

## 2021-2022 Master's Academy Health and Safety Plan

During this time of the current Covid surge, we do want you to be aware of our plans and protocols for keeping Master's Academy safe and healthy. This document is an updated version of what we had in place last year.

OUR GOAL, as always, is to keep our campus as safe and healthy as possible while delivering the best education we can. While doing so, we recognize that among our approximate 140 families there are varying opinions on what we should be doing and how we should be doing it. We ask that everyone practice patience and exercise grace as we work through another year of dealing with Covid.

The cleaning and sanitizing of the school will continue as it did last year. Hand sanitizer, hand sanitizer stations, disinfectant spray, and disinfectant wipes will be available in abundance to students and staff.

Visitors on campus will be limited to only volunteers and those who need to come by briefly to drop something off for their child. Parents, as much as possible, please limit your time on campus.

Parents will not be able to have lunch with their student in the lunchroom. They may, however, have lunch with their child only (no friends) outside on the patio area.

No visitors, including parents, will be allowed to linger in the lobby.

The school's four main divisions (Preschool, Lower School, Middle School, and High School) will be kept separate as much as possible. Classes within each division will also be kept separate where possible, although in the middle and high school some classes overlap.

The Middle and High School will continue to have lunch on the Upper School side of the campus, and their movement through the main building will be limited.

### **Car line and drop off/pick up**

#### **Drop off**

- **Preschool:** Parents will walk their students to the front door where a PK staff member will greet them and escort the student to the classroom. Parents will not be allowed to go to the classroom. Children being picked up at noon will be brought to the cars under the portico. Pickup for 3:00 will be in front of the cafeteria car loop. Pickup aftercare students down the Preschool hallway without entering the room.
- **Lower School and Upper School:** We prefer that students are dropped off from their vehicles as per our usual practice and that they not be walked to the door. Parents will not be allowed to go to the classroom.
- At pick-up, parents are asked to NOT walk up to the front door to receive their child. Please pick them up in the vehicle car line in front of the portico (Lower School and Preschool).

**Special days, field trips, birthday parties.** There will be no Special Days (unless they can be held without outside assistance), field trips, or group birthday parties during this current Covid surge. This will be reevaluated throughout the year.

**Sickness on campus.** When anyone on campus (students, employees, or visitors) exhibit Covid-19 like symptoms, the following procedures will be followed:

- The individual will be isolated from crowds and traffic areas.
- The individual will be sent to, or escorted to, the front lobby.
- The individual will be asked to remain in a supervised but isolated area.
- The individual's temperature will be taken and, if 100.4 degrees or higher, or if it is deemed symptoms are significant, the individual will be asked to leave campus immediately or a parent will be called and the student will remain isolated and picked up by a parent.
- The individual will not be allowed to return to campus until they are symptom-free for at least 24 hours or a doctor has cleared them to return. All of the areas this individual had recently been in contact with will be sanitized.

### **Positive Covid-19 Tests**

We ask that parents notify us immediately if they, their student, or anyone living in their home tests positive for Covid-19. We ask that the infected individual not return to campus until at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms, and only if they are symptom free for at least 24 hours. We recognize that some cases may be longer.

Students or other family members living in the same household with someone who has Covid should follow these guidelines. If the family member with Covid is well isolated from other family members, the student may return to campus seven days after exposure or if they have a negative Covid test on day five. Otherwise, the student should return when their family member with Covid is symptom-free for at least 24 hours.

Families will be informed of any cases of Covid among students or staff.

As always, we will work with any student to make up missed work as per the guidelines in the handbook.

We will not be offering any Zoom classes unless a large percent of students within a particular class are out because of Covid related issues.

As with any illness, PLEASE KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME if they display any symptoms of illness, including COVID-like symptoms. Students must be symptom-free and fever-free for 24 hours before they may return to school.

### **Athletics**

All Upper School athletics will operate as usual.

A decision will be made once the first quarter of the school year is underway regarding the Elementary Athletic League.

### **Facemasks**

We support the decision of Governor De Santis that the wearing of facemasks should be an individual and family decision. We encourage the wearing of facemasks, but we will not require it.

### **General**

- Water fountains will be turned off.
- Water bottle refill stations will be provided in Upper School halls, Preschool hall, and in the cafeteria for Lower School.

- Students will be discouraged from sharing supplies.
- Staff, parents, and students will be regularly reminded and updated on the best practices for in-school and at-home preventative care.
- This plan will be routinely evaluated, improved upon, and revised as necessary.

We are trusting the Lord for a great new school year.