

FRIENDS
SCHOOL



Friends School

COVID-19 Plan

Fall 2021

Updated August 10, 2021

Subject to change pending BCPHE, CDPHE, CDC guidance

Plan Summary

Friends School will be following [BCPHE's Public Health Order 2021-07](#) which aligns with [CDC's guidance for Childcare and K-12 education](#), the [American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendation](#) for universal masking in school and childcare settings, and [CDPHE's updated guidance](#) recommendations to reduce the number of quarantines in schools.

- **In-person:** Friends will offer in-person learning only, unless cohorts/pods need to quarantine.
- **Vaccination:** 100% of our faculty and staff are vaccinated.
- **Masks:** Universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and tutors/vendors, regardless of vaccination status (per BCPHE Order). Outdoor masking is optional.
- **Pods/Cohorting:** Students will be allowed to move about the building with their classes (pod/cohort).
- **Maximizing outdoor activities:** Students will spend as much time outdoors as possible. Be sure to send appropriate clothing for all kinds of weather.
- **Quarantine:** Friends will follow BCPHE's orders regarding quarantining and handle it on a case-by-case basis.
- **Ventilation:** Windows will remain open whenever possible. Air purifiers and/or HEPA filters run in all buildings during school hours.
- **Cleaning and Disinfecting:** Whenever different classes use the same classroom, desks/tables will be wiped down.
- **Hand washing/Sanitizer:** At least before and after eating, using shared materials, and during breaks. In addition to school-provided hand sanitizer, students should bring their own as well.
- **Symptom Screening:** Parents will continue monitor at home each morning; Friends will continue to conduct symptom screening at carline/drop-off each morning.
- **Testing:** Our community has access to free testing via [COVIDCheckColorado](#).
- **Spacing:** As much as possible, we will space students 3ft. apart.

FAQs

Will parents/caregivers be allowed in the building?

We are currently continuing with extremely limited parent access to our campuses. We hope to welcome our parents and caregivers into our buildings on a more regular basis as the year progresses pending direction from BCPHE. Drop-off and pick-up will be at the designated areas outside each building.

Will there be AfterCare?

Yes. Information about AfterCare and enrichment classes (grades K-8, and those age 5+) will be coming soon.

How does Friends School make decisions regarding COVID-19?

We always defer to BCPHE's guidance/recommendations, which largely follows CDPHE. Friends attends weekly partner school meetings with BCPHE. Our staff is updated weekly and families are updated on an as-needed basis. In the event of a COVID-19 exposure or case within our community, our team consisting of the Head of School, Director of Marketing and Communications, and the three Program Heads confer to determine next steps based on CDPHE's COVID-19 tools. Most cases are unique and require considerable investigation and tracking. We notify our community of cases that are pertinent to their classes/pods/programs. The safety of our students and staff is at the forefront of all decisions that are made.

How Can Parents Help?



Monitor

- Take your child's temperature and monitor for symptoms before coming to school.
- Complete symptom screening at carline.



Masks

- Send two masks with your child to school every day. Select masks that your child will be comfortable wearing and that will stay on easily.
- Talk with your child about proper mask wearing over the mouth *and* nose.
- Remind your child that some of our community members may choose to wear a mask outdoors for various reasons (to protect themselves or loved ones at home).



Keep your child at home . . .

if your child feels unwell or presents ANY of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4+ 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
- Rash
- Consult the ["At Home Covid Symptom Screening"](#) tool

Exposures and Positive Cases



If you, your child, or a household member test positive for COVID-19 or are exposed to a positive case of COVID-19, please follow this protocol:

- Remain at home and do not come to school
- Contact your Program Head with details (Preschool: [Shelby Pawlina](#) (x231); Elementary: [Krysten Fort-Catanese](#) (x267); Middle: [Ivan Johnson](#) (x255)). They will consult with the Head of School, Director of Marketing & Communications, and BCPHE to determine next steps.
- For **positive** cases, begin quarantine using ["How to Quarantine"](#) tool. Friends will consult with BCPHE and determine ["Who Needs to Quarantine"](#) at school.
- For **exposures**, get tested on day 5 from last exposure. Testing is available at [CovidCheck Colorado](#).
- Determine when it's safe to return to school through CDPHE's [Return to Learn](#) tool (subject to updates).
- For students who become ill when at school, Friends will assess the ["Addressing Symptoms at School"](#) tool, consult with BCPHE, and determine quarantines on a case-by-case basis.
- If you travel out of state, follow [CDPHE's travel guidelines](#), take extra precautions and carefully monitor for symptoms. Keep the school informed of your travel plans.