

## **SY 2021-22 LEA Health and Safety Plans**

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### **Background and Purpose**

[OSSE's Health and Safety Guidance for Schools](#) is issued for LEAs and private, parochial and independent schools (schools). LEAs and schools must develop and submit to OSSE comprehensive health and safety plans. This plan is intended to provide the public with information on how the School will support the safe reopening and operation of school buildings, including guidelines on masking, social distancing, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, and appropriate response to a positive COVID-19 case.

OSSE reviewed each School's responses to the questions for clarity, completeness, and compliance with the DC Health and OSSE health and safety guidance for schools and provided feedback to the School. Before publication, School's were given the opportunity to revise their responses based on OSSE's feedback. LEAs and schools are responsible for incorporating additional or updated public health guidance into their policies and procedures throughout the school year as such guidance is released.

## Face Masks

### 1. Provide the School's plan to comply with the requirements to:

- **a. except for specific circumstances (e.g., while eating) articulated in OSSE's guidance, all students, staff and visitors, including those who are fully vaccinated, must wear non-medical face coverings or face masks at all times while on school grounds, on school buses and while participating in any school-related activities, including physical education and sports; and**
- **b. masks must be worn correctly.**

Signs indicating that face masks are a requirement will be posted in highly visible locations.

Clear communication with students, staff, and families, include:

- Messaging that face masks are required through the school website, weekly bulletin to parents, emails to students. Messages will also be displayed on our View boards throughout campus and on our school's COVID-19 web page.
- Student government will post a fun youtube video to inform.
- Quiz will be given electronically to test knowledge with the points given to the class with highest correct response.

All staff, visitors (including contractors), parents/guardians must wear face masks for drop-off and pick-up, and essential visitors including those who are fully vaccinated, must wear face masks at all times while on school grounds, on school buses, and while participating in any school-related activities. A face mask may be a non-medical (cloth) face covering. If a staff member or visitor has a contraindication to wearing a face mask, either medical or otherwise, they should not participate in in-person school activities. Staff may wear face masks with clear plastic windows, or briefly remove their face masks, when interacting with students with disabilities identified as having hearing or vision impairments who require clear speech or lip-reading to access instruction.

Students, including those who are fully vaccinated, must also wear face masks while on school grounds, on school buses, and while participating in any school-related activities, including physical education and sports. If a student participating in in-person activities is unable to wear a face mask throughout the day, mask breaks are acceptable at times in which physical (social) distance can be maintained (e.g., when outside) or during snacks or meals.

### **Face masks should not be worn:**

- By anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- When engaged in activities in which there is a risk of burn or injury from the use of a face covering—such as chemistry labs with open flame.

### **Face masks do not need to be worn:**

- When actively drinking or eating a meal.
- When in the water in a swimming pool or aquatic facility.

- When in an enclosed office that no one else is permitted to enter.
- When giving a speech for broadcast or an audience, provided no one is within 6 feet of the speaker.
- When speaking to or translating for a deaf or hard of hearing person.
- When required to use equipment for a job that precludes the wearing of a mask and the person is wearing or using that equipment.

### **Other reminders in regards to face masks:**

- Staff and students are encouraged to bring multiple clean masks each day.
- Students, staff and visitors with broken or soiled masks can find clean masks in the Health Office and Front Office.
- When selecting a cloth face covering, it is recommended to choose one that is made with:
  - tightly woven fabrics, such as cotton and cotton blends, that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source.
  - two or three fabric layers.
  - or inner filter pockets.
  - Masks with valves, gators type masks or crocheted masks are not permitted.

### **b. masks must be worn correctly.**

The below information surrounding the correct mask wearing will be demonstrated by clear communication with students, staff, and families, and will include:

- Signs displayed in highly visible locations.
- Messaging posted on the school website, weekly bulletin to parents, emails to students.
- Messages will also be displayed on our view boards throughout campus and on our school's COVID-19 site and in our handbook.
- Student government will post a fun youtube video to inform.
- Quiz will be given electronically to test knowledge with the points given to the class with highest correct responses.

### **Correctly Wearing a Face Mask**

- Before putting on a face mask, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.
- Adjust your face mask so that it covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly against the sides of your face.
- Do not put your face mask around your neck or up on your forehead.
- Avoid touching the face mask while using it; if you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.
- Remove your face mask and replace it with another if it becomes visibly dirty, wet, or difficult to breathe through.
- To remove the face mask:

- Handle it by the string ties or ear loops only. Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops and remove. Avoid touching the front of the mask.
- Fold outside corners together (so the outside part is folded into itself).
- Clean hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water immediately after removing the facemask.

**2. Provide the School's policies and procedures in the event that a student, staff member, or visitor is unable or unwilling to wear a face mask at all times.**

Any staff member or visitor unable or unwilling to wear a face mask at all times will not be permitted on campus. Students who are unwilling to wear face masks will not be permitted on campus.

**3. Provide the School's policies and procedures to support physical distancing between individuals and within and across groups, including in classrooms, common spaces, during arrival and dismissal procedures, and during extracurricular activities.**

**Find below our Policy and Procedures that support physical distancing:**

Georgetown Visitation will implement appropriate physical distancing by maintaining the following physical distancing, to the maximum extent feasible, in both indoor and outdoor settings.

**Traveling to and from School**

- Students and staff are encouraged to maintain physical distance, to wear a face mask when traveling, and avoid congregating in large groups at intersections and transit stops.
- Transport vehicles for field trip, athletics and other co-curriculars sponsored by Georgetown Visitation, drivers must wear face masks and should practice all safety actions and protocols as indicated for other staff (e.g., hand hygiene).
- To the extent feasible, Visitation will promote physical distancing and improved ventilation on these buses (e.g., leaving empty rows of seats, opening windows).

**Use of Indoor Space**

- Spacing will be maximized between individuals in a classroom.
- Nonessential furniture will remain removed from classrooms.
- Desks and furniture will be arranged so that individuals are separated to maintain 3 feet of physical distance when feasible.
- The Neale Parlor will be the designated “isolation room” for students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 while waiting for a guardian to pick them up. This space is separate from the Health Office.

- Desks will remain faced in the same direction (rather than facing each other) to reduce transmission caused from virus-containing droplets (e.g., from talking, coughing, sneezing).
- Physical barriers, such as sneeze guards and partitions, and reminders about physical distancing (e.g., signage, tape markings on the floor) will remain in health offices and areas in which it may be difficult for individuals to maintain physical distance (e.g., reception areas, main office).
- Physical distancing will be encouraged in common spaces to the maximum extent feasible. Signs will be posted in these areas, messages will be posted on viewboards and reminder emails will be sent to students and staff to maintain physical distancing.
- Designated eating areas include cafeteria, well ventilated indoor areas where physical distance signs are posted and extended covered and uncovered outdoor areas.

### **Use of Outdoor Space**

Georgetown Visitation will use all outdoor spaces for instruction and activities, when feasible and as weather permits. Students are encouraged to eat outside, as feasible and as weather permits.

### **Modified Activities**

- Masks must be worn at all times while participating in physical education and sports.
- Georgetown Visitation will follow the guidance on high school sports available from the District of Columbia State Athletic Association (DCSAA) at [dcsaasports.org](http://dcsaasports.org).
- Choir or theater, or where wind or brass instruments are used will be modified to be outdoors and/or allow for 10 feet of physical distancing.
- Traditional large student gatherings such as school assemblies will be modified to promote physical distancing by splitting the student body up by grade.
- Visitors are welcome on the Visitation campus as long as they comply with all health and safety protocols.

#### **4. Provide the School's policies and procedures regarding the use of cohorts for students and/or staff, including steps to minimize interactions between cohorts, as applicable.**

Georgetown Visitation will not be dividing students and teachers into distinct groups for the 2021-2022 school year.

#### **5. Provide the School's policies and procedures to support handwashing and respiratory etiquette including frequent, proper handwashing strategies and encouraging covering coughs and sneezes.**

#### **Policy and Procedure for Proper Handwashing and Respiratory etiquette:**

The below policy will be implemented by utilizing the below communication strategies:

Health information surrounding hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette will be demonstrated by clear communication with students, staff, and families, and will include:

- Signs displayed in highly visible locations.
- Messaging posted on the school website, weekly bulletin to parents, emails to students.
- Messages will also be displayed on our view boards throughout campus and on our school's COVID-19 site.
- Student government will post a fun youtube video to inform.
- Quiz will be given electronically to test knowledge with the points given to the class with highest correct responses.

Visitation will reinforce frequent, proper handwashing strategies by staff and students, to include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

- Key times to perform hand hygiene include:
  - o before and after eating food.
  - o before and after group activities.
  - o after going to the bathroom.
  - o before and after putting on, touching, or removing face masks or touching your face.
  - o after removing gloves.
  - o after blowing one's nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Georgetown Visitation will encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue when not wearing a mask. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water.

**6. Provide the School's plan to make available adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissues) to support healthy hygiene practices including, as relevant, in classrooms, bathrooms, offices and common spaces.**

- Adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissues) to support healthy hygiene practices, are available in classrooms, bathrooms, and offices.
- If supplies are needed, the staff member should contact the Director of Facilities and the requested supplies will be promptly delivered.
- Sanitizing stations can be found in the gymnasium, cafeteria, Nolan Center and the entrance in Founders Hall.
- If a student is suspected to have COVID-19, the school nurse will maintain 6 feet of distance from the student, wear a mask, gown, gloves and face shield until the parent arrives.
- Students are encouraged not to share items.
- Staff and students will be advised to bring their own water bottles and use sensor water

bottle fillers. The sensor water bottle fillers will be cleaned often.

- 7. Provide the School's policies and procedures to acquire, distribute and support the appropriate use of PPE including gowns/coveralls, gloves, surgical masks, eye protection (face shield or goggles) and N95 masks, as relevant and necessary.**

#### Personal Protective Equipment

Georgetown Visitation has stocked in the Health Office:

- Gowns
- Gloves
- Face Shield
- Surgical Masks

Any student or staff member who feels the need to have any item above may visit the Health Office for an item. Georgetown Visitation is not responsible for providing daily face covering to staff or students. The school nurse and facilities director will continue to keep these items in stock. N95 respirator masks are medical grade masks which need to be fitted. Georgetown Visitation will not be providing these masks to students or teachers.

#### Maintain Clean and Healthy Facilities

- 8. Provide the School's schedule for routine cleaning of rooms, surfaces and objects, including high touch objects and surfaces (e.g., pens, keyboards, elevator buttons, light switches, handles, stair rails, faucets, phones, doorknobs, grab bars on playgrounds).**

\* High touch public areas are cleaned throughout the school day by our school custodians (elevator buttons/handrails/faucets/bottle stations/doors/door knobs etc.).

\* Every school evening our contracted custodial company cleans every classroom, student space and daycare (whiteboards/desks/counters/light switches/trash bins/doors/door knobs), and vacuums each floor.

\* Teachers/proctors are responsible for wiping down their own keyboards, phones and other electronics using the cleaning supplies that are provided in every classroom and student space.

\* Daycare staff is responsible for cleaning the playground equipment and toys using the cleaning supplies recommended by OSSE for Daycare settings.

- 9. Provide the School's cleaning and disinfecting protocols in the event that (1) a student, staff member, or visitor develops symptoms of possible COVID-19 while in the school; or (2) if the school is notified that a student, staff member or visitor who tested positive has been in the school.**

\* 24 hours or less:

Room is closed off/locked & a fluorescent orange sign is attached to the door that says "Stop Do Not Enter."

Sign is marked with the date/time the room was closed. Dates/times are also to be written on the sign when the air flush & disinfecting are completed.

The room windows are opened (where possible).and fans installed.

Room is left closed for at least 24 hours after which all surfaces are cleaned/disinfected by the school contracted custodial company using proper disinfectants & PPE.

Room can be reopened after the cleaning process has been completed.

\* 24 hours but less than 3 days:

We still follow the above procedures out of an abundance of caution.

**10. Provide the School's plan to make available sufficient and appropriate cleaning and disinfection supplies.**

\* Each classroom & student space are equipped with a bag of Covid supplies which includes paper towels, disinfectant spray, hand sanitizer & tissues. Teachers/proctors are responsible for spraying down/wiping each desk at the end of each class period.

\* In addition teachers/proctors are responsible for wiping down their own keyboards, phones and other electronics using the provided supplies.

\* Teachers/proctors are to contact the Facilities Director right away if they run low on any supplies and replacement supplies will be delivered ASAP.

\* School custodial staff have a month's supply of gloves on hand to perform their assigned task.

**11. Provide the School's plan to perform necessary maintenance to ventilation and water systems and features (e.g., sink faucets, drinking fountains, decorative fountains) so that they are ready for use and occupancy and are adequately maintained throughout the operating period.**

\* All school buildings have remained open/all systems functional throughout the pandemic so the portion of the OSSE document that discusses "ready for use & occupancy" and "reopening after prolonged shutdown" do not apply.



\* All filters have been upgraded to the highest level possible for each building system and are checked weekly and changed as needed.

\* Ventilation systems have been calibrated to the highest percentage of outside air possible without risking mold or health issues.

\* Through a DC OFPG Grant, we purchased top rated portable air cleaners for every classroom & student space.

## Response to a Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 Case

### 12. Describe the School's policies and procedures to:

- **a. Comply with the requirement to not admit or to dismiss any student, staff member or visitor who is COVID-19 positive or otherwise meets criteria for exclusion, per OSSE's guidance; and**
- **b. Dismiss any individual or cohort that is potentially exposed to COVID-19 within the school setting.**

### Georgetown Visitation Exclusion Criteria:

A student, staff member, or essential visitor must stay home, or not be admitted, and must follow the applicable DC Health guidance for isolation or quarantine, if they:

- Have in the last 24 hours fever (subjective or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) or chills, cough, congestion or runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, diarrhea, Nausea or vomiting, fatigue, headache, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell.
- Are confirmed to have COVID-19.
- Have been in close contact in the last 10 days with an individual confirmed to have COVID-19.
- Are awaiting COVID-19 test results or have a household member who is awaiting COVID-19 test results.
- Have traveled domestically in the last 10 days to any place other than Maryland or Virginia, unless they did not attend school until tested for COVID-19 three to five days after returning to DC AND received a negative COVID-19 viral test.
- Have traveled internationally in the last 10 days, unless they did not attend school for seven days, got tested for
- COVID-19 three to five days after returning to DC, AND received a negative COVID-19 viral test.

Students or staff with pre-existing health conditions that present with specific COVID-19-like symptoms will not be excluded from entering the school building on the basis of those specific symptoms if a healthcare provider has provided written or verbal documentation that those specific symptoms are determined to not be due to COVID-19.

Provided that they do not currently have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days or is **fully vaccinated** may be admitted while awaiting COVID-19 test results, after close contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19, when a household contact is awaiting COVID-19 test results, or after travel. Any individual with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must follow the exclusion criteria outlined above.

Provided that they do not currently have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days or is **fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 may be admitted immediately after domestic or international travel. They should get a COVID-19 test three to five days after international travel.

Students and staff should get tested for COVID-19 if anyone in their household has symptoms of COVID-19, even if the student or staff member themselves does not have symptoms. All members of the household should be tested at the same time. Individuals who are **fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 should only get tested in this instance if they develop symptoms.

Any individual with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must follow the exclusion criteria outlined above.

**b. Dismiss any individual or cohort that is potentially exposed to COVID-19 within the school setting.**

### **Georgetown Visitation Dismissal Criteria and Protocols**

If a student, staff member, or essential visitor develops a fever or other signs of illness, the school must follow the above exclusion criteria regarding the exclusion and dismissal of students, staff, and essential visitors.

- For students, the school will:
  - o Immediately isolate the student from other students.
    - The school nurse will accompany the isolated student to the isolation area and supervise the student while awaiting pickup from the parent/guardian.
    - The school nurse taking care of the sick student will maintain 6 feet from the student, wear a face mask, gloves, face shield and gown, if clinically indicated.
  - o Additionally, the school nurse will:
    - Notify the student's parent/guardian of the symptoms and that the student needs to be picked up as soon as possible and instruct them to seek healthcare provider guidance.
    - The isolation area will be cleaned per cleaning and disinfection policy.

- For staff and essential visitors:

- The staff member or essential visitor will be sent home immediately.
- The staff member or essential visitor will be instructed to seek healthcare provider guidance; and
- Georgetown Visitation will follow cleaning and disinfecting procedures for any area, materials, and equipment with which the staff member was in contact.

If Georgetown Visitation identifies a student or staff member with COVID-19 who is on campus, Visitation will immediately dismiss the potentially exposed individuals and they must not attend school until DC Health is able to complete the case investigation.

- Vaccinated individuals will be permitted to stay in class.
- The exposed individuals who are not fully vaccinated will remain in a separate classroom, six feet apart while they are waiting for their caregivers to pick them up.
- If the school is notified of a case who is not in the building, the affected non-vaccinated individuals will remain until the end of the school day.

**Isolation Room:** The isolation room is a well vented room and can be found on the first floor of Founder's Hall. If safe and weather permitting, the school nurse will isolate sick individuals outdoors. When in the isolation area, the sick individual will wear a face mask or surgical mask, be within sight of the supervising staff member, and be physically separated from other individuals by at least 6 feet. One student will be in the isolation area at a time. The isolation area will be immediately cleaned and disinfected after the sick individual departs.

**13. Provide the School's plan to comply with the requirements to:**

- **a. Identify a staff member as the COVID-19 point of contact (POC) to whom families, staff, contractors and vendors should report a positive case of COVID-19 and who is responsible for reporting positive cases of COVID-19 to DC Health;**
- **b. Report any applicable positive COVID-19 case in a student, staff member or essential visitor to DC Health on the same day the school is notified;**
- **c. Not exclude students or staff with pre-existing health conditions that present with specific COVID-19-like symptoms on the basis of those specific symptoms, if a healthcare provider has provided written or verbal documentation that those specific symptoms are not due to COVID-19.**

To ensure a clear and efficient process for communication Georgetown Visitation has identified School Nurse Heidi Greenhalgh as the COVID-19 point of contact (POC).

Mrs. Greenhalgh is responsible for:

- Ensuring reporting, notification and disinfection steps are followed in the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Mrs. Greenhalgh is the point of contact for families and staff to notify if a student or staff

member tests positive for COVID-19.

In the event that a staff member, student, contractors or vendor tests positive for COVID-19, they must contact Heidi Greenhalgh, School Nurse, immediately.

**b. Report any applicable positive COVID-19 case in a student, staff member or essential visitor to DC Health on the same day the school is notified;**

Georgetown Visitation will notify DC Health when:

- A staff member or essential visitor notifies the school they tested positive for COVID-19 (not before results come back);

OR

- A student or parent/guardian notifies the school that a student tested positive for COVID-19 (not before results come back).

AND

- The individual was on school grounds or participated in school activities during their infectious period.

- o The infectious period starts two days before symptom onset date (or positive test date for people who do not have symptoms) and typically ends 10 days after symptom onset date (or positive test date for people who do not have symptoms).

As soon as possible on the same day the case was reported to the school, the school will notify DC Health by submitting an online form on the DC Health COVID-19 Reporting Requirements website.

**c. Not exclude students or staff with pre-existing health conditions that present with specific COVID-19-like symptoms on the basis of those specific symptoms, if a healthcare provider has provided written or verbal documentation that those specific symptoms are not due to COVID-19.**

If a student or staff member has a pre-existing health condition that presents with the same symptoms of COVID-19 and has written or verbal documentation that those specific symptoms are not due to COVID-19, that student or staff member will not be excluded.

**14. Provide the School's procedures to support DC Health with contact tracing in the event of a positive case of COVID-19.**

When Georgetown Visitation is notified of a positive case, the POC will collect the names of individuals who the positive individual has reported to be within 6 feet of for at least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period, while that person was infectious\*. Georgetown Visitation will provide the names and numbers of those individuals to DC Health. If identified by DC Health as a close contact, Visitation will follow up with the close contact that are not fully vaccinated and inform them they are not to return to school until the quarantine period has been completed.

\*The time period during which someone is able to spread their infection to others. The infectious period for COVID-19 starts two days before symptom onset and typically ends 10 days after symptom onset (or test date for people who don't have symptoms).

**15. Describe how the School will notify the school community, as appropriate, of the positive case and corresponding actions taken by the School.**

All communication regarding an individual testing positive for COVID-19 will be done in a way that protects the privacy of the individual. Communication is to be completed, per DC Health directive and will include:

- Notification to those staff and families of students who have been identified as a close contact by DC Health with the individual, including the requirement to quarantine for 10 days (if the individual is not fully vaccinated), will be contacted by DC Health contact tracing team and Mrs. Greenhalgh via phone.
- Notification will be sent via email to the entire school that there was a COVID-19 positive case, those impacted have been told to quarantine, steps that will be taken (e.g., cleaning and disinfection) see above.
- Education about COVID-19, including the signs and symptoms can be found on [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov), in handbook, in LeapIn site with similar messaging around school.
- Referral to the Guidance for Contacts of a Person Confirmed to have COVID-19, available at [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov).
- Information on options for COVID-19 testing in the District of Columbia, available at [coronavirus.dc.gov/testing](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/testing).

DC Health will instruct Georgetown Visitation on dismissals and other safety precautions in the event a known COVID-19 individual came in close contact with others at school. **DC Health will determine which individuals are close contacts who should be instructed to not attend school for at least 10 days.** Georgetown Visitation will not wait to hear from DC Health before informing school communities of a known positive case.

## COVID-19 Testing and Vaccines

**16. If applicable, describe the School's current or planned COVID-19 testing protocol for symptomatic and/or asymptomatic students and/or staff, including steps the School will take to encourage participation in the testing program. Please include the School's plan to ensure that results of such testing programs are reported to DC Health per DC Health's COVID-19 reporting requirements: [dchealth.dc.gov/page/covid-19-reporting-requirements](https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/covid-19-reporting-requirements).**

### COVID-19 Testing

DC Health does not recommend that fully-vaccinated individuals who do not have any symptoms participate in routine testing. Therefore, Georgetown Visitation will not administer regular COVID-19 testing but reserves the right to require unvaccinated individuals to participate in a mandatory on-campus COVID-19 testing program and will use the below as guidance.

- Testing may facilitate safer participation in and out of the classroom.
- Strategies may include:
  - Testing unvaccinated students and staff weekly.
  - Random sample testing of ten percent of asymptomatic unvaccinated students on a rolling basis.

If Georgetown Visitation decides to conduct COVID-19 test, they will partner with LabTech who will register, receive consent, process insurance information, implement the test, and then notify DC Health, Georgetown Visitation and parent of the student's COVID-19 test results.

If symptomatic, staff member or student is required to see a physician for COVID-19 evaluation. Symptomatic testing will not take place on the Visitation campus.

**17. Provide the School's plans to support COVID-19 vaccination of staff and students, as eligible, including efforts to encourage participation in public and community-based vaccination opportunities.**

The staff members at Georgetown Visitation who are eligible for the vaccine have taken advantage of the multiple opportunities to receive the vaccine. Having the school population vaccinated is important in decreasing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and keeping our community safe. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing COVID-19 disease, especially severe illness and death. COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of people spreading COVID-19. To that end, Georgetown Visitation strongly encourages every member of the community to receive the COVID-19 vaccine when eligible and will continue to promote receiving the vaccine by:

Distributing health information from the CDC like [Vaccines for Teens](#) and [Vaccines: Safety and Diversity](#).

Inform population of location of local vaccination site.

Students and staff are excused from school/work to receive vaccination and recover from side effects from the COVID 19 vaccination.

Dispel myths surrounding the COVID 19 vaccine by checking that the information is coming from a credible source.

If the families are willing, the nurse at Georgetown Visitation will speak with families that are unsure about the vaccine by:

- Listen to their questions with empathy.
- Ask open ended questions to explore their concerns.
- Help them find their own reason to get vaccinated.

Advertise the benefits of receiving the vaccine which include:

- All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be safe and effective at preventing COVID-19.
- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, including the Visitation community.
- Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine can decrease the chances of catching COVID-19 by a remarkable percentage.
- Fully vaccinated people can travel without quarantining, both domestically and internationally.
- Fully vaccinated people do not have to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact.
- Fully vaccinated people do not have to participate in COVID 19 screening PCR testing.
- Fully vaccinated people can safely attend crowded outdoor events like concerts and baseball games.

Georgetown Visitation reserves the right to require non-vaccinated individuals to participate in a mandatory on-campus COVID-19 testing program.

The above information will be distributed:

- Signs displayed in highly visible locations.
- Messaging posted on the school website, weekly bulletin to parents, emails to students.
- Messages will also be displayed on our View boards throughout campus and on our school's COVID-19 web page.

### **Students with Disabilities**

**18. Provide the School's plans to provide appropriate accommodations to students with disabilities with respect to its health and safety policies and procedures.**

Georgetown Visitation is in compliance with all ADA regulations. Students with 504 equivalent plans are monitored and supported by the Learning Support Department. Students with severe allergies have epinephrine stored in the Health Office for easy access. Currently there no students on the 2021-2022 school year roster that have been identified as having any physical or emotional/mental limitations that would impede complying with our health and safety policies and procedures.

### **Training, Technical Assistance, and Monitoring**

**19. Please provide the School's plan to provide training and technical assistance on its policies and procedures to safely reopen schools in accordance with the DC Health Guidance for Schools and the OSSE Health and Safety Guidance for Schools, including:**

- **a. who will receive training and technical assistance; while on school grounds, on school buses and while participating in any school-related activities, including physical education and sports; and**
- **b. the topics that the training and technical assistance will address; and**
- **c. how and by whom the training and technical assistance will be delivered.**

**a. who will receive training and technical assistance;**

All students and staff will receive training from the school nurse. During the training session students and staff are directed to information on the school website for information surrounding the health and safety plan.

**b. the topics that the training and technical assistance will address; and**

**The topics addressed in the training and technical assistance will be:**

Where on the website you will find:

- Communication with students, staff, and families
- COVID-19 vaccine
- Physical distancing
- Face masks
- Hygiene
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Students with disabilities
- High-risk individuals
- Exclusion, dismissal, and return to school criteria and protocols
- Exposure reporting, notifications, and disinfection

**c. How and by whom the training and technical assistance will be delivered**

Students will receive training and technical assistance via email and during class meetings.

Staff members will receive training during the staff meeting by the school nurse at the beginning of the year.



**20. Provide the School's plan to monitor the implementation of the health and safety plans at each campus, including how, when and by whom the implementation will be monitored, and how the School will respond if a given campus is not adhering to the plan.**

The plan has been in effect since September 2020 and has been modified per the guidelines set forth by DC Health. They have been and will be monitored utilizing the CDC's K-12 COVID-19 Mitigation Tool Kit by the School Nurse every month. See attached below:

[At-A-Glance: Mitigation Strategies](#)

[School Demographics, Staff Characteristics, and Community Information](#)

[Screening, Testing, and Preparing for When Someone is Sick](#)

[Cleaning, Ventilation, and Physical Spaces](#)

[Mitigation Strategies](#)

**21. Describe the School's plans to communicate key health and safety policies and procedures to students, families, staff and visitors.**

- Displaying signs in highly visible locations.
- Post messages on the school website, weekly bulletin to parents, emails to students.
- Messages will also be displayed on our view boards throughout campus and on our school's LeapIn page (our school's COVID-19 site) and in our handbook.
- Student government will post a fun youtube video to inform.
- Quiz will be given electronically to test knowledge with the points given to the class with highest correct responses.