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MASKING & SICK POLICY SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Starting Monday, September 12th, Woodroe Woods will be moving our indoor guidance from a requirement to recommendation. Although masking will be optional, we absolutely support and encourage families, students, and staff to continue wearing masks. We know that each family has different needs, preferences, and opinions on the matter.

Please communicate directly to your student's teacher(s) if you wish for your student to remain masked indoors.

We will continue with our health and safety practices on campus and ask that all families continue daily health screening of your student at home before arriving to school, this is the most effective way to catch signs of illness early. Our frequent hand washing, and high level of disinfection in classrooms and surfaces throughout the campus will remain in practice. Upper windows in every classroom will remain open at all times, and additional windows or a door(s) will also be open to encourage cross ventilation. 100% of staff are vaccinated, and practice daily health screening of themselves as well.

Masks

Continued masking is recommended for all unvaccinated students. Masking is also required under the following circumstances:

- **10 Day Masking Requirement** - Any student directly exposed to Covid, regardless of vaccination status, must remain masked for a total of 10 consecutive days.
- **Covid Positive Masking Requirement** - If your student tests positive for Covid, they will be required to stay out of the program for 5 days. Day of a positive test is considered day zero(0). Upon return on the 6th day (and mostly symptom free), they will be required to mask up through day 10, including outside. If symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving, continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving or until after day 10.
- **School Covid Exposure** - You will be notified of any reported Covid exposures within the program, and your child may remain in attendance if they are symptom free. We will be having them mask for 10 days, both indoors and outdoors. It is highly recommended to test your student 3-5 days after an exposure notice is received.

· **Off Site Covid Exposure** - If your student is exposed outside the program, they must remain home for at least 24 hours to monitor for any Covid-like symptoms. A negative Covid test will be required to return to school, as well as 10 days of masking.

Testing

· **Symptoms** - If your child is experiencing a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea they are to stay home for a minimum of 24 hours. Once resolved for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, they can return to school with a negative Covid test.

It is at the Administration's discretion to determine if a student is well enough to attend the program. Symptoms must be mostly resolved, and not hinder their ability to participate in school.

Students with the following **mild symptoms** may attend school provided a negative test result is taken the morning of symptoms:

- Headache
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Congestion/runny nose *(Students with allergies: provide a letter from your child's physician indicating current allergy and plan of action)

· **Procedure to Return to School** - Email photographic proof of your student's Negative test to info@woodroewoods.org, include the child's name and date of test taken. A second test may be required on day 3-5, if symptoms have not resolved, or they worsen. Parent/Authorized Representative is to be covid negative during drop off and at pick up.

We will continue to support all of our families the best we can in the midst of these changes, and we thank you for entrusting Woodroe Woods School to provide a solid learning foundation within a fun, caring, and social environment.

Parents, Guardians, and adults dropping off and picking up students are allowed in outdoor spaces on campus, including yards and patios. At this time, we are not welcoming parents back inside classrooms. We are working on a policy to get parents and family members back in the classrooms to read, volunteer, and check in with teachers more freely in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

We encourage all of our families to make their own decisions about whether their child(ren) should continue to mask, based on their risk and comfort levels, as well as the risk of the other members of their household.

Although we are very excited about this progress towards normalcy, we strongly encourage parents to talk with their child(ren) about how to respect others who still decide to wear masks. The teachers will be having discussions addressing this freedom of choice with their students. We will do our best to maintain a high level of communication and truly appreciate your partnership and support in doing the same on your end.