

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

What safety protocols are in place for in person instruction?

- The academy will cooperate with local public health authorities.
- The academy prohibits indoor assemblies that bring together students from more than one classroom.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be set up around the building, with regular handwashing strongly encouraged. Scheduled handwashing every 2-3 hours for staff and students.
- An adequate supply of soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, and handwashing signs.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks will be available for students.
- Disinfection of classrooms in between classes by teachers.
- Limited sharing of writing utensils and shared materials; disinfection between each use.
- 1:1 Chromebooks assigned to each student.
- Social distancing as much as possible inside classrooms. Teachers will distance from students as much as possible.
- Floor markings to indicate social distancing.
- Social distancing in the hallways with staggered direction to avoid students crossing paths.

Are facial coverings (i.e. masks) required at FLA?

• Facial coverings must always be worn by staff and students except for meals. Facial coverings may be homemade or disposable level one (basic) grade surgical masks. Any staff or student who cannot medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Any staff or student that is incapacitated or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance must not wear a facial covering.

What about daily temperature screenings?

- Students will have their temperature screened in the morning by their homeroom teacher before entering the classroom. A record will be turned into the office daily.
- All adults who enter the building will have their temperature screened and a record will be kept in the office.
- Families are encouraged to temperature screen their student before school at home.

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What happens if a student presents COVID-19 symptoms at school?

• Students who become ill with fever or COVID-19 symptoms will wear a mask and be quarantined until a caregiver picks them up.

What if my student tests positive for COVID-19?

- Positive and symptomatic students should be kept home until a doctor's note specifies their clearance to return to school.
- Remote learning will take place for ill students (valid for attendance purpose if work is completed).

What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 families will be notified while keeping the confidentiality of the affected individual.
- Staff with a positive case will be required to stay home until a doctor's note specifies their clearance to safely return to work.
- After a positive COVID-19 case is detected, classrooms will be closed for 24 hours before cleaning.
- In this event the school may resort to remote learning for two or more weeks for quarantine purposes.

What are the different learning models?

- In person instruction in which 100% of the student population is expected to attend the academy daily.
- Hybrid Instruction which is a blend of in person and virtual instruction. 50% of the student population will be allowed attend the academy in person, while the other 50% will participate in remote learning. All students will experience both types of instruction on alternating days.
- Complete remote (alternative) instruction which will include but not limited to; online learning, telephone communication, email, virtual instruction, videos, slideshows, project based learning, instructional packets.

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Who determines the learning model that will be used?

- The State of Michigan determines which phase of reopening we are in. Different reopening phases will determine which learning model is used.
- In phase 1-3 the academy will be closed for in person instruction. All instruction will be remote.
- In phase 4 there will be 100% in person instruction with safety protocols. However depending on enrollment numbers in person instruction might switch to a hybrid model in which students will receive in person and virtual instruction. There will be a family option for remote only learning.
- In phase 5 all instruction will be 100% in person, and there may be a family option for remote learning (determined by the Principal on a case-by-case basis).

Who provides the virtual learning technology?

• FLA will provide 1:1 Chromebooks for all students to use at home. If internet services are not available in the home FLA will provide internet hotspots for students.

What about my students learning accommodations?

• Instructional staff will work together to provide the learning accommodations for each student based on their IEP or 504 plan.

What about the social and emotional learning needs of my student?

- Mental health screenings by School Social Worker and School Psychologist will be completed. These can take place via Zoom, phone call checks in, or recurring communication with families.
- Rapid reporting of at-risk students to School Social Worker and School Psychologist.
- Staff will receive Professional Development on social emotional learning, trauma informed practices, PBIS, and Restorative Justice.

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