



COVID HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS 2021-22

The health and safety of our Team & Family remains a priority, and we continue to look to the CDC, national, state and local health experts as a guide for safe in-person instruction. Here's an overview of what to expect on IDEA campuses for the new school year.

HEALTH SCREENINGS

- All students and staff will use IDEA's [health screening guidelines](#) to self-screen at home before arriving to the campus or bus stop each day.
- Campus Health Aides will check temperatures throughout the day if students begin showing symptoms.

FACE MASKS

- Due to recent changes in local/state guidance, individuals in Florida and Texas are not required, but are highly encouraged, to wear face coverings while on IDEA campuses.
- Face masks are still required for IDEA campuses in Louisiana due to local/state mandates.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Social distancing strategies will be maintained for staff and students to the extent possible in classrooms and common areas.
- On buses, we will space out students when possible and will group together siblings and students who carpool.

HAND HYGIENE

- Hand washing time will be prioritized daily, and hand sanitizer will be in each classroom.
- Students will clean their hands upon entering the building, before and after every meal and after restroom use.

QUARANTINES

- **Texas:** In alignment with state and CDC recommendations, IDEA will consult with local health authorities when a positive COVID case is reported on campus. IDEA will follow local guidance regarding whether certain students or staff are recommended to quarantine. Based on updated guidance from the state, school districts cannot require quarantine for students unless directed by the local health authority. Individuals who are fully vaccinated and two weeks out from their second dose (if applicable) will not be required to quarantine if they do not have symptoms.
- **Louisiana:** In alignment with state and CDC recommendations, IDEA will consult with local health authorities when a positive COVID case is reported on campus. Schools are required to communicate to students and staff members that were identified as "close contacts" to the confirmed case or symptomatic person with known exposure, and schools must require the close contacts to self-quarantine for 10 days.
- **Florida:** Individuals who are fully vaccinated and two weeks out from their second dose (if applicable) will not be required to quarantine if they do not have symptoms. Asymptomatic staff and students who are identified as close contacts may test via PCR on day 6 or later. If negative, they may leave quarantine after day 7. Without testing, quarantine can end after day 10, if daily symptom monitoring indicates they are symptom free.

CLEANING

- Staff will clean frequently touched surfaces throughout the school day.
- Campuses may offer symptomatic testing to students with parent consent based on supply availability through the state and telemedicine partnerships.

MEALS

- School cafeterias are now open for meal consumption for breakfast and lunch.
- Campuses may offer symptomatic testing to students with parent consent based on supply availability through the state and telemedicine partnerships.

**Last updated on July 21, 2021. All protocols are subject to change.*