

December 15, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Updates

Dear Link parents and guardians,

We are reaching out to our school families to share some updates, as we continue to strive to keep our school community safe.

Protocols for Positive Test Results: Pursuant to guidance from the Department of Health, we require the individuals with positive results to quarantine and we gather information regarding exposure timeline and contact. We are monitoring cases and are communicating with the Department of Health. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, s/he must stay home and quarantine. **Anyone with positive test results must complete the daily health check AND contact us immediately by emailing nurse@linkschool.org and one of the nurses will contact you** to determine the correct number of school days your child must quarantine.

School Instruction During Covid Quarantine: During a period of quarantine, if the Link scholar has no symptoms, s/he is required to participate in remote learning, utilizing Google Classroom. A member of our instructional team will contact you via email to ensure your child is participating with remote learning but your child should not wait for this email. All Link scholars know how to access their lessons remotely. Your child should have received a Chromebook for use at home. If you have any questions about remote learning, please contact Mrs. Kennedy, Link's Vice Principal, at hkennedy@linkschool.org.

Continuing In-School Protocols: As people gather inside and the winter weather begins, numbers will likely continue to increase and we will see incidents of the common cold, flu, and other illnesses, as well as COVID-19. It is very important to continue to implement our protocols, now more than ever:

- All families must complete the health check each day before your child enters the school.
- If your child has a fever or any of the COVID-19 symptoms, keep your child home and discuss the symptoms with the school nurse or your doctor.
- Masks must be worn whenever inside the building and the masks must be worn properly (covering the nose and mouth). This is the requirement for EVERYONE in the building, adult and child alike. Please talk with your child/ren about the importance of wearing it properly. Teachers and staff will do the same, but after repeat issues, they will call home to speak with a parent/guardian.
- We must wash hands regularly and sanitize them throughout the day.
- Whenever possible, we must work within the shielding provided.
- As much as possible, we must maintain physical distance.

Protocols to Remind your Children About:

- Masks are key! We are seeing more and more scholars come to school without a mask each morning. Please make sure that your child has a mask on as s/he heads out of the house every day. We will always provide a mask to anyone who forgets one, but it is better to enter the building with a mask on.
- Maintain physical distance and stay within the des/table shielding provided
- Sanitize and wash hands periodically!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Pilar Paradiso".

Maria Pilar Paradiso
Head of School

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Kathleen M. Hester, Ed.S.
Principal