



## **DFW PAC COVID PLAN**

### **2020-2021**

As we prepare to reopen for the 2020–2021 school year, we believe that it is imperative that we provide a safe, healthy environment where our students, families, faculty, and staff can be together again. In the most recent reopening guidance released by TEA, the American Academy of Pediatrics notes that COVID-19 risks must be balanced with the need for children to attend school in person, given that lack of physical access to school leads to a number of negative consequences, which places “children and adolescents at considerable risk of morbidity, and in some cases, mortality.” To accomplish this balance, we will all need to put aside our personal preferences and strive to consider the needs of others and fight to protect one another and our PAC community. What an amazing learning opportunity for our students!

Our challenge moving forward is to come together as a community like never before!

### **DFW PAC COVID GUIDELINES:**

- Daily health checks administered by parents or guardians
- Face coverings in transitions during arrival, dismissal, and in common areas for all students, staff, and visitors.
- Daily temperature checks
- Social distancing of 6 feet when possible
- Scheduled hand washing times, with hand sanitizer available in all classrooms and common areas
- Increased cleaning and sanitizing across campus
- Integration of outdoor space for learning, lunch, and socialization

### **Temperature checks to support a healthy campus:**

We ask families to perform daily temperature and COVID-19 symptom checks of their children before coming to school for the day. Students who have a temperature of 100 ° or higher in combination with COVID-19 symptoms must stay home and may not return to campus until they are fever-free for 72 hours without the use of fever suppressing medication. Please see the CDC guidelines for a list of COVID-19 symptoms. In addition, daily temperature and symptom checks will be taken at school for all students.

All staff members will also be required to check their temperatures daily to ensure the health and safety of our campus.

### **Social Distancing:**

In keeping with TEA guidelines, we will practice 6 feet of social distancing between students in classrooms where possible. Students will be expected to socially distance on all parts of the campus when possible.

### **Face Coverings:**

Face coverings are most essential at times when social distancing is not possible. Students, staff, and visitors will need to bring a face covering.

#### **Face covering requirements:**

- Arrival
- Dismissal
- Common areas
- When the students cannot remain social distanced

#### **Face covering removed requirements:**

- When the students can be social distanced

We also know there will be students on campus who will wear face coverings for longer periods of time, including students who are directed to do so by their healthcare providers or at their parent's request. Teachers will not be required to wear a face covering during classroom instruction unless they are

within 6 feet when providing instruction to a student. Teachers will have the option to wear a face covering if they feel it necessary while in their classroom.

We understand that wearing face coverings, for even a limited time during the school day, is a controversial topic amongst PAC families. We believe face coverings are a necessary step that supports our ability to bring our students back together on campus and they provide us all the opportunity to pursue service by protecting our friends, teachers, parents, and our entire community.

### **Sanitizing Procedures:**

Our facility team, staff, and contract cleaning service will deep clean spaces, as well as wipe down frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, sink handles, and hard surfaces daily. Use of shared objects will be limited when possible and cleaned between use. Students will partner with faculty and staff to prioritize regular cleaning practices for desks, equipment, and other classroom materials.

- Students will have designated handwashing times throughout the day.
- Desks will be sanitized between classes.
- Classrooms will be stocked with the necessary supplies to accommodate cleaning and sanitizing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available across campus

### **Contact Tracing:**

Keeping our campus healthy will be a collective effort, one we are asking everyone in our school community to support. It will be important for the school to be notified if anyone has tested positive for COVID-19 or resides with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Tracing diagnosed cases within our school community will allow us to have a better understanding of the overall school wide health condition. All families must commit to supporting PAC's health and wellness protocols and must agree to keep

children at home when they are not feeling well, have COVID-19 like symptoms, or have potentially been directly exposed.

Per the CDC's recently updated recommendations regarding positive test procedures, if a student or staff member has a lab-confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, they may not return to campus until 10 days have passed since the first symptom and must be fever free for three days without the use of fever suppressing medication. Siblings of the sick student will also need to stay home for 14 days to ensure symptoms do not develop. Remote educational opportunities will be available for these students.

In the event of a lab confirmed positive COVID test, we will close off areas that were heavily used by the individual with the case (student, teacher, or staff) until the nonporous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected. In all scenarios, all close contacts will be notified.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT SO WE CAN KEEP THE STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE AND WELL!**

**WELCOME BACK!!**