

# COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

## Lesley Ellis School

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The purpose for these policies and procedures is to mitigate the risk of contracting COVID-19 for everyone in the Lesley Ellis community.

### Before Coming Each Morning

Before coming each morning, we ask that you assess your student for any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, headache, etc.). If your child is not feeling well, keep your student at home, administer an at-home rapid antigen test, and contact our School Nurse, Joe Ryan ([jryan@lesleyellis.org](mailto:jryan@lesleyellis.org) or 781-641-5987 ext 3).

### Masks

Students, faculty, parents and visitors are welcome to wear masks inside the building, but they are not required to do so. Everyone should continue to bring a mask to school because there may be times during the day when masks will be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts regulations require that masks are to be worn in the Health Office.

### During the Day Sick Plan

If a student becomes ill during the day with COVID-19 symptoms, the following will take place:

1. The student will be evaluated by the nurse.
2. With parental/guardian consent, the student will be tested for COVID-19 with a rapid antigen test.
3. A decision will be made in collaboration with the parents and the nurse about disposition. Depending on the presenting symptoms, early dismissal from school may be indicated as well as an evaluation/clearance from a healthcare provider prior to the student's return to school.
4. If symptoms include fever, vomiting or diarrhea, the student must be free of these symptoms for 24 hours (without the use of symptom suppressing medication) before returning to school, irrespective of COVID status.

### Possible COVID Symptoms at Home

1. If a student becomes ill at home with possible symptoms of COVID, the student may attend school if:
  - a. symptoms are mild and do not include fever, vomiting or diarrhea and
  - b. the student tests negative at home on the **first, second and third** day of symptoms.
2. If a student is sick with mild symptoms and has a family member with COVID, the home testing should be done on the **first, second and third** day of symptoms, and the student should mask at school through day 10 of exposure. (See below – Household Member Tests Positive for COVID-19)

### Testing Positive for COVID-19

1. Remain at home for at least 5 days. After 5 days the student may return to school if they are **fever free**; have improved symptoms; able to fully participate in activities; and able to consistently mask appropriately through day 10. Please note: the first day of symptoms (or the day of a positive test without symptoms) is considered day "0" for isolation calculation purposes. If the student is unable/unwilling to consistently mask through Day 10, parents/guardians must provide proof of a negative antigen test done each morning before school through that same time period.
2. Notify Nurse Joe Ryan at 781-641-5987 ext 3 or jryan@lesleyellis.org
3. Parents will be notified if there is a positive case in their student's class. Our goal is to remain transparent and continue to provide updates to families.

### Household Member Tests Positive for COVID-19

If a member of your household tests positive, alert Nurse Joe Ryan and immediately administer a rapid antigen test on the student(s) and other household members. In most instances, students may still attend school, but they must wear a mask for 10 days and test at home again on **Days 3, 4, and 5 after exposure**, as well as monitor for any symptoms. If the student is unable/unwilling to consistently mask through Day 10, parents/guardians must provide proof of a negative antigen test done each morning before school through that same time period. Test results and/or any subsequent symptoms should be reported to Joe Ryan.

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***Please be aware that these are general guidelines we will follow. In each situation Nurse Joe Ryan will work directly with individual families. These policies and procedures are subject to change.***