



2021-2022 Covid-19 Layered Mitigation Strategies

Sussex Montessori School is implementing the following strategies campus wide to help ensure a safe and healthy school year.

- **On Campus Antigen Testing**

- Quidel will be on campus once a week to offer **OPTIONAL** rapid antigen testing to those students **who have opted in for testing.**
- This testing is provided for free through the state of Delaware.
- More information will be coming in the next few weeks detailing the testing procedures and what to expect.
- The test is a nasal swab performed near the nose opening; it is not a deep nasal swab test.
- Parents may opt in or out of the testing at any time.
- School staff will also be participating in this testing.

- **Face Coverings**

- Everyone on campus will be required to wear a face mask.
 - **No gator masks are permitted**
 - **Masks with air vents are not permitted**
 - Masks with ear loops are preferred
- Mask breaks will be provided throughout the school day.
- Masks are not required when outside.
- Lunch procedures:
 - Lunch will be eaten at the classroom's scheduled time.
 - Teachers will ask students who need a school lunch every morning and record on classroom attendance sheet.
 - For meals inside the classroom, 3 feet will be required between all staff/students.
 - Teachers assign student's spots to place lunch trays and towels.
 - Students can remove masks while eating but must replace them when they are finished or if they get up at any time while they are eating.
 - If possible, classrooms will eat lunch outside, weather permitting.
- Please send extra masks with your student.
- The school will have extra masks available.

- **Quarantine Procedure After a School Exposure**

- In the event of a positive case on campus, the school nurse will contact DPH and speak directly with an epidemiologist.
- Due to our mobile classroom environment, if deemed necessary by the epidemiologist, classrooms will be quarantined per DPH guidelines.

- In the event of quarantine, the teachers will implement our remote learning plan.
 - Students who have a PCR test on day five or later after exposure, may return to school on day 8 after exposure.
 - Students who have a Rapid Antigen test performed, may return to school on day 8 after exposure. The rapid test must be done on day 7 after exposure, no earlier.
 - Students who are not tested after exposure, may return to school on day 11 after exposure.
 - In the event of an exposure, the school nurse will notify the parents/guardians of when testing can occur and when a child may return to school.
 - These testing guidelines are non-negotiable.
- **Quarantine Procedure After an Exposure Outside of School**
 - Parents/guardians must notify the school immediately of any exposure to Covid-19 outside of school.
 - If the child is living with a positive case, they must satisfy the quarantine of the positive person within the home and then their own quarantine will begin
 - Students who have a PCR test on day five or later after exposure (in this case, the last day the positive person in the home was in quarantine), may return to school on day 8 after exposure.
 - Students who have a Rapid Antigen test performed, may return to school on day 8 after exposure. The rapid test must be done on day 7 after exposure, no earlier.
 - Students who are not tested after exposure, may return to school on day 11 after exposure.
 - In the event of an exposure, the school nurse will notify the parents/guardians of when testing can occur and when a child may return to school. A clearance letter from DPH will be required to return to school after an exposure outside of school.
 - These testing guidelines are non-negotiable.
- **School Bus Mitigation Strategies**
 - Students will have assigned seats on the bus.
 - Siblings will be placed together on the bus.
 - Buses will be cleaned after every morning and afternoon run.
 - Masks are always required on the bus.
 - Bus windows will be open, weather permitting, to improve air flow.

- **Miscellaneous Mitigation Strategies**

- Sussex Montessori has a state-of-the-art HVAC system.
- Classroom windows are opened, weather permitting, to further improve air flow.
- Families are expected to perform the Daily Home Health Assessment (available in our opening plan).
- Classrooms and school buildings will be cleaned nightly by our contracted company.
- We have a day porter who will be on campus to clean during the school day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Nurse Jen. She is always willing to answer any questions you may have.