

Policy 5.326 Student Protocols due to COVID-19

1. Purpose.

To facilitate the continuous operations of the District and protect the health, safety, and welfare of students by adhering to COVID-19 District safety protocols in compliance with CDC, state and local guidelines.

2. Parent/Guardian Notification.

The District recognizes that parents and guardians are essential allies in its efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 on school property including school buses. The District 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 school buildings, school staff will implement a variety of strategies to inform students about their duty to comply with the District's safety protocols. This may include additional markings on hallway floors, posters and other signage, designation of hand sanitizing stations, etc.

3. District Safety Guidelines.

a. All students must:

- i. not come to school if ill including, but not limited to: symptoms of fever, cough, sore throat, diarrhea, severe 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 school. Parents and guardians are recommended to take their child's temperature prior to reporting to school and the student shall not report to school if they have a temperature of 100.4 or higher. Students shall not report to school 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, keeping a minimum of 6 feet apart where possible.
- v. follow revised school procedures that may include, but not limited to: staggered arrivals and dismissal times, after school care or before school care, limited classroom changes, limited movement throughout the campus, enhanced sanitization, wearing of facial coverings, changes to school cafeteria procedures, increased handwashing, riding the school bus, 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.

- 46 vii. not share any school supplies, such as pens, pencils, devices, textbooks, etc.
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- 48 viii. wear face coverings at all times. The District will provide up to 5 washable facial
- 49 coverings per student. Facial coverings should cover your nose and your mouth
- 50 and comply with the CDC recommendations. All face coverings (whether
- 51 disposable or reusable) must: be made with at least ~~2~~ **3** layers of breathable
- 52 material; fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face and be secured
- 53 with ties or ear loops allowing the students to remain hands-free. At this time,
- 54 based on guidance from health authorities, neck gaiters, open-chin triangle
- 55 bandanas, and mesh material, **valves** or holes of any kind are not acceptable
- 56 face coverings. Please note facial coverings are in addition to, and not a
- 57 substitute for, the required social distancing. Exemptions or accommodations
- 58 (including a plastic shield) to facial coverings must be verified by a treating
- 59 licensed medical physician as required by ADA, or Section 504 of the
- 60 Rehabilitation Act and agreed to by a compliant 504 Team. Nothing within this
- 61 policy is intended to supersede School Board Policy 5.182 or any individual
- 62 school's dress code.
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- 64 1. Facial coverings will not need to be worn after seated when eating,
- 65 drinking, or for school-related activities (i.e. **Band, Chorus, PE**) as
- 66 outlined in District protocols that will be posted to the District website
- 67 prior to return to brick and mortar to include PE when engaged in
- 68 strenuous activity, band when playing an instrument, singing in chorus,
- 69 or other related physical activity **and** approved by the school principal
- 70 or designee. Students must continue to maintain social distancing.
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- 72 ix. assist with keeping their desks or workstations clean and clutter-free.
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- 74 x. abide by separate guidelines for athletics and intramurals as established for
- 75 COVID-19 by District administration.
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- 77 xi. be placed in Distance Learning if testing positive for COVID-19. Students
- 78 exposed to COVID-19 ~~may be~~ **shall be** assigned to Distance Learning. This may
- 79 result from a report from a parent or guardian, the local Florida Department of
- 80 Health, or the school/District reporting of a positive COVID-19 case on campus.
- 81 ~~The school administration will assess the situation in consultation with The~~
- 82 ~~Department of Health and other School District staff on whether or not students~~
- 83 ~~will be assigned to Distance Learning.~~
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85 4. **Responsibilities of Students and Families:**

- 86 a. Student or student's parent/guardian must self-report a positive COVID-19 test to a
- 87 school administrator no later than the following school day. The school administrator
- 88 will alert their supervisor and District administration to make a determination on any
- 89 necessary cleaning of affected areas as well as potential classroom or school closures
- 90 that may be necessary.
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- 92 b. A student who tests positive must remain home and be enrolled in Distance Learning
- 93 until the student tests negative for COVID-19. A student may return back to school
- 94 once he or she tests negative for COVID-19 or remains isolated for ~~14~~ **10** days and
- 95 symptom free, **including no fever in the previous twenty-four hours.** A copy of the test
- 96 result shall be provided to the school nurse for verification.

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- c. Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 must immediately provide administration with a list of everyone with whom they have been in close contact outside of regular classroom contact, including while riding the school bus and extracurricular activities (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes). Staff will assist younger students with their contact list.
- d. Student's name shall not be revealed when notifying other students' parents or guardians and members of the school's staff of a positive test.
- e. If a student exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, as set forth in the CDC guidelines (CDC COVID-19 Symptoms), during the school day, he/she will be sent to the school clinic. The school nurse will assess the wellness of the student to make the recommendation if the student should be sent home. The parent or guardian will monitor the student until symptoms are no longer present or the student has been tested for COVID-19 and a test result comes back negative. A student will report to an isolation area to reduce the potential exposure of others while waiting for a parent or guardian to pick up the student.

5. **Responsibilities of Principals** if a student tests positive for COVID-19:

- a. Immediately notify school supervisor, Risk Management, Maintenance & Plant Operations, School Support Services, the Environmental and Conservation Services Department, and Communications to request enhanced sanitization for the affected areas. District staff, working with the local Department of Health, will determine decisions on school closures that may be needed.
- b. Request from the student a list of every student (outside of the classroom or school transportation) with whom they have been in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes), The list must be securely maintained.
- c. School administration must notify parents or guardians of students and staff members identified in 5.b. of potential exposure and must not reveal the name of the students when doing so as prohibited by FERPA.
- d. Students identified in 5.c. ~~may be~~ shall be sent home for up to ~~14~~ 10 days to self-isolate and not return to school. Students may return after this time if symptom-free or reporting a negative COVID-19 test result. During this time, students may be assigned to Distance Learning.

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

Any student **choosing** not to adhere to the District'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 Distance Learning. No student will be discriminated against on the basis of disability.

7. **Duration.**

The Superintendent 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 becomes effective upon its emergency adoption. This policy shall end 90 days

