

2021-2022

**COVID-19
HEALTH &
SAFETY
GUIDELINES**

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E.L. HAYNES

We know that COVID-19 has impacted our community in many life-changing ways. This "next normal" is new for all of us. We ask for your partnership in keeping our learning community as healthy as possible.

COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, we have reimagined our safety and cleanliness procedures to keep our students, families, and staff as safe as possible.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

We use these principles to guide our decision-making throughout the pandemic.

01 Champion health and safety

02 Be adaptive

03 Protect our mission

04 Keep relationships close

05 Communicate intentionally



OUR MULTI-LAYER APPROACH

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, we will use multiple layers of protection.



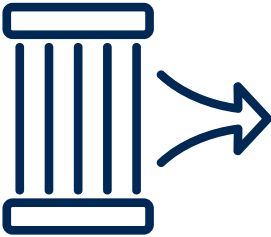
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MASK-WEARING

Everyone must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, while indoors.

- We have extra masks and other PPE available if you need them.
- In some situations, students and staff are required to wear masks outdoors.

DO choose masks that...

- have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric
- cover your nose completely
- fit snugly against the sides of your face and do not have any gaps
- have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out the top of the mask

DO NOT choose masks that...

- are made of fabrics that make it hard to breathe
- have exhalation valves or vents, which allow the virus to escape
- are gaiters or bandanas



VACCINES

We strongly encourage all students to get vaccinated, if they are able to do so.

- At E.L. Haynes, all staff must be vaccinated against COVID-19. Unvaccinated staff will be tested on a weekly basis, including staff members with an approved medical or religious exemption.
- E.L. Haynes will host immunization events throughout the fall.
- All DC residents, 12 and over, can visit any walk-up vaccine clinic throughout Washington, DC. For more information, visit: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>.





Everyone must complete an arrival screening every day, prior to arriving on campus (via SchoolPass).



DAILY ARRIVAL
SCREENING

- This screening asks for student and staff vaccination status, travel information, as well as a brief health and symptom check.
- Parents/Guardians dropping off their student(s) **MUST** wait until they have received the all-clear.
- You can download the SchoolPass app in the [Google Marketplace](#) for Android, and in the [App Store](#) for Apple.

All students will participate in free, on-campus testing. We will test 10% of students every week.

Unvaccinated staff will be tested weekly.



TESTING

- Parents/Guardians should contact their campus Operations Manager to opt out of the testing program.
- E.L. Haynes will assign testing times that fit with students' learning schedules.
- Test results will be shared via email with families and E.L. Haynes within 48-72 hours.





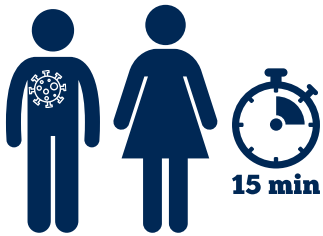
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Everyone must tell E.L. Haynes if they test positive for COVID-19 or are identified as a close contact.

- If a student tests positive, their family will be informed as the case is referred to DC Health.
- The student will transition to online learning and follow guidance from health officials when to return.
- After notifying all close contacts, E.L. Haynes will send all families at that campus an email alert.

[Click here to report positive test results.](#)

[Click here to report a "close contact" identification.](#)



CLOSE CONTACT

Before returning to campus, **unvaccinated students** identified as a close contact must transition to online learning and follow guidance from health officials. **Vaccinated students** must monitor symptoms for 10 days.

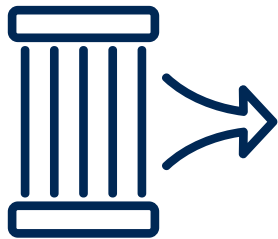
"close contact"

A close contact is someone who was within three to six feet of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 for at least 15 cumulative minutes over a 24-hour period, while that person was infectious.

A student is not deemed to have had close contact if:

- both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting face masks, and
- other layered prevention strategies were in place (i.e. universal mask-wearing, physical distancing, increased ventilation).





AIR FILTRATION AND CLEANING

We enhanced our air filtration systems and cleaning processes in **ALL** classrooms, offices, and other communal spaces.

- MERV 13 filters in the HVAC system
- Twice-Daily fresh air flushing of HVAC system
- HEPA units in every room
- Open windows and door (when weather permits)
- Cleaning throughout the day
- Nightly cleaning service
- Weekly deep disinfectant cleaning



TRAVEL GUIDANCE

Unvaccinated students who travel outside of the DMV must test negative for COVID-19 before returning to campus.

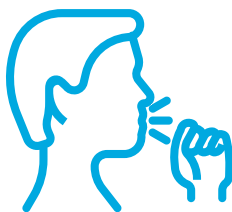
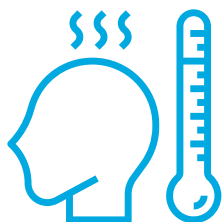
- Students will participate in online learning while awaiting a negative COVID-19 test.
- Vaccinated students may return to campus as long as they are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.
- If any student tests positive for COVID-19, they must stay home for at least 10 days after symptoms improve.
- Unvaccinated students who choose not to test must quarantine for 10 days.
- As required by the U.S. government, everyone entering the country must show a negative COVID-19 test result. You must share those results with E.L. Haynes before returning to campus.
- **To find a free testing site near you, visit:**
<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/testing>.





COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

There are many symptoms associated with COVID-19. If you are experiencing a RED FLAG symptom, you should seek medical attention immediately. If you are experiencing two or more other symptoms, you should get tested immediately.



RED FLAG Symptoms

Any ONE of these symptoms:

- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fever

Other Symptoms

Any TWO of these symptoms:

- Chills
- Muscle or body ache
- Sore throat
- An unusual amount of tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Runny nose or congestion
- Diarrhea

If your student experiences symptoms...

Before arriving at school:

If a student experiences any **ONE red flag** symptom, or a combination of any **TWO other symptoms**, all of which are new or unexplained, they must **STAY HOME** and not enter any school building.

While at school:

If a student experiences any **ONE red flag** symptom, or a combination of any **TWO other symptoms**, all of which are new or unexplained, they **will be sent to their campus' Health Transition Room** to be seen by a healthcare professional.

If the healthcare professional determines that a COVID-19 test is needed, **the student and any siblings will be sent home** and required to get a negative test or quarantine for 10 days.

YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION AND HEALTH ARE OUR TOP PRIORITY.

We are committed to doing everything in our power to maintain a safe learning environment so that our students thrive.

As guidance changes, we will evaluate and update these guidelines.

