



## Safe Return to School Plan

FLEX High School Columbus campuses will follow all federal, state, and local guidelines. FLEX High School Columbus campuses have been hybrid and following this plan for the FY 20-21 school year.

### Wellness Checks

Wellness Checks will be performed on a student throughout the day. Students with chronic conditions, such as allergies or asthma, may have nasal congestion or a cough without having COVID-19 and should attend school as expected if those symptoms are typical for the student. The purpose of said screenings is to identify individuals who may have COVID-19 or other contagious illnesses and to exclude those individuals from a setting to reduce the risk of transmission to others.

**Before Site Attendance – COVID/Contagious Illness Screening:** Student and staff health should be evaluated prior to school site attendance. Students and staff should seek medical diagnosis to rule out or confirm COVID-19 or another contagious illness if they suspect they have been infected or exposed. The school should be notified as soon as possible if any one of the symptoms listed below are present:

- Temperature of 100.4 or greater
- Fever or chills
- Nagging cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Continuous headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

### Daily Screening

Upon entry, students will have a visual wellness check their temperature taken by administrative staff at the main entrance. Should anyone have a temperature of 100.4 or greater and/or be observed to have any of the contagious symptoms listed above, admission to the building may be prohibited. Also, throughout the day if administrative staff and teachers observe students or other staff members to have any of the contagious symptoms outlined above at any point throughout the day, they will be sent to the office administrator for a temperature check. For any student who registers a temperature of 100.4 or greater and/or present any of the symptoms outlined above, he or she will be isolated, and the legal guardian will be notified to pick-up the student, or the student will be sent home. The parent/guardian

will be asked to take their student to seek medical attention or avoid contact with others until 72 hours after the fever is gone and symptoms of acute infection resolve. If the student returns with the same symptoms, they may be asked to get clearance from a medical professional to return. For staff, should a temperature of 100.4 or greater register along with symptoms outlined above, the staff member will be sent home immediately and asked to seek medical attention.

### **Contagious Illness Diagnosis**

Staff and students who seek medical attention and are diagnosed with either COVID-19 or another contagious illness shall immediately report the illness to the school administration. All instances of COVID-19 diagnoses will be anonymously (per the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act guidelines) shared with students and staff via email. The Ohio State Health Department will be notified per state guidelines.

Chronic Illness/Extended Inability to Participate Students with chronic health problems, who are unable to attend regular classes for intermittent periods of one or more consecutive days because of illness, disease, pregnancy complications, or accident as certified by a health professional or registered nurse practitioner, may be excused from school. All exceptions must be certified by an appropriate health professional and will be reviewed on an individual basis.

### **Social Distancing and Facing Coverings**

Students and staff will practice social distancing per current federal, state, or local guidelines. Students will be seated three feet apart. Students will be asked to wear masks unless otherwise directed by a governing agency. All staff must wear a mask when on-site. Any employee may wear gloves; however, gloves are not required.

### **Sanitizing Procedures**

The school will follow daily cleaning protocols. Door handles, water fountains, toilet handles, sink handles, and other common touch surfaces will be wiped down with disinfectant during breaks, during transitions, and at the end of the day. All equipment will be wiped down with disinfectant at the end of the day. Building will be professionally sanitized daily to ensure safety of staff and students.

### **Hand Sanitizer Stations**

Automatic Hand Sanitizing stations with sanitizer made up of at least 60% alcohol are located throughout both centers to provide convenient access for students and staff. Sanitizing Station Locations:

- Inside the front door on the wall
- Inside each learning area attached to the wall next to the door
- Near the restrooms
- Spread out throughout the hallways between classrooms.

FLEX encourages its students and families to stay safe and healthy. Remember to:

- Wear your masks regularly over the face and mouth

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

### **Continuity of Services Plan**

The school has created a year-round schedule to include 5 weeks over the summer to serve FLEX families. Programming will include a breakfast and lunch program, academic programming, and social emotional learning activities.

### **Coordination with Local Health Authorities**

FLEX will coordinate with local health agencies to provide information regarding vaccines to staff and students as details becomes available. Further FLEX will work with Columbus Public Health when cases are present on campus and coordinate with them if quarantine needs to take place to ensure continued safety of staff and students. Moreover, FLEX will disseminate pertinent COVID-19 updates with the community from Columbus Public Health.

This plan will be reviewed each quarter by leadership team along with staff and any updates will be presented to the Governing Authority for approval. The plan will also be shared with families and feedback can be provided to the front office for consideration. The school's Governing Authority will approve the plan and any revisions. FLEX High School Columbus campuses seek public input and takes such input into account on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the revisions to the plan. This plan is scheduled to be reviewed again by the Governing Authority in the fall of 2021.