

## **2022-23 COVID-SPECIFIC POLICIES and PRACTICES**

### **Hygiene:**

1. Children will be instructed to wash their hands before entering the classrooms throughout the day.
2. Children who test negative for COVID and who have a little snuffle may come to school if they regularly wash their hands and wear a mask inside and outside while symptomatic. If a child is coughing or sneezing, they should stay home until symptoms improve.

### **HVAC:**

1. All buildings are outfitted with an iWave HVAC system with air filtration at a MERV-13 rating.

### **Masking:**

1. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required to be worn indoors, unless:
  - a. Cases of COVID in Sacramento County are above 100 cases per 100,000 people, OR
  - b. If directed to do so by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or California Department of Public Health (CDPH) or Sacramento County Office of Health.
2. If a member of your household is currently positive, **please wear a mask at school until 3 days after they are no longer positive and you have tested negative.**
3. Cloth masks are no longer an acceptable face covering. Masks may be surgical masks, KF94, N95, or KN95 (or similar) to qualify for an acceptable face covering.

### **Testing:**

1. Symptomatic testing is conducted whenever a child experiences symptoms.
2. Screening testing will be conducted at the discretion of the administration and based on the current environment.
3. Screening testing will be conducted weekly for the first four weeks of the year, immediately upon return from breaks, and daily if the cases in the county or at the school begin to rise beyond 100 cases per 100,000 people.
4. All families will need to register their children through Primary.Health so that the school may administer tests and test results. Only one parent from each family is able to receive results through their system.

### **Gatherings & Field Trips:**

1. When possible, assemblies and events shall be held outside.
2. Meetings (Parent-Teacher Conferences, etc.) will be offered remotely or in-person.

3. Vaccinated parents may chaperone if they test negative at home before the field trip. Masks will be required in the cars at the discretion of the driver.

**Traveling:**

1. People who travel are required to test and quarantine according to the current [CDC guidelines](#).
2. Please self-test immediately upon return and again within 3-5 Days after returning (or sooner if symptomatic).

**Virtual Learning:**

1. Due to the strain caused by teaching both in person and virtually simultaneously, Brookfield is only offering virtual learning if a child with COVID is asymptomatic (or symptoms have dramatically improved) and who is testing positive on an antigen test (and therefore cannot come to school).
2. Virtual learning is not available for sick or symptomatic students as it is necessary for these children to rest and recover.
3. Virtual Learning is not available for those who are traveling or who are choosing to remain at home for any reason.

**RESPONDING TO SYMPTOMS & POSITIVE TESTS**

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, runny nose, congestion, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, body aches, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of sense of smell or taste, pink or irritated eyes.

**Responding to Symptoms for a Child who is at Home:**

If a child is feeling ill or experiencing symptoms of illness (whether at night, on the weekend, or in the morning), parents must:

1. Contact Mrs. Schumacher, Office Manager, at Michelle.Schumacher@BrookfieldSchool.org
2. Test the child at home.
3. Report the test results to the school.
4. Keep the child out of school (unless minor sniffles or symptoms are known to be due to allergies).
5. Monitor the child's symptoms.
6. Return the child to school only after a negative test result *AND* when the child is fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) *AND* when symptoms have improved.

**Responding to Symptoms for a Child who is at School:**

If a child or staff presents symptoms when at school, the school will:

1. Test the child with an antigen test.
2. Call parents for an immediate pick up (unless symptoms are very minor) and report test results.

3. Inform the parents of the appropriate course of action before returning to school if the antigen test was negative:
  - a. The child is **required** to be fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication), *AND*
  - b. The symptoms have improved.
4. The parents must:
  - a. Report any test results to the school.
  - b. Monitor the child's symptoms.
  - c. Return the child to school only when they meet the preceding requirements.
5. If the antigen test was positive, the child immediately becomes a case. See below "Responding to a Positive COVID test."

### **Responding to a POSITIVE COVID test:**

#### If the symptomatic student gets a POSITIVE test result:

The child becomes a case and must follow a minimum 5-day quarantine from the onset of symptoms. The day the child developed symptoms will become Day 0, and the student may return to school *after* Day 5 *if*:

- a. The case tests negative for COVID on an antigen test.
- b. The case does not develop any new symptoms, and any previous symptoms improve.
- c. The case is fever free for at least 24 hours (without medication).
- d. NOTE: A case may not return to school if they are positive on an antigen test (for as long as it takes) as this indicates that they are still contagious. Brookfield does not adhere to a 10 day maximum quarantine period.

#### If a child receives a positive COVID test from a routine screening and is asymptomatic:

The child becomes a case and must follow a minimum 5-day quarantine from the date of the first positive test. The day the child tested positive will become Day 0, and the student may return to school *after* Day 5 *if*:

- a. The case tests negative for COVID on an antigen test.
- b. The case does not develop any symptoms.
- c. NOTE: A case may not return to school if they are positive on an antigen test (for as long as it takes) as this indicates that they are still contagious. Brookfield does not adhere to a 10 day maximum quarantine period.

#### In all POSITIVE cases:

1. The case should also notify all close contacts outside of school. A close contact is someone with whom the case has been within 6 feet of for longer than 15 minutes within the past 48 from the positive test or the onset of symptoms.
2. The case's class (and teachers) are notified that a child has tested positively in their class. No quarantine is required unless they become symptomatic. The class will be tested immediately and between Days 3-5.

3. The case wears a mask indoors at school for a minimum of 10 days from the start of their isolation (even if testing negative), as is recommended by CDPH.

If the symptomatic child tests **POSITIVE** for COVID and has a sibling who tests **NEGATIVE**:

1. Only the case is sent home, but the sibling is asked to mask. The sibling is tested regularly and is monitored for symptoms.
2. See “**Responding to a POSITIVE COVID test**” section above for the case.

#### **Responding to a Close Contact:**

1. A close contact is someone with whom the case has been within 6 feet of for longer than 15 minutes within the past 48 from the positive test or the onset of symptoms.
2. No quarantine is required unless the close contact becomes symptomatic.
3. The close contact should be tested immediately and between Days 3-5 (whether at school or at home).
4. The close contact should wear a mask indoors at school until cleared on the second test between Days 3-5 of the contact with the positive case.

#### **Responding to a Case in your Household:**

1. The sibling(s) and parents (and all household members) should test immediately and at intervals during the time the household member is positive.
2. The case should be isolated from the family and should wear an N95 mask (or similar) if leaving their isolation area (i.e. to use the bathroom).
3. The household members must monitor for symptoms and are strongly recommended to mask in any shared spaces at home.
4. Once the case tests negative, household members should test again in 3-5 days and continue to monitor for symptoms for 10 days.
5. The sibling may attend school, but is asked to wear a mask, especially when indoors.
6. If an additional family member(s) become symptomatic or test positive, the process resets for the family member.

#### **COVID COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS**

Close contacts will be notified directly by email. Schools are required to report all cases of COVID where students or staff were exposed at school.

#### **NON-COVID PANDEMIC ILLNESS POLICY**

Our pandemic illness policy has been developed using information and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and our local Health Departments. The procedures that we will follow depend on the severity and the closeness of the situation to our student and staff population. They may be adjusted as the school or the local health department may feel is in the best interest of our school community.

1. If the CDC makes a Determination That A Public Health Emergency Exists (DTPHEE) due to a flu variant or other disease, meaning that they are staging anti-viral medications for possible treatment and other preparations, but there is no confirmed case in the county in which the school is located:
  - a. Parents will be notified of the potential of a local pandemic if the disease spreads.
  - b. Parents will be asked to watch carefully for flu symptoms or other symptoms as we may suggest, and will be asked not to send any child to school showing multiple symptoms (any two or more symptoms).
  - c. Teachers will be instructed that they not come to school if they have multiple symptoms (any two or more symptoms).
2. If we have a DTPHEE and any confirmed case in the county in which the school is located:
  - a. All parents will be asked to notify the school immediately if any member of the family has symptoms of the flu or of the disease at issue.
  - b. Parents will be asked to not allow any child to attend school until the risk of contagion is past for all members of the family.
  - c. Teachers and staff will be instructed to do the same.
  - d. The school will prepare a packet of work and homework for any student to do, if they are able, to avoid falling behind while out of school.
  - e. Any student or staff member who shows any symptoms of flu will immediately be removed from class, asked to wear a surgical mask, and sent home.
3. If the above and any student or staff member is sent home with any symptom of flu:
  - a. The school will have every student and staff member thoroughly wash their hands for at least 20 seconds after every recess, lunch or snack time, or incident of person to person contact.
  - b. Each staff member and every student will use a disinfectant to clean their personal work area at the beginning and the end of each school day.
  - c. The school will have surgical masks and gloves available for any student or staff member who would feel more comfortable using these items.
4. If all of the above occur and we have a diagnosed case of the flu /disease in question at the school or within any family of a student or staff member:
  - a. The school will be closed until at least one and one half times the incubation period.
  - b. The school will be thoroughly disinfected.
  - c. Each staff member and parent will be asked to affirm that no member of their household has shown any symptoms of flu for at least one and one half times the incubation period of the flu/disease.

**These policies and procedures may be adjusted as the school or the local health department may feel is in the best interest of our school community.**