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Greetings Peabody Families,

SLPS COVID-19 Updates

SLPS's vision is educating children and giving them the academic, social and emotional tools they need to become future leaders. That said, student and staff safety is always our first priority. The District has put in place a COVID Response and Contact Tracing Team trained by Johns Hopkins that works collaboratively with the City of St. Louis Department of Health to make sure SLPS adheres to the most current safety protocol to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our schools.

Students who attend Peabody Elementary must wear masks over their mouth and nose inside the building throughout the school day. Students and families must also commit to adhering to the below reporting process for exposures and symptoms related to COVID-19:

REPORTING COVID POSITIVE RESULTS

Any member of our school community who tests positive for COVID-19 must stay home for at least 10 days following their positive test result. Additionally, those individuals cannot return unless they receive doctor's clearance. Documentation must be provided before returning to school. **Please call me directly at 314-241-1533 if your child has a COVID positive result. You will be assigned a contact tracer to work with you on next steps.**

CLOSE CONTACT WITH A COVID POSITIVE PERSON

If a student has a close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes) with someone who tests positive for COVID within two days of such contact, the student must quarantine for 14 days following that contact. This is in cases of both school and outside exposures. If the student develops symptoms during that time, the isolation period may be extended. If the positive person is a household member, the quarantine period will last at least 24 days after the family member's positive test result.

All of the above scenarios are tracked and handled by our Contact Tracing Team, working out of the Board of Education's Central Office for all schools. Potential exposures as reported by SLPS staff, SLPS families, and the Department of Health (working directly with the team to report any SLPS student cases) are all tracked and traced until all affected individuals are returned to school. **Please call me directly at 314-241-1533 if your child has had an exposure to someone COVID positive, including members of your family. You will be assigned a contact tracer to work with you on next steps.**

COVID-RELATED SYMPTOMS

Students and staff cannot attend school if they have any COVID-related symptoms: fever (100.4 and above), sore throat, congestion/runny nose, headache, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, fatigue/muscle or body aches, cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste/smell. This includes symptoms that may seem like the common cold, allergies, or sinus issues. Please note, this information is subject to change if the CDC/DOH guidance changes at any time.

Please refer to the attached Student Symptom Decision Tree for additional information about when students may return following these symptoms, and whether documentation must be provided prior to return. **Please call 314-241-1533 before coming to school if your child has any of these COVID-related symptoms. If you need assistance finding medical treatment, please call our school nurse at 314-241-1533 for various community resources.**

This protocol must be followed by all students and staff. Failure to adhere to these directives may result in your student being moved to the District's virtual program for the duration of the semester. Let's keep everyone safe and healthy this school year!

Sincerely,
Principal Humphrey

Peabody Elementary
"Soaring Towards Excellence"



Department of Health's Order regarding appropriate masks is as follows:

The following are attributes of masks needed to fulfill the requirements of the City Health Commissioner's Order regarding mandatory mask use.

- A properly worn mask completely covers the nose and mouth.
- Cloth masks should be made with two or more layers of a breathable fabric that is tightly woven (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source).
- Mask should be secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head. If gaiters are worn, they should have two layers of fabric or be folded to make two layers.
- Mask should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face.
- Mask should be a solid piece of material without slits, exhalation valves, or punctures.

The following attributes are additionally acceptable as long as masks meet the requirements above.

- Masks can be either manufactured or homemade.
- Masks can be reusable or disposable.
- Masks can have inner filter pockets.
- Clear masks or cloth masks with a clear plastic panel may be used to facilitate communication with people who are hearing impaired or others who need to see a speaker's mouth to understand speech.
- Medical masks and N-95 respirators fulfill the requirements of the Order.

The following do not fulfill the requirements of the Order.

- Masks worn in a way that does not cover both the mouth and nose
- Face shields or goggles (face shields or goggles may be worn to supplement a mask that meets above required attributes)
- Scarves, ski masks, balaclavas, or bandannas
- Shirt or sweater collars (e.g., turtleneck collars) pulled up over the mouth and nose.
- Masks made from loosely woven fabric or that are knitted, i.e., fabrics that let light pass through
- Masks made from materials that are hard to breathe through (such as vinyl, plastic or leather)
- Masks containing slits, exhalation valves, or punctures
- Masks that do not fit properly (large gaps, too loose or too tight)

Student Symptom Decision Tree

Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

Low-risk: general symptoms



Fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$)



Sore throat



Congestion/runny nose



Headache



Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea



Fatigue/muscle or body aches



Cough



Difficulty breathing



Loss of taste/smell

Exposure to COVID-19 positive person?

Close contact: less than 6 feet, 15 minutes or longer

NO

► 1 low risk symptom



Send home



Return to school 24 hrs after symptom resolution (without fever reducing medication)

► ≥ 2 low risk symptoms
OR 1 high risk symptom



Send home



Evaluation by health care provider

1

Health care provider confirms alternative diagnosis for symptoms. A health care provider's note must be on file. SARS-CoV-2 PCR test not needed.



Return to school after 24 hrs without fever and symptoms improving

2

Negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test.



Return to school after 24 hrs without fever and symptoms improving

3

Positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR test
OR
No provider visit or test.



Return to school only after 10 days since symptom onset and 24 hrs without fever. Quarantine close contacts of confirmed cases. If any questions, contact local health care provider.

YES



Stay home*



Return to school after 14 days from last contact, unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, perform SARS-CoV-2 PCR test.

*In consultation with local health care provider

This care pathway was designed to assist school personnel and is not intended to replace the clinician's judgment or establish a protocol for all patients with a particular condition.

Diagnosis and treatment should be under the close supervision of a qualified health care provider.