



## Oxford Preparatory School

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### 2021 – 2022 COVID Mitigation Plan

#### Approved by the OPS Board of Directors (3/10/22)

As Oxford Preparatory School transitions back into the learning environment with full capacity for all grades, we are committed to provide facilities that are clean and safe for all with a physical setting that is appropriate and adequate for learning. In updating the OPS COVID Mitigation Plan, OPS is reviewing guidance from both the CDC and NCDHHS to inform decision making for the creation of this plan. OPS intends to meet most of these guidelines as they continue to be updated, to provide a safe, healthy environment for both employees and students within our school facilities, while also minimizing the risk of mass quarantines.

Our school is grateful for opportunity for all five and older to receive vaccinations. As a school, we believe in the efficacy of COVID vaccines and encourage all faculty, staff, and students to be vaccinated. Given the Emergency Authorization Status of current COVID vaccines, we do not require vaccines as a condition of employment or student attendance at this time. However, once COVID vaccines are no longer subject to Emergency Authorization Status, or should OPS believe it is in the best interest of the school community, COVID vaccinations may be required with exceptions for those who are unable to be vaccinated due to health or religious belief protected by Title VII.

As of the most recent October Board meeting on 3/10/22, the following protocols will be implemented...

- Students and staff that are demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19 will be subject to diagnostic testing via rapid test by the school nurse or community testing partner (with parental consent) and potential recommendation for lab based PCR testing with a community partner.
- Students and staff presumed to have or are diagnosed with COVID-19 must stay home until they meet NCDHHS's current school toolkit criteria for return to school.
- Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol by staff and older children.
- Vaccination opportunities in the community for students and staff will be shared and promoted.
- Air purification have been installed and utilized with each HVAC unit on permanent buildings on campus.
- Perform ongoing and routine environmental cleaning and disinfection of high-touch areas with EPA approved disinfectant for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19). Paper-based materials, such as books and loose-leaf paper, are not considered high-risk for COVID-19 transmission, and do not need additional cleaning or disinfection procedures.
- Install motion activated paper towel and soap dispensers.

- Provide PPE stations that will include hand sanitizer, at every building entrance.

Sincerely,

Andrew Swanner

Executive Director

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