

ICS Student COVID-19 Policy (revised 8/24/2022)

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.

2022-2023 COVID-19 Protocol for SCHOOL VISITORS: At this time, all visitors to the school building (including parents/guardians, vendors and guests) are required to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19. A CDC vaccination card or the NYS Excelsior app (NY) or Docket app (NJ) is sufficient.

2022-2023 COVID-19 Protocol FOR STUDENTS: Will be reviewed continuously and is subject to change based upon continual changing needs and trends of our school and community.

Masks for students are optional when riding on school buses and anywhere on school property, indoors and outdoors, regardless of vaccination status. Students who take city (MTA) buses are required to follow their current protocols regarding masking.

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.

In accordance with the latest NYC DOH recommendations, we currently have no quarantine protocols in place for students who were exposed to COVID-19. There will be no classroom wide quarantines or closures for reported exposures. However, if you have been exposed or are experiencing symptoms we strongly suggest obtaining a PCR COVID-19 test to determine a positive or negative diagnosis. All positive diagnoses are required to be reported to the school as soon as possible.

For all ICS Schools, (Lavelle Prep Elementary, Lavelle Prep Middle, Lavelle Prep High School, New Ventures, Nicotra, and Richmond Prep) **any student who tests positive for COVID-19 may not attend in-person school for 10 calendar days. If still symptomatic after 10 calendar days, please stay home until symptoms thoroughly resolve.** Supplementary instructional materials and support will be provided to those students. All positive cases of COVID-19 must be reported to the school by the Parent/Guardian as soon as possible to ensure prompt response and proactive action.