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#### 8460B - COVID-19 STUDENT PROCEDURES

Board Policy 8460 describes the COVID-19 "Workplace Plan" which complies with current requirements related to workplace environments and staff members. This procedure is designed to mirror the staff requirements contained in Policy 8460, but describes how those requirements apply to students . This plan shall be followed so long as required by law or executive order, or determined by District administration to be necessary for the health and safety of District employees, students, and visitors.

#### Proactive Measures

- A. **Vaccination** - In accordance to CDC guidelines, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19, 2 weeks (14 days) after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or 2 weeks (14 days) after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen).

Fully vaccinated people with no COVID-like symptoms do not need to quarantine following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. When exposed, documentation confirming vaccination will need to be provided to avoid quarantine. However, fully vaccinated people should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 10 days following an exposure. If they experience symptoms, they should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and inform their health care provider of their vaccination status at the time of presentation to care.

#### B. Daily Screening

1. Parents will be encouraged to monitor their children daily and exclude their children from school when:
  - a. a temperature of 100.4 or higher is registered;
  - b. any of the following symptoms are present: atypical cough, atypical shortness of breath, fever over 100.4, sore throat, diarrhea, vomiting/ abdominal pain, new onset of severe headache.
2. Parents will be encouraged to report to the school and seek testing if primary symptoms of COVID-19 are present and students have had possible exposure.
3. A daily screening tool will be provided to parents to assist in the monitoring of COVID-19 symptoms and provide details regarding when to keep students home from school.

#### C. Face Coverings

Face Coverings are currently only required when students are riding transportation. Face coverings are recommended, but not required, for individuals inside K-12 buildings.

#### D. Social Distancing

There are no required social distancing protocols for schools. When possible,

1. Individuals who are in a District building or on District property will be encouraged to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from one another.
2. Locations throughout school buildings will be reviewed and reorganized to promote social distancing. The District will use signs and physical barriers as appropriate and practicable to promote social distancing.

**E. Hygiene**

1. Students will be encouraged to use the proper techniques for hand washing and covering coughs.

Proper hand washing technique includes soap and water for at least 20 seconds and safe techniques for using hand sanitizer.

2. All hallways/common areas will be equipped with sanitization stations. Teachers will encourage students to frequently sanitize throughout the day.

**F. Daily Cleaning**

Classrooms and common areas such as restrooms will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.

**G. Riding a School Bus**

1. Students who become sick during the day will NOT be allowed to ride the bus home from school.
2. All school buses will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
3. Students and staff will be required to wear a mask at all times when riding a bus.
4. Hand sanitizer will be available on the bus.

**Protocol for responding to potential infections**

Definitions:

- A. "Close contact" means being within approximately six (6) feet if unmasked, or three (3) feet if masked, of an individual for 15 minutes or more.
- B. Symptoms of COVID-19 include temperature 100.4 or above; atypical cough; atypical shortness of breath; sore throat; diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, new onset of severe headache.

For all situations described in 1-2 below, the following procedures will apply:

- A. Office staff receiving the possible infection/exposure information will collect and record information on the COVID-19 Infection/Exposure Report and forward to the Superintendent Office for (1) Notice of positive student (2) Unvaccinated student with close contact to individual testing positive for COVID-19.
- B. When applicable, the Superintendent Office will contact the health department.
- C. The student will receive written communication from the Superintendent Office regarding CDC and health department recommended exclusion requirements listed below and return to school requirements (if applicable). Students may be required to communicate with the school prior to returning.
- D. The District will maintain a record that it has completed all notice requirements.

**1. Positive COVID-19 TEST** - If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, s/he will be informed they are prohibited from entering District property until:

- A. Ten (10) days have passed since symptoms first appeared, or since the date of positive test if asymptomatic; AND
- B. Twenty-four (24) hours with no fever (without the use of fever-reducing medication); AND
- C. All symptoms have improved

If a student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 has been on-site within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the positive test, all of the following will occur within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving notice:

1. Provide notice to any staff or students, who may have come into contact with the person with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
2. All areas of the worksite where the student/employee traveled will be disinfected and deep cleaned in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC"). The area or facility may be temporarily closed if deemed appropriate.
3. Contact will be made to the local health department.

**2. Notice of Positive Exposure** - Unvaccinated students who have had close contact with an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 are recommended to refrain from coming to school until ten (10) days have passed since the last close contact with the sick or symptomatic individual and must continue to monitor for symptoms until 14 days.

Seven (7) day option to test out - If a negative COVID test on day seven (7) of quarantine is received, student can return to school on day eight (8) and must continue to monitor for symptoms until fourteen (14) days.

\*Note-Home tests are not considered valid for opting out of quarantine.

**3. Onsite or Reported Symptoms** - If a student or staff member displays one or more of the following symptoms of COVID-19:

Temperature 100.4 or above; Atypical cough; Atypical shortness of breath; Sore throat; Diarrhea; Vomiting; Abdominal pain; New onset of severe headache, and student or staff has had NO known exposure,

The student or staff will be informed that s/he must remain out of school/work until:

1. At least twenty-four (24) hours with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicine;
2. Improvement of symptoms related to sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, severe headache;
3. Twenty-four (24) hours with no diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain;
4. If strep throat, do not return until at least two (2) doses of antibiotic have been taken.
5. Although testing is not required, if testing is done, student/staff are to exclude until test results are available.

If onsite, the student or staff member will be moved to an identified isolation area in the building and arrangements made for the employee to go home or receive medical attention (as applicable).

If student or staff is having symptoms AND has had a known exposure, it is recommended that they seek testing and follow quarantine guidelines for known exposure.

**4. No Symptoms & Notice of Possible Exposure** - Students or employees who have had close contact with an individual who displays one or more of the principal symptoms of COVID and is awaiting COVID test results are NOT excluded if they have had no other history of COVID exposure. Symptoms of the employee should be carefully monitored and the employee should be excluded if symptoms develop or if a close contact tests positive for COVID.

**Confidentiality**

The District will take reasonable precautions to protect health information pursuant to all applicable laws and statutes, including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).