

## **PATRICIAN ACADEMY COVID PLAN**

### **MASKS:**

Grades K4-12<sup>th</sup>:

\*Masks are strongly encouraged but are not required unless students or teachers are in close proximity of each other.

\*A few examples of when masks would be required are a reading group in elementary, a science experiment or small groups where social distancing is not possible. The teacher will let the students know when to wear them. Each child will need to have a mask available. It is recommended keeping one in a zip lock bag where it is easily assessable.

Daycare:

\*The school will adhere to the DHR guideline that masks are optional for employees and children.

The following are plans for the different aspects of the school day. The school reserves the right to alter this plan immediately based on school needs, new guidelines from Alabama State Health Dept., adherence to the governor's mandates, or based on success/failure rate of said guidelines.

### **Preventive Measures at Home:**

- \* Keep your child at home if sick
- \* Avoid hot spots for Covid-19 transmission
- \* Practice CDC recommended home prevention tips

### **Arrival to School:**

- \*Four entrances to the school
  - North Door of Atrium
  - Elementary Drop Off at Awning
  - Middle Exterior Cafeteria Door on Football Field Side
  - Office

\*Staff members will take the temperature of all students at the above entrances. If a student or employee has a temperature of 100.4 or above they will be required to leave school or be picked up. These students will be isolated in the office, made comfortable and cared for in an age-appropriate manner.

### **Check In/Out and Visitors During the School Day**

\*Students report to the office to check in/out, temp will be taken upon checking in

### **Instruction**

- \*The classroom will be social distanced to the best extent possible
- \*Teachers will reduce their personal exposure to students.

- \*Teachers will use instructional practices in the classroom which reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission
- \*All students will use hand sanitizer supplied upon entering each classroom
- \* Students will have the same seating chart in each classroom where social distancing is not possible.
- \*Field trips must be pre-approved

### **Cafeteria**

- \*Parents or visitors will not be allowed in the cafeteria until further notice
- \*A no-touch system will be used for entering lunch numbers**
- \*Student lunches/snacks should be brought in lunch box, etc. or a brown paper bag. Outside commercial bags from local restaurants or fast food establishments are not allowed.
- \*Students will wash or sanitize hands before and after entering the cafeteria
- \*Tables will be available outside for student use at lunch to assist in social distancing
- \*No salad bar until further notice. Salads can be ordered on Tuesdays and Thursdays

### **\*No outside food brought for birthday parties**

### **Technology Use**

- \*All keyboards will be sanitized after each use

### **Library/Computer**

- \* The library will be open as usual for checking out/in books
- \*There will be one door for entry and one door for exit
- \*Students will sanitize hands upon entry and exit
- \*Keyboards will be sanitized after each use

### **Physical Education, Extra Curricular and Recess**

- \*Students will be required to wash their hands before returning to classroom
- \*We will adhere to AISA requirements as they pertain to athletics.

### **Schoolwide Cleaning/ Sanitizing Steps**

- \*There will be a sanitizer dispenser in each classroom, bathroom, office, and cafeteria
- \*Water bottle refill stations as soon as received and installed. Students should have their name on their thermos, bottle, or water container
- \*All classroom desks and flat surfaces wiped down daily
- \*Cafeteria tables wiped down after each class
- \*Restrooms cleaned daily, wiped down daily
- \*Dressing rooms and weight rooms cleaned and wiped down daily
- \*Shields placed at high traffic areas
- \*I-Wave air purifiers installed in weight rooms, dressing rooms and in all heat/cool units in classrooms
- \*Handwashing practiced by all

### **Exposure to COVID-19 or a Positive COVID-19 Test**

\*Patrician Academy will follow The Alabama State Dept. of Public Health mandates and/or recommended protocol for quarantines.

\*Patrician Academy will seek guidance and suggestions on Covid-19 issues from The Alabama State Dept. of Public Health, The Choctaw County Dept. of Health, National Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and The Choctaw County Emergency Preparedness Dept.

\*Please let us know if your child has been tested, has received a positive test, or been exposed to a person who has tested positive so we can take swift action to prevent possible transmission to others. When we are made aware of a positive test of your child we can assist in making you aware of whom your child may have been in close contact with at school.

\*A student or staff member cannot attend classes while waiting on test results.

\*A student or staff member that tests negative will still adhere to the quarantine guidelines for exposure.

\*A person who is quarantined for a positive case or exposure to COVID-19 is not allowed to attend school, be on school property, work at school, or participate in school activities until the quarantine is fulfilled.

\* Retesting is not required for a return to school after quarantine due to a positive test.

### **COVID -19 Guidelines for Isolation of a Confirmed Case of COVID**

With symptoms- For most persons with COVID-19 illness, isolation and precautions can generally be discontinued 10 days after symptom onset and resolution of fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, and with improvement of other symptoms.

Without symptoms- For persons who never develop symptoms, isolation and other precautions can be discontinued 10 days after the date of first positive test. If the family wishes to test after the 7<sup>th</sup> day and return to school on the 8<sup>th</sup> day without no symptoms will need to provide a negative test from a doctor office.

### **COVID -19 Guidelines for Exposure**

**A person is considered exposed and meets the guidelines for quarantine if they have been in close contact (15 minutes within 6 feet) of a confirmed case in the prior 24 hours. The timeline for this guideline begins two days prior to last exposure to a confirmed case.**

**A quarantine for exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19 is 14 days (return on 15<sup>th</sup> day) or 10 days with no symptoms (return on 11<sup>th</sup> day).**

\*Continue to monitor for symptoms daily through day 14.

\*If any of the following symptoms are observed, isolate immediately and **seek testing**: fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

\*Wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet from others, avoid crowds and wash hands frequently to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in case infectious without symptoms for full 14 day period and beyond.

### **Early Test Out of Quarantine due to exposure**

\*Quarantined 10 days and return on the eleventh day with no symptoms.

\*A person can test out early (of exposure quarantine only) by being tested on the sixth, seventh, or eighth day of quarantine and return to school on the eighth day with proof of a negative test. An **at home test is not** accepted at this test.

**Those not required to quarantine for 14 days due to exposure to a COVID case:**

- **A person who has been fully vaccinated and shows no symptoms of COVID and has a copy of a COVID vaccination card on file in the office**
- **A person who had COVID in the last 90 days.**
- **A person who is wearing their mask properly even if they are less than six feet from a positive case and their school has other prevention strategies in place (which we do).**