

## **ICS Student COVID-19 Policy (revised 2/2/2022)**

All ICS employees, including school-based staff, are required to be fully vaccinated. ICS employees have already provided proof that they are fully vaccinated after the NYC Department of Mental Health and Hygiene (NYC DOH) instituted a vaccination mandate effective September 27, 2021. ICS strongly encourages full vaccination for all students 5 years and older.

2021-2022 COVID-19 Protocol FOR STUDENTS: Pending changes to NYC DOH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations, as well as the changing trends and needs of our school and community.

All students must wear a well-fitting mask when riding on school buses and anywhere on school property, indoors and outdoors, regardless of vaccination status, except while eating or drinking.

The CDC “recommends schools to maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms to reduce transmission risk.” All ICS schools are adhering to this recommendation, whenever possible. Additionally, to minimize exposure to additional students, in grades K-8, students will be kept consistently together, including during lunch, to minimize movement and potential additional exposures. If there is an exposure, parents/guardians will be notified if their child was identified as a “close contact,” which is defined as “within 6 feet for ten minutes or more over a 24-hour period.”

Classrooms on the ICS campus have fully operational ventilation through either natural, mechanical, or a combination of means. Classrooms and common areas, such as auditoriums and gyms have hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes available. Each classroom is cleaned daily using disinfecting solutions.

Quarantine protocols for students include: Out of an abundance of caution, in the event of a self-reported positive COVID-19 case, Lavelle Prep Elementary will quarantine the entire classroom for 10 days. The school will notify each parent or guardian of the exposure and the ‘return to school’ date. Fully vaccinated students (two calendar weeks after the second dose of the 2-part vaccine) who are exposed will continue in-person instruction and do not have to quarantine, unless experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. These students are strongly encouraged to take a COVID-19 rapid test 3 to 5 days after exposure.

These students will have access to remote learning while quarantining.

For all other ICS Schools (Lavelle Prep Middle, Lavelle Prep High School, New Ventures, Nicotra, and Richmond Prep) unvaccinated students who are exposed to COVID-19 will need to quarantine for at least 5 days. The school will notify each parent or guardian of the exposure and the ‘return to school’ date. On day 5 of their quarantine, students may take a COVID-19 rapid test, and with a negative result, can return to school on day 6 or as soon thereafter when

a negative result is received. **ICS will not accept COVID -19 HOME TEST results. Only results from testing facilities will be accepted.** Fully vaccinated students (two calendar weeks after the second dose of the 2-part vaccine) who are exposed will continue in-person instruction and do not have to quarantine unless experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. These students are strongly encouraged to take a COVID-19 rapid test 3 to 5 days after exposure and will have access to remote learning while quarantining.

Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 may not attend school for 10 calendar days.