
- c. Procedure for sending a student to the clinics
- i. Sick vs. well clinic
- ii. Transportation to the clinic
- iii. Communication of outcome
 - d. Knowledge and understanding of medically fragile students in the classroom
 - e. Proper documentation for temperatures 100.4 or higher and for assigned seating
- A copy of the class assigned seating chart for each classroom should be in a binder in the front office; one copy to go to the RN
 - f. Communication with clinic, attendance manager, and family when a student is home sick
- i. Parent/Guardian will notify attendance manager via a designated email address per school when a student is absent and the nature of the absence
- ii. Clinic and RN will have access to the designated email to track ill students and follow up with families concerning the safe return of students
 - 1. One member of clinic personnel to oversee students absent per school due to illness and follow up on ability to return (pending approval)
 - 2. This person will retrieve emails concerning sick students, track absences and keep a paper trail of physician notes to return, and assist in contact tracing for positive COVID-19 cases in the building (pending approval)
- iii. Clinic will communicate about any sick students sent home from school to attendance manager and teacher/teachers while observing HIPPA privacy laws

- iv. Who gets a copy of physician notes received from student?
 - Attendance
 - 2. Clinic
 - 3. Teacher
 - 4. PE if applicable
 - g. How to promote healthy behaviors to stop the spread of illnesses
- Hand washing techniques
 - 1. Videos, reinforcement, practice, classroom visit by RN, daily school news
- ii. Social distancing
 - 1. Age-appropriate videos, follow signs, reinforcing mask wearing/face coverings where applicable
- iii. Masks/Face coverings
 - 1. Reinforce wearing of face coverings to reduce the spread of infection when social distancing is not possible
 - 2. Teach proper mask wearing techniques and proper storage when not in use
 - 3. Age-appropriate videos
 - C. Family and student education on preventing the spread of illness, new protocols and procedures
 - a. Short videos on proper mask wearing and storage when not in use
 - b. Social distancing
 - c. Hand washing
 - d. Respiratory etiquette (coughing, sneezing into a tissue followed by hand hygiene)

- e. When to stay home and when students can return to school- refer to illness policy below
- i. https://www.leeschools.net/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=30545402
- ii. Advise of school clinic differences between "well" and "sick" rooms and lay out criteria for both
- iii. Advise of home isolation criteria vs. staying in school and monitoring
- iv. Education on what a school day will look like
- v. Educate on type of communication parents will receive should there be a positive case in the building, the building be shut down for a short or extended period of time due to volume of cases, and if their child was considered a close contact with others
 - f. Self-reporting to schools of positive covid-19 cases within families
- i. Returning to school after a positive COVID test requires a series of steps
- ii. Virtual option while in quarantine?
 - D. Receiving of medications, health statement forms, and meetings for specific medical needs
 - a. Parents will have time slots to turn in medication administration forms and medications to clinics the week prior to school starting
 - b. A message will go out to families, system wide concerning the new procedure
 - Medications will be received by the clinic at the front office door
- i. Masks will be worn by members of the clinic staff receiving the medication
- ii. Check in forms will be signed by parents and clinic staff
 - d. Health statement forms will be turned in and allowed to be reviewed by clinic staff to identify vulnerable students and alert staff
- i. A list will be created to notify staff of these students

- e. Meetings needed between staff and families of students with specific medical needs will be conducted via zoom conference the week before school begins
- i. RN will coordinate with staff and families
 - E. Set up of Isolation Room
 - a. Identify space for the isolation room and ensure adequate ventilation
 - b. 3 cots with a divider between each will be set up in the isolation area
 - c. Table or small desk with chair for clinic staff
 - d. Space for storage of PPE outside of isolation room (masks, gloves, gowns, face shields)
 - e. Items needed for isolation area:
- i. Thermometer
- ii. BP machine
- iii. 2 pulse oximeters
- iv. Disinfectant wipes and spray
- v. Computer for charting
- vi. Phone
- Vii. Waste basket x 2
- viii. Plastic covering for floor
- ix. Hand sanitizer
- x. Tissues
 - F. Education of Clinic Staff
 - a. Symptom checker for COVID-19

- i. How to identify those needed for isolation
- ii. Monitoring of students in isolation rooms
 - 1. SPO2
 - 2. BP
 - 3. HR
 - 4. Retraction
 - 5. Breaths per minute
 - 6. Temperature
 - 7. A&O (Alertness and Orientation)
- iii. Proper usage of PPE to avoid exposure in isolation rooms to include: gowns, gloves, N-95 masks, face shields
- iv. Who is allowed in the isolation room?
 - 1. Clinic staff
 - 2. First responders
 - 3. Day porter for cleaning and disinfecting as needed
 - b. Documentation and Communication of students who show signs of illness
- Introduce and use Microsoft Power BI to look for trends in cases of illness within the school and compare to other schools in the system
- ii. Use templates for clinic logs
- lii. Clinic communication to families, teachers, and attendance manager of a student who leaves the building sick
- iv. Inform RN of each student that is placed in isolation and update on their status throughout time in isolation

- v. Keep track of students in isolation at the same time and same day for contact tracing
- vi. Look for illness trends related to classrooms, transportation, before and after care
- vii. Notify USSI of any additional deep cleaning that is needed and follow up to see that it was completed
 - G. Ordering of Supplies
 - a. PPE will be needed for the protection of students and staff
 - b. Ordering will be through approved vendors and tailored to each school's needs
 - c. Supplies to include:
 - 1. Non-contact infrared thermometers
 - 2. Disposable fluid resistant gowns for clinic
 - 3. Back-up 3-ply, disposable, droplet precaution masks for students (in case they did not bring one and for clinic isolation room)
 - 4. Disposable, 3-ply, droplet precaution masks for staff
 - 5. Face shields for clinic staff and café; extra ordered for office staff
 - 6. N-95 masks for clinic staff only (to be used in isolation rooms)
 - 7. Nitrile gloves
 - 8. Cots for isolation rooms
 - 9. Dividers in between cots
 - 10. Plexiglass
 - 11. Cleaning and disinfectant supplies for clinics

Protocols and Procedures during a school day

A. When someone is ill

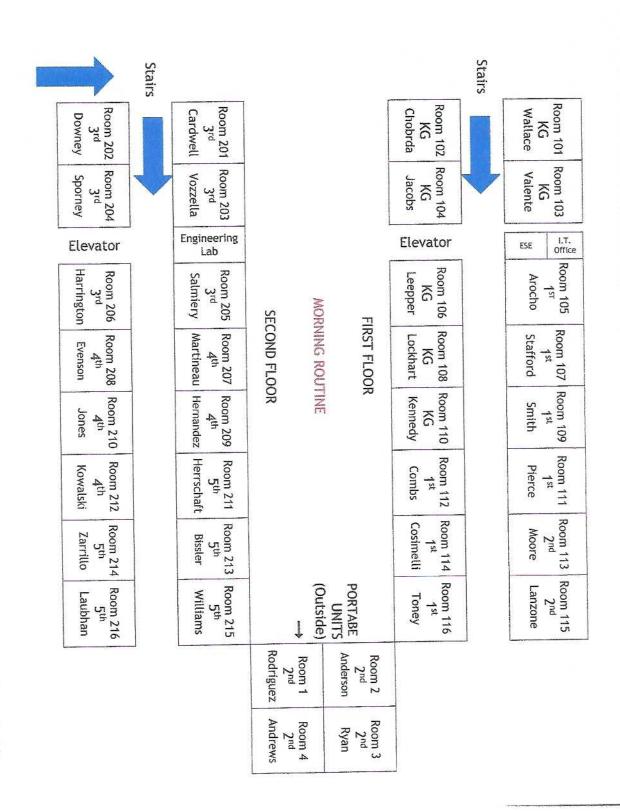
- a. If a student is ill with a fever alone over 100.4 or higher, or COVID-19 symptoms that can include the following:
- i. Fever (100.4 or higher)
- ii. Chills
- iii. Dry cough (not related to asthma)
- iv. Persistent cough (not related to asthma)
- v. Shortness of breath (not related to asthma)
- vi. Diarrhea and/or vomiting (not related to food, medication, and/or other non-illness related)
- vii. Sore throat
- viii. Loss of taste/smell
- ix. Muscle or body aches
- x. Fatigue
- xi. Congestion
- b. Procedure for transporting ill students with above symptoms to the clinic will be as follows:
- i. Call down to the clinic (*Office for OHS) to notify of ill student prior to sending them to the clinic
- ii. Student will wear a mask down to the clinic
- iii. For elementary schools-students will be escorted to the "sick" clinic by a staff member (staff member should wear a mask)
- iv. For middle and high school students- Students will wear a mask down to the "sick" clinic area where a member of the clinic staff will meet them
- v. Student will be assessed for symptoms by clinic staff

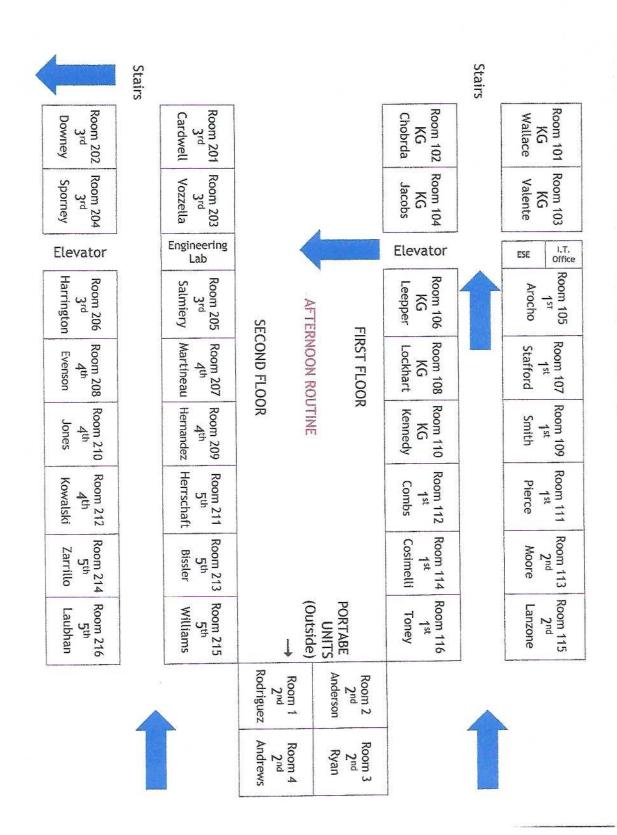
- 1. RN will be notified of all students in the isolation area and updated on their health status as needed
- All students will wear a droplet mask while in isolation with exceptions (accommodations to be made for those with increased work of breathing, shortness of breath, etc.)
- vi. Parent will be notified immediately of ill student including medical status of student, protocols and procedures
- 1. Parents are expected to pick up student within in an hour of being called
- 2. If parent cannot be reached, staff to call emergency contacts listed for students
- 3. Upon parent arrival, student will be escorted by a clinic staff member with a mask on, to their parent
- 4. Parent will be briefed on student's medical status, protocols and procedures for student to return to school and given a copy of the illness policy; parents are reminded to communicate with school on a daily basis about student's medical status
- c. Return to school
- i. If a student is ill with a fever alone or 2 or more symptoms listed above, a physician note is required to return to the building
- 1. Considerations- COVID-19 can be spread up to 48 hours before symptoms appear and at least 10 days after symptoms appear
- ii. If a student has tested positive for COVID-19, they must have 2 negative test results as well as physician clearance to return to school
- iii. Illness policy listed attached in the previous section will be strictly enforced
- d. If a staff member is ill during the school day
- Staff member will notify administration immediately of status to get coverage for class, and be sent home
- ii. Staff member will wear a mask if they are not already doing so

- iii. Staff member is to call their physician for medical advice; See link to CDC symptom checker below:
- 1. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html#discontinue-isolation
- iv. Staff member will follow the illness policy set by the LCSD
- v. Staff member is to report to administration, their on-going status and recommendations from their physician
- vi. If a staff member tests positive for COVID-19:
- 1. Staff member will contact attendance manager to notify of status
- 2. Attendance manager will notify principal, RN and HR
- 3. HR will contact staff member concerning benefits
- e. Staff member return to school
- i. A physician note is required in order to return to work if the staff member has a fever of 100.4 or higher, has COVID-19 symptoms, and/or tests positive for COVID-19 (pending LCSD policy)
- ii. If a positive COVID-19 result is found, staff member will be required under CDC and DOH regulations to remain at home for at least 14 days, have 2 negative test results that are 24 hours apart from each other and physician clearance
- B. A positive Covid-19 test has been identified in the building either from staff member or student
- a. Administrative staff will be notified immediately
- b. RN will contact DOH for instructions
- i. DOH can issue a mandatory shutdown of the building for a period of 2-5 days for short term if the cases are contained and an extended period if there is an outbreak
 ii. DOH will supply a log for case reporting to be faxed daily by RN: usually will end when there has been 2 weeks w/o any cases
- c. Administrative staff will begin contact tracing of infected person(s)

- i. Tracing will go back 48 hours from the time the infected person showed symptoms
- d. Letter home to families and staff surrounding the situation
- e. Communication to families and staff of any mandatory shutdown of the building and how to proceed with distance learning
- f. To date these are the rules set by the DOH for mandatory 14 day quarantine:
- i. Any person who tests positive will have to quarantine for 14 days, have 2 negative test results 24 hours apart, and physician clearance
- ii. Any person that has come into close contact must quarantine for 14 days regardless if they show symptoms
- iii. Close contact is defined as:
- 1. Less than 6 feet, for a period of 15 minutes or more
- 2. Providing care to someone at home who is sick with Covid-193.
- 3. Direct physical contact with a person (touched, hugged, or kissed them)
- 4. Sharing eating or drinking utensils
- 5. You came into direct contact with respiratory droplets of an infected persona. Anyone in close contact as above stated, not wearing a face covering or approved PPE will be mandatory quarantined at home for 14 Page of 8 9 days, will need to watch for symptoms and seek advice from their physician
- iv. Other persons who have come into contact with that individual, but were protected, may continue to work or go to school with a face covering and monitor for symptoms per DOH
- v. Any siblings, staff members, and their children of a positive case will have to mandatory quarantine as well for 14 days per DOH
- vi. USSI is to be contacted immediately for extensive cleaning and disinfecting of the building
- vii. Refer to CDC guidelines below for scenarios on the need to continue to quarantine and when a quarantine can be ended

viii. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.htm







THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES ILLNESS POLICY

Deciding when to keep your student home from school can be difficult. When a student is sick and needs to stay at home, parents should contact the school and describe the illness and symptoms. If a Health Care Provider makes a specific diagnosis (such as strep throat, conjunctivitis, chicken pox etc.), send in a note from the Health Care Provider with instructions for care at school.

There are several reasons students should stay home from school:

- The student does not feel well enough to participate in usual activities, and exhibits signs of extreme fatigue, unexplained irritability or persistent crying.
- The student requires more care than the school staff is able to provide without negatively impacting
 the health and safety of other students.
- The student is not vaccinated due to medical or religious reasons and there is an outbreak in the school.
- The student has an illness that requires them to stay home and/or their Health Care Provider has written they must remain home for a certain amount of time due to illness.

The following list gives guidelines and recommendations for exclusion from school due to specific symptoms or diagnoses:

ILLNESS OR SYMPTOM	EXCLUSION IS NECESSARY
Chicken Pox/Varicella	Yes - Until blisters have dried and crusted (usually 6 days). Must be fever-free per policy.
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)/Eye Discharge (itchy, pink or red eyes with thick mucous or pus draining from the eye)	Yes – May return 24 hours after treatment begins. If your Health Care Provider decides not to treat your child, a note is required. Eyes must be free of discharge, and drainage before returning to school.
Coughing (severe, uncontrolled coughing or wheezing, rapid or difficulty in breathing OR repetitive dry cough accompanied by any of the following: shortness of breath, fever, body aches, chills, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea)	Yes - Medical attention may be necessary. Student may not return to school until they have been without a cough for 72 hours, or until a Health Care Provider declares the cause is not communicable. Note: Students with asthma may be cared for in school with a written health care plan and authorization for medication/treatment. For asthmatic students, coughing/wheezing should improve or resolve with use of inhaler. If it does not resolve or worsens, student must be sent home for further treatment or medical evaluation.
COVID -19 Diagnosis Symptoms: *repeated shaking with chills *muscle pain (achy muscles not related to new exercise) *headache (not related to history of migraines) *sore throat *loss of taste or smell *fever (temperature 100.4 F degrees or higher) *cough *shortness of breath/difficulty breathing *diarrhea and/or vomiting	Yes – Until a student receives a negative test result per current CDC Guidelines along with a note from a Health Care Provider that student is not contagious. Must be fever and symptom free for three days without medication. If test results are positive for COVID-19, student may return once their test result is negative. If presumed they may return after 10 days from first symptoms and be fever and symptoms free without medication for three days. Note: If a student has known contact with a positive COVID-19 individual, they will need to stay out of school for 14 days even if symptom free. May return with a Health Care Provider note stating they are not contagious.

Coxsackie Virus	No - May attend if able to participate in school
(Hand, foot and mouth disease)	activities, unless the student has mouth sores and is drooling, fatigued, or has a temperature of 100.4 F degrees or higher.
Diarrhea – loose or watery stools, with or without mucus and blood	Yes - Exclude until student has no loose or watery stools for 72 hours. Exception: Documentation provided by Health Care
Diapered Students – Loose or watery stools that cannot be contained in diaper Toilet Trained Students – Loose or watery stool causing "accidents" with a frequency of no more than 2 stools above the child's normal frequency	provider stating student is not infectious or the diarrhea is caused by diet/medical factors. Stool must be contained in diaper or in toilet (if toilet trained). Any stool leaking through clothing and onto shared surfaces is a health and safety issue for all students and staff.
Fever - An elevation of body temperature above normal.	Yes - when fever is elevated to 100.4 F degrees or higher. Student must remain at home for 72 hours after temperature returns to normal (under 100,4 F degrees) without any fever reducing medication.
Fifth's Disease (Diagnosed)	No - Student is no longer contagious once rash appears and temperature is within normal limits (under 100.4 F degrees)
Head Lice	Yes - May return after treatment and removal of all live lice and nits from hair. A maximum of 3 days will be excused for this.
Hepatitis A	Yes – Until determined not infectious by a Health Care Provider.
Herpes Zoster	Yes – If area is oozing and cannot be covered, e.g., mouth sores. Otherwise, may return to school.
Impetigo	Yes – Student may return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has begun. Wound drainage must be covered and contained with clean dry bandage.
Molluscum Contagiosum	No – Affected area must be covered by clothing or bandage.
Mononucleosis/Epstein-Barr	Yes- Student must be fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medications and be able to participate in school activities.
MRSA/Staph Infection	Yes – May return 24 hours after treatment starts. Wound must be covered with dressing taped on all 4 sides. Wound drainage must be covered and contained with clean dry bandage.
Upper Respiratory Symptoms - large amount of thick nasal discharge - Persistent cough with or without sputum - Shortness of Breath - Difficulty Breathing	Yes – Seek medical advice. May return when student is symptom free for 72 hours or with a signed Health Care Provider note stating student is not contagious.
Rash	Yes - May return to school when Health Care Provider determines that illness is not communicable, and parent brings in note from Health Care Provider that student may return to school, or rash completely resolves. Note: If rash is accompanied by fever, student must be fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medications and rash must be resolved prior to returning to school.

Ringworm	No – As long as area can be covered by bandage or clothing. Over-the-counter treatment must begin when student goes home. Area must remain covered at school until ringworm completely resovles. Yes – If ringworm is unable to be covered with bandage or clothing, worsens or spreads, parent must seek medical advice and a note from a Health Care Provider will be required for student to return to school.
Scables	Yes – May return 24 hours after treatment is started with note from Health Care Provider that student is no longer contagious and/or proof of treatment.
Strep Throat	Yes – May return after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment. If student has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, fever policy must be followed.
Vaccine Preventable Diseases (mumps, measles, rubella, pertussis/whooping cough)	Yes – Until determined not infectious by a Health Care Provider.
Vomiting - 1 episode in the last 24 hours where cause cannot be determined (examples of explainable causes: drinking/eating odd food combinations; history of motion sickness on bus; known food allergy)	Yes - Until there has been no vomiting for 72 hours or Health Care Provider determines that cause is not communicable and provides note for student to return to school. Note: Observe for other signs of illness and for dehydration.

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