

# COVID-19 Update for the 2022-23 School Year



With the latest iteration of our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, our goal is to continue to provide a safe and healthy environment for our entire community of students, guests, visitors, stakeholders, faculty, and staff. To mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our building and community requires full cooperation among our staff, leaders, families, and clients. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of all persons balanced with the delivery of transformative learning experiences.

## **COVID Protocols**

- CDC recommendations are based on [COVID-19 Community Levels](#), “this guidance provides flexibility so schools and ECE programs can adapt to changing local situations, including periods of increased community health impacts from COVID-19” (Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning).

## **Cleaning**

- All classrooms, common spaces and other auxiliary rooms have bottles of disinfectant and a supply of C-fold towels to use as wipes and have a wall-mounted hand sanitizer unit for use as needed. • High traffic areas are disinfected throughout the day.

## **Ventilation**

- Enhanced ventilation will continue throughout the building:
  - All air filtration units will run continuously in each room and in common spaces.
  - All HVAC units will run continuously which includes air conditioning and air exchange. ○ All filters will be monitored and changed frequently.
- Classroom and common spaces will still have the option to open windows as needs for fresh air.

## **Masking**

- Masking will be optional for all students, 2-12, employees, and visitors. Please [click here](#) for masking recommendations and resources.

## **Exposed to COVID-19**

- Wear a mask for 10 days
- Watch for symptoms and test on Day 6
- If symptoms develop, isolate immediately and get tested

## **Symptom & Positive Case Protocols:**

In the case of symptoms and cases, GLO recommends all community members follow the [isolation and quarantine guidance provided by the CDC](#). A helpful [calculator is available](#). This includes--

- staying home with symptoms and positive cases;

- a return to campus and activities on day six, assuming symptom improvement;
- masking on days six through 10;
- no testing will be required to return, **yet it is strongly recommended**.

For questions about symptoms, isolation, or quarantine protocols, please email [nurse@groveslearning.org](mailto:nurse@groveslearning.org)

## **Contact Tracing:**

Per CDC's updated guidelines, GLO and Groves Academy will not be contact tracing and sending immediate notices. GLO will post a total of weekly positive cases on the website.