



Sarasota Academy of the Arts
Return to School Plan
2021-2022

PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENT EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

- The Department of Health (DOH) will be conducting contact tracing during the 2021-22 school year. **Completely vaccinated students will not need to quarantine unless they show symptoms.** Unvaccinated students, or students who have not completed the series, will be required to quarantine. Quarantined students can return to school on/after day 5 with a negative COVID test (including PCR or the Ellume COVID-19 home test); otherwise, the asymptomatic student may return to campus on/after the 8th day from exposure.
 - Home rapid-antigen tests: While home antigen tests are available at local retailers, the DOH will only accept the **Ellume COVID-19 home test** that can produce a lab report that includes: the date the test was taken, the student's full name and the student's date of birth. The student may also go to any local testing facility to obtain a negative PCR test, as these facilities provide lab reports.
 - **Department of Health in Sarasota County:**
 - Website: <http://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/>
 - Email: DOHSarasotaInfo@FLHealth.gov
 - Phone: (941)861-2900
 - **Ellume COVID-19 Home Test:** For more information go to www.ellumehealth.com
- If a student has previously tested positive for COVID-19 and is re-exposed within 90 days after their initial symptoms started, or their first positive diagnostic COVID-19 test was taken, they will not be required to quarantine as long as the student is asymptomatic.

PROTOCOLS FOR COVID-19 POSITIVE STUDENTS

- If the student is **asymptomatic** and tests positive for COVID-19, they may return to campus with a negative diagnostic COVID-19 PCR test at any point; **or**
- If the student is **symptomatic** and tests positive for COVID-19, they may return to campus, without a negative diagnostic COVID-19 PCR test, 10 days after symptom onset as long as they are fever-free for 24 hours; **or**

The student may return to campus with written permission from a medical doctor (MD), osteopathic physician (DO) or an advanced nurse practitioner (ARNP).

Protocols for Staff

PROTOCOLS FOR SYMPTOMATIC OR COVID-19 POSITIVE STAFF

- If staff test positive for COVID-19, they may return to their worksite after 10 days of isolation.

PROTOCOLS FOR STAFF WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 (Quarantine)

- If staff are asymptomatic they can take a PCR test on day 6 and return with a negative result; or
- If staff decide not to take a test on day 6, they may return to work after day 10.
- It is recommended that staff who develop symptoms during a quarantine take a COVID-19 test to determine results.

Quarantining

- Staff who are quarantined are expected to work remotely at the discretion of their supervisor.
- Unvaccinated employees who are COVID positive, quarantined, or caring for a dependent child who has been quarantined by the DOH will be allowed to work from home if approved by their supervisor. Otherwise, they will need to use their accumulated time.
- **Vaccinated** employees will be given up to 10 COVID days, which will not be charged to paid sick leave while on DOH imposed Covid-19 quarantine or when caring for a dependent child who is quarantined by the DOH. Employees experiencing COVID symptoms will be required to take a COVID test and will be entitled to these days only upon receipt of a positive result, quarantine order or as required by federal law.
- It is expected that students who are quarantined complete any assigned materials. If a student is ill and cannot complete assignments, teachers will follow attendance policy and make-up work will be given as noted in the Student Progression Plan.
- Schools will arrange for parents/guardians to pick up any materials (i.e., textbooks, workbooks, etc.) that teachers deem necessary for instruction. Personalized learning packets will be available for elementary students as needed, and Google Classroom will be used for middle students and/or elementary students, as applicable.
- EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (ESE) ESE students who are quarantining will continue to have access to academic instruction and related services unless there are circumstances outside the school's control that prevent access. If an ESE student is quarantining, the ESE liaison will work with providers to continue delivering services during the quarantine period. (SLP, OT, Counseling, Mental Health Services, Social Skills, PT). A school administrator will work closely with the ESE liaison to assure that ESE students are included in the alternative educational design. Any time educational services are interrupted for an extended period (over five school days) due to a quarantine, the ESE liaison will convene an IEP meeting to discuss provision of compensatory education.
- If a previously positive staff member is re-exposed within 90 days from the date their symptoms started, or their first positive diagnostic COVID-19 test was taken (if they had no symptoms), they will not be required to quarantine.
- If a fully vaccinated staff member is exposed and it's been at least two weeks since their last dose of the vaccine series was received, they will not be required to quarantine.

Contact Tracing/Reporting

- “Exposure” in the contact tracing process is when a person is within 6 feet of a positive COVID case for more than 15 minutes.
- Contact Kathy Bechtel, school's main point of contact (POC) for contact tracing
- The SAA COVID dashboard is updated as needed on the school website, under COVID-19.

Safety

- The SAA office has sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and masks available.
- When possible, practice social distancing and maintain 6 feet of distance.
- Seating charts should be maintained in all classes and buses.
- Hygiene signage should be maintained.
- A/C units installed with ionizer for purification.

In the Classroom/at School

- Encourage students and staff to wash hands and use hand sanitizer regularly.
- Minimize student interactions across cohorts/classes.
- When possible, only have one class at a time on playgrounds to avoid mixing cohorts.
- When in the classroom, or on the bus, students will sit in their assigned seats. Social distancing when possible.
- Encourage students and staff to use hand sanitizer before and after using shared spaces & supplies.
- When students are changing classes or going to an elective/special, practice social distancing when possible.
- Before picking up food in the cafeteria, encourage students and staff to use hand sanitizer or wash hands and practice social distancing when possible.
- If a student rides a car to school, my parents or guardian will drop me off in the car rider area; parents will not be able to walk me to my classroom or to the cafeteria. In some unique situations, due to traffic and safety concerns, all parents/guardians will be informed by the school and provided with specific pickup and drop-off instructions.

Parent/Volunteer Info

- Before students come to school, parents/guardians will check their child's temperature and assess any symptoms. If a student has a fever of 100.4 or higher, or a cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, or has been in direct contact with someone who has COVID-19, the student needs to stay home and contact their medical provider.

- If a student gets sick at school, a parent or guardian will be required to immediately pick them up.
- Remind students to practice social distancing, when possible, when waiting for the bus.
- If a student rides in a car to school, parents/guardians will drop them off in the car rider area; parents will not be able to walk students to class or to the cafeteria. If your school's pick-up or drop-off procedures have changed, please communicate them with your families.
- If a student rides a bike or walks to school, they will enter the school at the designated entry point.
- For the next 30 days, starting Tuesday, August 10, 2021, we will be temporarily suspending all field trips and non-essential visitors.

Protocols for Students

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VISITORS

Parents and non-essential visitors **will not be permitted** on campus for the first 30 days that school is in session. This may change depending on the level of community spread of COVID-19. At that time, visitors will be asked to fill out the Visitor Checklist.

Name:

Date:

VISITOR CHECKLIST

Since your last day of visiting ISNP, have you had any of the following symptoms?	YES	NO
A fever of 100.4 degrees or higher?		
Has there been any use of fever reducing medication within the last 3 days?		
A new cough that is not due to any other health condition?		
A sore throat that is not due to any other health condition?		
New muscle aches that are not due to any other health condition or that may have been caused by a specific activity (i.e. physical exercise)?		
A new loss of taste and/or smell?		
Have you had a positive COVID-19 test within the last 10 days?		
Have you had close contact (within 6 ft for more than 15 minutes) with someone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19?		

If visitors are suspected to be sick and/or have recently experienced COVID-19 symptoms, they are NOT permitted to enter the building.