



The SEED School of Washington, D.C.

SEED Health and Safety Plan

School Year 2022-2023

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The purpose of this document is to outline our plan for keeping members of the school community safe from COVID-19 transmission during the 2022-2023 school year. We will continue to update the plan as conditions and regulations change.

PREVENTION OF COVID-19

Our COVID-19 prevention strategies are divided into two categories:

- (1) Everyday prevention measures that will be kept in place during all COVID-19 Community Levels (including Low)
- (2) Enhanced prevention measures that will be implemented during Medium or High COVID-19 Community Levels OR in response to facility and student-specific needs (e.g. during a facility outbreak or to maintain a safe in-person learning environment for disabled or immunocompromised students).

Everyday prevention measures (regardless of COVID-19 Community Level):

- COVID-19 vaccination (required for anyone 16 years of age or older; recommended for students under the age of 16).
- Staying home when sick
- COVID-19 diagnostic testing
- Isolation (for symptomatic or COVID-19 positive people)
- Quarantine (for people who are either positive for COVID-19 or unvaccinated persons who are exposed to a person who is positive for COVID-19)
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Optimizing indoor ventilation and air quality (air purifiers in every classroom and shared space on campus)
- Regular cleaning and disinfection
- Masks (optional)

Enhanced prevention measures

- For Medium or High COVID-19 Community Levels or facility-specific-needs:
 - Masks required
 - COVID-19 screening testing
- For High COVID-19 Community Levels (or facility-specific needs)
 - Avoiding crowding in the facility (e.g. eating lunch in classrooms, dismissing one classroom at a time)
 - Prioritizing outdoor activities
 - Cohorting

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

Contact Identification and Communication

- When a case of COVID-19 is identified on campus, contact identification will be carried out by school administration to identify and dismiss potential close contacts.
- We will notify any individual who may have been exposed to COVID-19 at the facility via email and phone call.
- Contact identification will focus on COVID-19 cases who started having symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 5 days. Contact notification will focus on those who were exposed in the last 5 days.
- We will share the following information with potentially exposed staff members and parents/guardians of potentially exposed students:
 - Education about COVID-19, including the signs and symptoms of COVID-19
 - Referral to *Guidance for Close Contacts of a Person Confirmed to have COVID-19: Quarantine and Testing*, available at coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance
 - Information on options for COVID-19 testing in the District of Columbia, available at coronavirus.dc.gov/testing.
- The privacy of the staff or student will be maintained.

Reporting:

We are required to notify DC Health if:

- We have 25 or more confirmed COVID-19 cases tied to a single event that occurred at or was hosted/sponsored by the school.
- We will notify DC Health by submitting an online form on the DC Health COVID-19 Reporting Requirements website: dchealth.dc.gov/page/covid-19-reportingrequirements.

- Submit a Non-Healthcare Facility COVID-19 Consult Form. If we are unable to access the Non-Healthcare Facility COVID-19 Consult Form, we will submit the cases via email to covid19.epita@dc.gov.
- DC Health must be notified on the same day the outbreak was reported to the school, as soon as possible after the school was notified.