



# Milwaukee Academy of Science

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## 2021-2022 COVID Policies and Procedures

Milwaukee Academy of Science (MAS) plans to resume in-person learning beginning for the school year 2021-22 and has put in place preventative measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. MAS cannot guarantee that you or your student will not become infected with COVID-19. Furthermore, attending in-person could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19.

By enrolling for in-person school, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, and voluntarily assume the risk and responsibility that you, your scholar, or household members may be exposed to, or infected by COVID-19.

In addition, you agree to abide by the policies and procedures put in place by MAS leadership.

These expectations shall apply in addition to all other policies applicable to students and families of MAS until such time as these expectations are withdrawn or amended. To the extent that these expectations conflict with the general MAS policies as indicated in the student handbook, the expectations contained in this document shall control while it is in effect.

Please be aware that these expectations, as well as the structure of the 2021-2022 school year, may change on recommendation or guidance from appropriate public agencies.

The following policies have been adjusted or emphasized due to COVID-19.

### **Policies and Procedures:**

Children are **NOT** to be sent to school if they display any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever greater than 100.4 or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Diarrhea
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
- Children are **NOT** to be sent to school if they have tested positive for COVID-19
  - Children are **NOT** to be sent to school if someone in their household has tested positive for COVID-19
  - Children are **NOT** to be sent to school if they are awaiting COVID-19 test result

### **All Students and Staff will be required to wear masks throughout the school day**

#### **Non-Vaccinated Students**

- If a child exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, the parent/guardian is required to inform the school of their absence and the reason for the absence. The child may return to school with a negative COVID-19 test or after a Ten (10) day quarantine period without a COVID-19 test.
- If a child tests positive for COVID-19, the parent/guardian is required to inform the school of their absence and the reason for the absence. The child may return to school after a Ten (10) day quarantine starting the day after onset of symptoms or the day after positive for COVID-19. Documentation must be provided.
- If a member of the child's household tests positive for COVID-19, or the child comes in contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, the parent/guardian is required to inform the

school of their absence and the reason for the absence. The child may return to school after a minimum 14 day quarantine, no signs of symptoms, and/or upon receiving a negative COVID-19 test. Each close contact case will be assessed by the school appointed COVID-19 administrator where he/she will provide quarantine dates.

- Students with COVID-19 symptoms in school will be assessed by our staff. If we determine that the student is not safe to return to class, we will contact the parent/guardian with instructions to pick up the student and possible quarantine.

### **Vaccinated Students**

- If a child who has been vaccinated exhibits a fever of over 100.4 degrees, a loss of taste or smell, or two or more COVID-19 symptoms, the parent/guardian is required to inform the school of their absence and the reason for the absence. The child may return to school with a negative COVID-19 test or after a Ten (10) day quarantine period without a COVID-19 test.
- If a child tests positive for COVID-19, the parent/guardian is required to inform the school of their absence and the reason for the absence. The child may return to school after a Ten (10) day quarantine starting the day after onset of symptoms or the day after positive for COVID-19. Documentation must be provided.
- If a member of the child's household tests positive for COVID-19, or the child comes in contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, and the child then develops COVID-19 symptoms within three (3) days of close contact, the parent/guardian is required to inform the school of their absence and the reason for the absence. The child may return to school with a negative test or after a minimum 14 day quarantine. Each close contact case will be assessed by the school appointed COVID-19 administrator where he/she will provide quarantine dates.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance at school for the 2021-2022 school year is required to the same extent it is always required.

As our MAS community and our broader community navigate this public health crisis, it is our commitment to help our students succeed in any way we can. In the case of a COVID-19 diagnosis or direct exposure, where it is not possible to attend school virtually, attendance concerns will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Absences should be reported to the school each day that a student will not attend school either virtually or in-person. The number for the attendance office is 414-933-0302. If the absence is directly related to COVID-19, please advise the individual answering the phone. If the absence is related to COVID-19, MAS may request that you seek a medical opinion regarding when or if to be tested. MAS reserves the right to prohibit a student from returning until cleared by a physician.

### **DUTY TO REPORT**

If your student or anyone in the household your student normally resides in is diagnosed with COVID-19, you must report that exposure to MAS. The COVID-19 Coordinator will consult with the public health department to assess what precautions should be taken, up to and including but not limited to asking your student to stay home from school for fourteen (14) days after their last contact with the infected individual in order to protect the rest of the school community. This is not a punishment but a precaution and the school will work with you to accommodate keeping your student engaged and current on all school work and discussion to the extent possible during this time.

The same applies to any individual your student has close contact with for more than 15 minutes within 14 days of them testing positive for COVID-19, even if that individual does not share a living space.

## **DAILY SCREENING**

In addition to the symptom screening before your student arrives at school, MAS will be conducting random temperature checks before students enter the building. While the school will be conducting formal screening before students enter the building, if you know that your student is sick or a member of your household has tested positive for or suspected of having COVID-19, please notify the school and do not send your student to the building.

All medical information provided to or obtained by the school will be kept confidential as required by law, but may be used generally to advise or protect other staff and students from transmission of the virus.

If you have symptoms or are diagnosed with COVID-19 or a family member tests positive for COVID-19 your student may be required to stay home until they can be tested or receive medical clearance that they do not have COVID-19 and can safely return to school.

## **EXPECTATIONS AT SCHOOL**

- Stay home if you are sick!
- Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer frequently
- Avoid touching your face and eyes
- Cover any cough or sneeze with a Kleenex or your elbow
- Masks must be worn in all spaces in the building except when students are eating or drinking.
- Keep your spaces picked up so that it is easier to clean them regularly
- Bring your own classroom supplies as much as possible to avoid having to share and borrow supplies.
- Stay socially distanced (at least 3 feet) from others at all times, including in hallways and outside.
- Honor the directional hallway spaces. Stairwells and hallways may be designated as one-way.
- Follow all directions provided to you by teachers or administrators for the safety of the school community.
- Stay in the classrooms and spaces where you are assigned or otherwise directed to be. Sit in your assigned seat in each class.
- Report an illness if you become sick while at school