

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. As our public health environment continues to evolve, 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 and prioritize safe, in-person learning, we have refined our safety and cleanliness procedures to keep our students, families, and staff as healthy as possible.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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

01

Champion health and safety

02

Be adaptive

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Protect our mission

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Keep relationships close

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Communicate intentionally



OUR MULTI-LAYER APPROACH

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



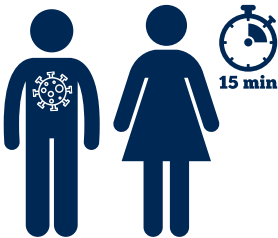
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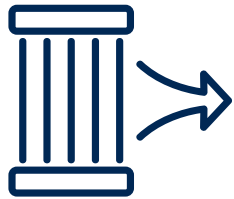
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MASK-WEARING

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



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

VACCINES AND BOOSTERS

- **Beginning in SY 2022-23, all students ages 16 and up must be vaccinated against COVID-19.**
- At E.L. Haynes, all staff must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and we will soon require them to be boosted.
- For up-to-date information about who the vaccine and booster is safe for, visit coronavirus.dc.gov.
- All DC residents, 5 and over, can visit any walk-up vaccine clinic throughout Washington, DC. For more information, visit: coronavirus.dc.gov.
- Through on-campus vaccine clinics, E.L. Haynes helped over 200 people get vaccinated against COVID-19.



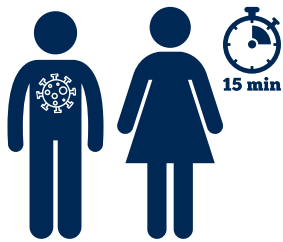
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All students and staff participate in free, on-campus testing.
We will test 20% of all students and staff every week.
Unvaccinated staff will be tested weekly.



**ASYMPTOMATIC
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.



**CLOSE CONTACTS
& SOCIAL
DISTANCING**

Students and staff identified as close contacts can remain on campus with daily COVID-19 testing.*

"close contact"

A student close contact is a student who was within three 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 staff member is considered a close contact if they were within three to six feet of someone who tested positive.

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).

**If someone in your household tests positive and you are designated a close contact, you must quarantine.*





TEST TO STAY PROGRAM

Our **Test to Stay (TTS)** program offers shortened quarantine times.

- Students and staff members who are identified as a close contact can monitor symptoms and participate in daily rapid tests.
- On their fifth day, we will give them a PCR test (unless they are a 90-day positive).
- This program is not available for people who live in the same household as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

"90-day positive"

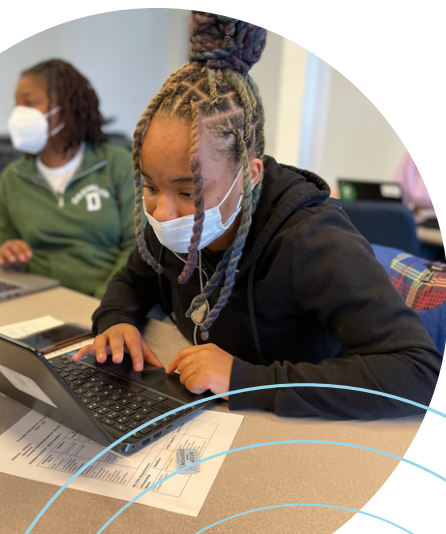
Someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days and who, due to viral shedding, could continue to test positive via a PCR test even after they are no longer infectious or experiencing symptoms.



CONTACT TRACING

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.

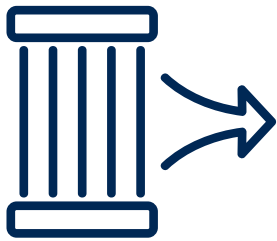


Click here to report
positive test results.



Click here to report a
"close contact" identification.





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 participate in our Test to Stay program upon returning to school.

- Unvaccinated students must participate in daily rapid testing for five days after returning.
- 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.
- 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:**
coronavirus.dc.gov/testing.





COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

A wide range of symptoms have been associated with COVID-19, and symptoms may appear 2 - 14 days after exposure to the virus. Individuals may have mild to severe symptoms, and certain symptoms have been identified as strong indicators of COVID-19. We call these “red flag symptoms.”



- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fever (above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit)*

- 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 which is unexplained by existing health conditions, they should **STAY HOME** and not enter any school building.

While at school:

If a student experiences any **ONE red flag** symptom, which is unexplained by existing health conditions, 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.

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.

What if I have questions about my child?

For questions about what do if your student tests positive for COVID-19, or is identified as a close contact, contact Evelyn Marquez, COVID-19 Operations Coordinator, at emarquez@elhaynes.org.

