

AL SAFE RETURN TO IN- PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

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**Académie
Lafayette**

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HEAD OF SCHOOL STATEMENT

Dear AL Community,

I would like to thank the teams and individuals that collaborated on this district reopening plan, including staff, parents, students, covid-19 committee, Board of Education, our Board of Directors, school leaders, Missouri Charter Public School Association, Children's Mercy Hospital, and local health authorities.

While we are currently planning on being back 5 days a week in person, it is important to note that circumstances can, and likely will, change. Consequently, this plan is fluid and will change and adapt to respond to new information as it becomes available. To access our most recent reopening plan and frequently asked questions document, please visit the Académie Lafayette website (www.academielifayette.org).

I thank you for your continued support of our school and this reopening plan.



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Head of School

HEALTH GUIDELINES

At Home Daily Screenings Before School

Symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to:

Fever or chills, cough, nasal congestion or runny nose, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, stomachache, tiredness, headache, muscle or body aches not explainable by a pre existing medical condition(s).

- Families are responsible for screening their children for any above symptoms of COVID-19 as well as any other communicable disease prior to going to school each morning.
- If your child has any of the above symptoms, you should keep your child home and contact their primary care provider as soon as possible for further guidance. Anyone awaiting the results of a COVID test should not return to school until they have received those results.
- If your child exhibits even mild illness, they must stay home. Sending a child to school to see if they can “make it through the day” (for example with Tylenol or Ibuprofen in their system), must, without exception, end immediately. This is for the health and safety of our community.

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Illness at School

In this pandemic, it is essential that ALL illnesses be reported to the school nurse.

- Armour: contact Stephanie Cook, scook@academielafayette.org, (816) 800-8771
- Oak: contact Alexis Schloss, aschloss@academielafayette.org, (816) 371-7735
- Cherry: contact Megan Whisenant, mwhisenant@academielafayette.org, (816) 888-7400

The CDC uses 100.4 °F in their fever guidelines for COVID-19, however Académie Lafayette's medical policy has always used a temperature threshold of 99.6°F for exclusion from school, this policy will continue for school use.

If any student or staff member is found to be ill during the school day they will be sent home immediately. Students with a temperature of 99.6 °F or greater and/or have symptoms of communicable diseases, including COVID-19, will wait for their parent's arrival with a mask on and will not be returned to the classroom.

It is of utmost importance that parents provide Académie Lafayette with working phone numbers for parents, guardians, and others who are on the emergency contact list. If a student is being sent home from school, they must be picked up within one hour.

Because of the wide range of symptoms being exhibited in cases of COVID-19, anyone sent home with a temperature of 99.6°F or greater must remain out of school or work until they are fever-free and symptom-free, without the use of fever-reducing medications for at least 24 hours prior to returning, and any other symptoms are improving.



Académie Lafayette uses a temperature threshold of 99.6°F for exclusion from school.

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Suspected or Confirmed Case

- Student/staff member diagnosed with COVID-19 must remain isolated at home for a minimum of 5 days and be fever and symptom-free for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school, whichever is longer. If your student has been fever-free without the use of medications for 24 hours and their symptoms are improving, they may return to school on day 6.
- Students with symptoms should not attend school. In all instances, symptomatic individuals must be free of fever, vomiting, and diarrhea without the use of medication for at least 24h and have improving symptoms prior to returning to school.
- Students exhibiting 2 or more covid symptoms can be tested at school as long as we have guardian consent on file. If a guardian does not consent to testing at school, the symptomatic child will be sent home until a negative test has been provided.
- Return to school for children with an alternate diagnosis is at the discretion of their healthcare provider and/or the school nurse.
- Students that return from isolation must wear a mask at all times until day 10. If you feel your student is unable to abide by these masking requirements, they should stay home for the full 10 days.
- The health department will be notified as required of COVID-19 cases and may offer guidance on closure of classes, buildings, or the district. Académie Lafayette reserves the right to close any class, building, or the district at any time in the interest of the health and safety of our community. The affected student or staff's cohort and any other potentially exposed individuals may be notified. Académie Lafayette may exclude the exposed groups from school for up to the full quarantine period of 10 days from the last known exposure.

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As of April 1st, 2022 the nurses will no longer do full-scale contact tracing when we are notified of a COVID diagnosis. We may continue to send classroom or cohort notifications when there has been an identified case of COVID in a specific setting (bus, Upper Room, class/cohort) so families are aware that they should watch for any signs and symptoms of COVID for their exposed child. Exceptions to this new practice may be made in the event of an outbreak.

Visual Case Guide

Person A

Diagnosed

- Must remain isolated at home for a minimum of 5 days from symptom onset, and be fever and symptom-free for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school, whichever is longer.

Person B

In contact with person A

- Watch for symptoms.
- If become symptomatic, should be evaluated for COVID-19.



[Click here](#)
for the CDC
definition of
a close
contact.

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Mask Usage

Académie Lafayette encourages but does not require all students and staff to wear a mask while indoors. We will revert back to required masking based on the following criteria: COVID infection rate, absenteeism rate, after a school break, and a few other situations. [Please click here](#) to read the full masking protocol. An exception will be made if the student has a note sent directly from their primary care provider's office explaining that wearing a mask is harmful to the student's overall health.

Students that return from isolation must wear a mask at all times until day 10. If you feel your student is unable to abide by these masking requirements, they should stay home for the full 10 days.

To be prepared for times when masking is required, families will be responsible for providing well-fitting daily masks for their students. All masks must have at least 2 layers and may not have an exhalation valve. Students are encouraged to bring at least 3 masks each day. Masks must cover the nose and mouth at all times. Visibly dirty/damaged masks should be changed.

Visit limitations: all visitors, substitutes, and volunteers are required to wear a mask that covers both their nose and mouth at all times in the building. Reasons for visiting are strictly limited and outlined later in this document.

The CDC does specifically warn against the use of masks with exhalation valves, thus these types of masks will not be permitted for use at Académie Lafayette. Gaiter masks are not acceptable at school.

Asthma Care in the School Setting

Nebulizer treatments carry a very high risk of disease transmission. If a student needs nebulizer treatments, they must stay home until their asthma can be controlled with inhaler-use only.

Hand Hygiene

Students will wash or sanitize their hands several times a day, with particular attention paid to washing using soap and water before and after eating, after recess, after using the restroom, and any time visibly soiled. Sanitizer is appropriate for periodic use during the school day when soap and water is not readily available. Hand sanitizer may be used after blowing one's nose, coughing, sneezing, or touching high touch surfaces.

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Respiratory Etiquette

Students and staff are asked to cough in their elbow and cover their sneeze with a tissue.

Bathroom and Water Breaks

The number of students in each bathroom at the same time will be reduced. Classes will take scheduled bathroom and water breaks.

Please discuss with your student the importance of using the restroom only during scheduled break times. Staff will monitor students to make sure they adequately wash their hands after bathroom use.

Staff and Student Vaccinations

Académie Lafayette encourages its staff, teachers, and students eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information, please contact your campus nurse.

If your child is vaccinated, please submit a copy of their vaccination card to the nurse showing both doses as soon as possible. If your child has gotten their booster shot, feel free to use the same survey to update their records.

Disability Accommodations

Accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies will be provided as needed or dictated by an Individualized Education Plan/504.

Health References



The full Académie Lafayette Health Policy can be found [here](#).

LOGISTICS

Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols

- Custodial staff will continue daily cleaning of all areas throughout the buildings with increased and frequent attention to high touch and high traffic areas.
- Teachers and staff will be responsible for disinfecting high touch surfaces in their individual spaces.
- Evening custodial staff will disinfect all common spaces, offices and classrooms nightly.

Transportation

- Buses will be disinfected before each morning and afternoon route.
- Students and bus drivers will always wear masks over the nose and mouth at all times while on the bus.
- Students should load the bus back to front.
- Students will be seated as far apart as possible on assigned seats. However, variations may occur depending on routes and busses.
- Windows should be opened (weather permitting) to allow for air flow.
- Transportation changes should be made by contacting Jeff Sumy, jsumy@academielafayette.org.

Sources

[CDC](#), [CMH](#), [Missouri State guidelines](#), [KCHD](#), [DESE guidelines](#), [NASN guidelines](#).