



Parent & Guardian COVID-19 FAQ

*****Please post somewhere in your home to aid in rapid decision-making.*****

1) What is May Center's masking policy?

- Masks will be optional for students and staff both indoors and out-of-doors.
- Any student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 will still be required to wear a mask for 5 days following their return to campus (after they complete their 5-day isolation period).
- Any student or staff member who has been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case will be required to wear a mask for at least 5 days following the initial exposure.

2) What are potential symptoms of COVID-19?

Cough	Shortness of breath	Fever
Olfactory disorder	Taste disorder	Chills or rigors
Persistent pain or pressure in chest	Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds	Congestion or runny nose
Inability to wake or stay awake; fatigue	Headache	Myalgia
Sore throat	Nausea or vomiting; diarrhea	Confusion or change in mental status

3) What should I do if my child (vaccinated or unvaccinated) has any of the symptoms above?

- Keep them home, notify May Center, and take them for a PCR test.
- Your child must be fever-free for at least 24 hours, experience improved symptoms, and submit a negative PCR test before returning to school. ***If it is difficult to obtain a PCR test, the student may take a rapid antigen test at home on 2 successive days and may return to school if their symptoms have improved and they are fever-free.*

4) What if my child tests positive for COVID-19?

- Notify May Center immediately and have your child isolate for 5 days following symptom onset. (Note: The first day of symptoms counts as day 0). Once your child has isolated for at least 5 days, is fever-free for at least 24 hours and has improved symptoms, they may return to school. *Note: A negative test result is not required to return to school, nor can it be used to return before the 5-day isolation period has passed.*

5) What will happen if one of my child's classmates tests positive for COVID-19?

- Families will be notified that a positive case has occurred. Then, to ensure the health and safety of everyone at May School, the following will be required:
 - All class members will wear masks for the next 5 days.
 - All VACCINATED students will continue learning in person, should monitor themselves for 14 days for any symptoms, and should obtain a PCR test 5 days following the exposure.
 - All UNVACCINATED students whose parents consent will take 2 rapid antigen tests at home 24-48 hours apart and can attend school. They will then need to obtain a PCR test on day 5 following the exposure and provide the results to May School.
- Any UNVACCINATED student whose parent does not follow at-home testing requirements will be required to quarantine at home for 5 days following exposure and then obtain a PCR test prior to returning to school.

7) What do I do if my UNVACCINATED child has had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case?

- If the confirmed COVID-19 case lives with your child, your child must quarantine at home for 10 days following their first date of exposure and receive a negative result on a PCR test prior to coming back to school.
- If your child's close contact does not live with them, ***the child can come to school if:*** they wear a mask for at least 5 days, exhibit no COVID symptoms, agree to take 2 rapid antigen tests at home 24 to 48 hours apart following exposure, and are monitored for 14 days for any symptoms. In addition, they should obtain a PCR test on day 5 following the exposure and provide the result to May School.

8) What do I do if my VACCINATED child has had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case?

- Your child can come to school ***if:*** they wear a mask for at least 5 days, exhibit no COVID symptoms, and are monitored for symptoms for 14 days. In addition, they should obtain a PCR test on day 5 following the exposure and provide the result to May School.
- *If the confirmed case lives with your child*, we strongly encourage your child to stay home and take a PCR test following day 5 of exposure to help reduce the risk of spread at May School. They will then need to wear a mask for at least 5 days upon return to school.

9) What is the difference between a PCR test and a rapid antigen test?

- A PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test detects genetic material from a specific organism, such as the COVID-19 virus. The test is administered by healthcare professionals and can be obtained through saliva samples or a nasal swab. It is the test obtained through Vault and Curative, and results can be slow because they are processed in a laboratory.
- A rapid antigen test can be performed by anyone and detects the presence or absence of an antigen, which is any substance that induces the immune system to produce antibodies. If a person is infected with COVID-19, an antigen will be present in their body. May School will be using BinaxNOW COVID-19 tests for the purposes of rapid antigen testing at school, which are consistent with Public Education Department guidelines and recommendations.