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2021-22 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

During the 2021-22 school year, Center Academy will continue to implement the Sick Policy Attestation and contact tracing procedures (in the event of a positive case of COVID-19 in the school setting).

Masks should be worn by visitors who enter the school lobby. Masks are optional for parents and staff who have been vaccinated and for those who have tested positive and recovered from COVID-19 in the last 3 months. Proof of vaccination or recovery is not required. Center Academy will follow CDC and local health department requirements. Mask policies may be revised if needed based on local COVID-19 rates and health department requirements.

Masks are optional for students. Social distancing, study carrels and physical barriers may continue to be used, where feasible. Center Academy will ensure adequate supplies for proper hand hygiene and provide hand sanitizer stations throughout the building. All rooms, including bathrooms, hallways, offices and other shared spaces will be professionally cleaned and sanitized each evening. Center Academy will follow CDC and local health department requirements regarding cleaning and sanitizing at-risk areas.

If there is a confirmed COVID-19 case within the school community, the school will contact the local health department's epidemiology program for direction. The CDC recommends 7 (with testing) to 10 days of quarantine after exposure except for those who have been fully vaccinated. Center Academy will immediately notify staff and families if there is possible exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, maintaining confidentiality of individual health conditions as required by law.

Our focus continues to be the safety and education of the students and the health and well-being of all our families and staff. These guidelines are subject to change as new information becomes available. Center Academy will remain flexible regarding any health and safety issues that may arise, either from new CDC or health department requirements or the presence of new conditions as the school year progresses.

STUDENT AND FAMILY SICK POLICY ATTESTATION:

All Center Academy students, families and staff agree to follow the sick policy as stated below and stay home if they are exhibiting any signs of illness. Individuals will be sent home promptly if symptoms arise during the school day. Symptoms of illness include:

- Active vomiting or diarrhea
- Chills/generalized body aches
- Fever greater than or equal to 100.4
- Signs or symptoms of a respiratory illness (cough, runny nose, respiratory secretions) with or without fever
- Undiagnosed or untreated rash or skin condition
- Pink eye or strep throat unless on antibiotic treatment for 24 hours

Individuals exhibiting signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, GI symptoms, headache) shall not come to school. Pediatricians and family physicians shall advise families on appropriate next steps and evaluate if COVID-19 testing is warranted. Families may contact the Department of Health hotline at 866-779-6121.

Students shall not return to school until they are illness and symptom free for 24 hours except if diagnosed with COVID-19, in which case they must follow CDC guidelines and Department of Health instruction.

I attest that I will not come to school/send my child to school unless illness/symptom free and can answer "NO" to all of the following:

- Do you have a fever (temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 without taking fever-reducing medication)?
- Are you experiencing shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- Do you have a cough?
- Do you have chills?
- Have you lost your sense of smell or taste?
- Do you have a new headache (e.g. one not associated with known conditions such as allergies)?
- Do you have a sore throat?
- Do you have muscle aches?
- Have you experienced any GI symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or loss of appetite?
- Do you have a bacterial infection such as pink eye or strep throat for which you have not been on an antibiotic for 24 hours?
- Have you been asked to self-isolate or instructed to quarantine by a medical professional or health department official?
- If not vaccinated: have you been in close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or been placed on quarantine for possible contact with COVID-19?

Signature

Date

Name