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FLA COVID-19 Update / Symptom Screener

Dear Fostering Leadership Academy Families, Staff and Scholars,

For your information, the Wayne County Health Department has revised the [COVID-19 Student Symptom Screening Tool](#) for Families, based on guidance from MDHHS as we enter into the cold and flu season. The revised tool separates symptoms into two categories and asks if you have any new, unusual or worsening symptoms in those categories. Additionally, the form asks if you have been in close contact with anyone that is positive. If any response is yes, you must keep your child home and contact your school to report any symptoms and the absence. **It is critical that children are screened at home EACH MORNING before coming to school.** This process is what helps keep our scholars and staff safe in school and a primary contributor to allowing us to continue in-person learning for scholars.

PLEASE CONTINUE COVID REPORTING TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

While we are still in a full virtual learning environment and as we head back into in-person learning, it is important that families **continue to report to your child's school attendance office and/or principal's office if anyone in your household is a presumed or positive COVID case, if your child has been in close contact with a presumed or positive COVID case, or if your child is being tested for or is COVID positive.** Our COVID Response Team, in coordination with our school nurse and the Wayne County Health Department, are ready to support you through the reporting and necessary quarantine requirements.

COVID CASE TRACKING at FLA

As we continue to navigate through this pandemic, we have begun to see evidence of school transmission of positive cases. We currently are not on the [School-Related Outbreak Reporting List](#). However, we did recently have two scholars in the building who tested positive for the virus. This, and all other school contact tracing information, has been reported to the Health Department who is

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responsible for reviewing, further identifying community spread and reporting to the School-Related Outbreak Reporting List.

FLA, in partnership with MCHS, continues to take every precaution to maintain the health and safety of everyone on campus and minimize any risk of exposure. This includes: limiting visitors on the FLA campus (outside of family members, government officials, and approved vendors) and maintaining a comprehensive deep cleaning of all buildings on campus. We also have limited the size of groups on campus, mandated masks, and have a heavy emphasis on handwashing and social distancing. Additionally, FLA continues to conduct daily health screenings and temperature checks of all staff and visitors. FLA has also made masks available for staff, scholars and visitors to wear, which are mandatory. We continue to follow all social distancing guidance set forth by our governmental officials and request all of you to do the same.

While we continue to implement COVID safety protocols with fidelity throughout our buildings and classrooms, the volume of community cases impact the control and spread within our buildings. The FLA Covid Response Team along with the Health Department will continue to monitor these outbreaks and all other cases.

There has been press coverage concerning a change in the CDC's recommendations around the quarantine period for persons who are a close contact of a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case. The Wayne County Health Division has reported that the CDC has not yet issued any documentation related to this change, and that once released and reviewed by the Health Division, any revision in local quarantine guidance will be issued as soon as possible.

Our scholars, staff, and families have come together in incredible ways to implement safety protocols and adjust to new practices for in-person instruction, and the results have been clear in limiting COVID-19 transmission in school. We will remain vigilant in these practices during in-person instruction, and believe that these efforts, combined with reducing spread within the community, provide the greatest opportunity to return to and/or continue uninterrupted in-person instruction. **It is imperative that families and staff symptom screen each morning, stay home as required by the screener and report**

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all information to the school. With the upcoming holidays, we also encourage all staff and families to consider abiding by the [CDC guidance regarding Holiday Celebrations](#).

We appreciate the many sacrifices our staff, our scholars, and our families continue to make as we navigate these challenging times, and we are grateful for your partnership as we work together to promote the learning, safety, health and well-being of all. We encourage everyone to work together to take the necessary steps both inside and outside of school to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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Principal

Attachment: [Revised Wayne County COVID-19 Screening Tool for Families](#)