

Dear Aspire Living & Learning Staff, Students, and Families,

August 19, 2021

We are hoping this correspondence finds you healthy and well-rested for the start of the 2021-2022 academic year. We are all very excited to start the new year and are eager to be back in school with our students. We are reaching out to share current Covid 19 related and return to school guidelines for the fall.

Our protocols align with the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CDPH) and are listed below.

In- School Learning:

- All learning will be implemented in-person effective the first day of school, which is Thursday, September 2, 2021.
- Virtual learning will be offered for *medically quarantining students and staff only*.
- All students and staff will be required to wear masks during the school day. Mask breaks will be granted upon request. As updates come forth concerning mitigation strategies from the state of Connecticut, parents and students will be notified.
- Masks are not required during outdoor activities.
- Aspire will continue to adhere to all CDC Guidelines concerning mask wearing, social distancing, and hand washing.
- In the event of school closures due to inclement weather, virtual learning will NOT be available and missed school days will be made-up at the end of the school year. In the event we are moved to a hybrid/virtual learning model due to Covid 19, remote learning will be utilized.
- As vaccination is the most effective method of mitigating the risk and spread of Covid 19, please be sure to notify/send in your vaccination card to our school nurse, Lisa Byler at lbyler@allinc.org if your child is vaccinated. If you need help setting up an appointment for your child, please contact our school nurse, Lisa Byler at lbyler@allinc.org.
- At this time, all school meetings (PPT's, team meetings, etc.) will be held virtually via the Microsoft Team's platform.

<p>COVID 19 Guidelines for Students and Staff</p> <p>Current symptoms considered potential COVID symptoms by the CDC:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever or chills • Cough • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches • Headache • New loss of taste or smell • Sore throat • Congestion or runny nose • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea 	
<p>Criteria for returning to school if student/staff is exhibiting any of the symptoms above:</p>	<p>Unvaccinated staff or students: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A doctor's note stating an alternative diagnosis responsible for the symptoms AND 24 hours symptom free - A negative Covid-19 PCR test AND 24 hours symptom free - An isolation period of 10 days AND 24 hours symptom free 	<p>Vaccinated staff or students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek clinical evaluation of symptoms - May return to work/school after being symptom free for 24 hours
<p>Criteria for returning to school if student or staff has been exposed to someone who has tested positive to COVID-19</p>	<p>Unvaccinated staff or students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A quarantine period of 10 days AND no symptoms exhibited <p>The quarantine begins on the last day the staff/student was exposed to the individual testing positive</p>	<p>Vaccinated staff and students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A quarantine period of 7 days AND no symptoms exhibited
<p>Travel Guidelines for Individuals Traveling Outside of CT.</p>	<p>Unvaccinated staff or students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A negative PCR Test and quarantine period of 7 days AND no symptoms exhibited <p>If you prefer not to take a test, you must quarantine for 10 days AND exhibit no symptoms</p>	<p>Vaccinated staff: No quarantine necessary</p>

Looking forward to our continued collaboration and a happy and healthy school year!

Sincerely,

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