

Parent Information Guide

For Re-Opening

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Guiding Tenets for Decision Making

- Social distancing will be enforced wherever possible.
- Student temperatures will be taken using thermal imagers as they enter the building each day.
- All students and staff will be allocated cloth face masks.
- The schools will follow state and local mandates regarding the use of masks. Masks will be mandatory for students on the bus and for students who become ill while at school and who are sent to the clinic.
- Hand sanitizer will be available as students enter the classroom and throughout the day.
- Students will have assigned seats in the classroom.
- Special area teachers (like music and art) at the elementary campuses, will provide instruction in student classrooms to limit movement through the building.
- All elementary students in the same class will create a cohort group, and not physically interact with other classes of students in the building, to the extent possible.
- All school buildings will be cleaned thoroughly after school and during the day. Ongoing cleaning protocols will be implemented. Busses will be sanitized after all drop offs.
- Sick employees and students will be required to remain at home and follow the *Return to School Guidelines* before re-entering the school.
- Large gatherings will be limited to numbers that allow for social distancing.

NOTE: For the purposes of this document, face masks, face coverings and face shields may be used interchangeably. Please be advised that the information in this document is current as of the date above. Circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) are rapidly changing, and the accuracy of the information may change moving forward.

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Part 1

The New School Day

Traditional Learning and Odyssey eLearning



What you can expect from the school regarding traditional and Odyssey eLearning instruction:

For the first semester, Odyssey schools are offering two instructional programs. Parents are asked to review the information in this guide and determine which method of instruction best suits the needs of their child.

- Traditional Learning at school – this brick-and-mortar program represents a return to the Odyssey campuses and the classroom where students will engage directly with their teacher(s) and classmates. The school day will follow the standard bell times and schedule that includes all the core classes and other subject areas. Our goal is to protect the health and safety of our students and staff while offering a return to normalcy to the greatest extent possible in the traditional school setting.
- Odyssey eLearning at home - this innovative program is designed for families who want to limit exposure of their child to COVID-19. Based upon guidance from FLDOE, students in this program will use the same curriculum as students in the traditional program and will be expected to complete the same amount of work. Students will attend school remotely following a standard school schedule with daily interactions between students and teachers. **Parental support and supervision will be required for students enrolled in Odyssey eLearning to ensure they are successful.**
- Based on guidance from the FLDOE, students in both the traditional and Odyssey eLearning models will be instructed using the same curriculum. Students in both models will be expected to complete the same amount of work.
- Students in both instructional models will safely interact with teachers and peers daily.

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- Students who receive additional supports (ESE, ELL, Gifted and Talented, and struggling learners) will continue to receive services and supports in both instructional models. At Jr./Sr. a zero period may be offered for some classes which will begin at 8:00 a.m.
- If classrooms are closed due to COVID-19, children will continue at home with Odyssey eLearning.

Health and Wellness



What you can expect from school regarding health and wellness:

- Staff will receive COVID-19 training addressing transmission, prevention and use of mask and including a Q & A component.
- Daily staff temperature checks will be implemented.
- Staff will be strongly encouraged to wear masks when social distancing is not possible.
- In conjunction with the Department of Health, we have established expectations and procedures for notification of illness.
- Signage will be posted describing signs/symptoms, proper handwashing, social distancing, and when to stay home.
- Frequent promotion of daily hygiene and social distancing measures will be reinforced among staff and students.



What you can do to support the health and wellness of your student, their peers, and school staff:

- Encourage your child to eat healthy, exercise, and develop good sleeping habits.
- Be informed about the school's plan for reopening and ask questions to clarify procedures.
- Be patient and understanding when plans and procedures need to change to keep students and staff safe.

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- Inform the school as soon as a positive COVID-19 test result occurs with any members of my family.
- Follow health care provider or health department directives regarding the need for quarantine or isolation for you or your family.
- Screen your child daily prior to coming to school and report illness concerns immediately.
- Adhere to the school's procedures regarding student's exclusion from school and return to class after illness as outlined in the *Return to School Guidelines*.
- Keep your children home if they are sick or exhibiting symptoms. Actively monitor your student's health daily for any changes or concerns.
- Reinforce/educate your child on proper handwashing, covering your cough or coughing into a Kleenex, coughing into your elbow, when to wear a mask, and how-to social distance.
- Provide the school with current contact numbers to assist in open communication between school and home.
- Provide your child with an age appropriate explanation of COVID-19 and ask what questions they may have to ensure they have accurate information and to alleviate their fears.
- Practice ways your child can greet/interact with peers that does not involve contact.

Mental Health and Wellness



What you can expect from the school regarding mental health and wellness:

- Odyssey Charter Schools are aware that all of our students and families have been impacted in some way by COVID-19, and we are prepared to continue to support our students when they return in the fall regardless of which of the models is selected.

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- Resources are available to assist your student with mental health needs. This ranges from direct support from our school counselors, social workers, school psychologists and school nurses as well as linking your child with community resources when needed.
- There will be more frequent student check-ins occurring in the fall to ensure students who may need additional emotional or mental health support are not missed.



What you can do to support the mental health and wellness of your student, their peers and school staff:

- Support the school community by being flexible and understanding as things change. The safety and well-being of our community is extremely important as we begin to prepare to reopen our schools. New procedures and ways of work will be established to ensure safety for all.
- Encourage your child to seek assistance for emotional or mental health support from the student services staff at their school.



Facilities and Safety

What you can expect from the school regarding the facility and safety:

- Social distancing will be maintained where possible. One-way traffic flows inside buildings will be created where feasible to improve social distancing of students and staff.
- Everyone will be collectively responsible for cleaning and sanitizing.
- Enhanced daily and weekly cleaning activities, including disinfecting touch points around the campus will occur.
- AC filters will be changed with increased frequency and air flow will be increased.
- Spray bottles of germicide and microfiber cloths will be placed in each classroom. Cloths will be washed or replaced daily.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in multiple locations throughout the school.
- An isolation room will be provided at each school for students exhibiting symptoms.

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Food and Nutrition Services



What you can expect from the school regarding Food and Nutrition Services:

- Café staff will be required to wear masks and receive daily temperature checks in addition to the already established health and safety protocols based on Health Department guidelines.
- Students will have access to water bottle filling stations. Water fountains will not be available.
- High touch points (tray slide, milk box, keypad, door handles) will be more frequently sanitized. Cafeteria equipment will be sanitized between classes/cohorts.
- Students will scan their school ID for meals.
- Social distancing decals/tape will be placed on the floor throughout the serving line.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the cafe.
- Cafeteria tables will continue to be sanitized between lunches.
- An enter/exit flow will be established in the cafe. A single entry or exit will be enforced.
- Breakfast will include a grab-n-go option to take to the classroom or students may eat the standard breakfast in the cafe.
- Disposable cutlery packets will be used for meals.
- All condiments will be in pre-portioned packages.
- Salads will be prepackaged.
- A-la-carte items will be offered based upon availability.
- Cafe staff will serve all components of meals to students to avoid students touching food items.
- Reduced cafeteria capacity will be determined by individual school site administrators. Students will face one direction in the cafe for meals. Some grade levels and/or classrooms will eat lunch in their classrooms to reduce the numbers of students in the café.

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What you can do to support food and nutrition services:

- Provide your child with a transparent refillable water bottle clearly labeled with their name.
- Deposit money into your child's lunch account using our online system instead of sending cash or checks.

<https://www.spsezpay.com/odysseycharterschool/login.aspx>

Transportation



What you can expect from the school regarding Transportation:

- Eligible students choosing to participate in school transportation will continue to receive transportation services.
- Students utilizing transportation are required to wear a face mask on the bus and will be required to sit in assigned seats.
- School busses will be sanitized between school bus runs.
- Hand sanitizer stations have been installed on school busses for student use.

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Part 2

Ensuring a World Class Education

Technology



What you can expect from the school regarding Technology:

If you choose the Odyssey eLearning option and you do not have devices at home the school will provide devices upon parent request dependent on availability.

Students who are attending traditional option will use technology in their classrooms or in computer labs. Prior to touching a computer (iPad, laptop, or desktop), students will use hand sanitizer. At the elementary level, students will use personal headphones which will be stored in individual baggies. For secondary, headphones will be sanitized between each use. Staff will also sanitize the computers, tables, and chairs with an approved spray after each group of students leaves the area or a computer lab. All computers will be cleaned and sanitized at the end of each day.



What you can do to support the education of your student with Technology:

Each student will need their own device to participate and complete their daily instruction. If you do not have enough devices for each child to have their own, submit a request to the school.

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If you can provide a device for your child, below are the devices that support the curriculum.

- Laptops will provide a better experience than an iPad or other tablet
- Updated Windows 10 devices
- iPad 5th Generation or newer
- iPad Air 3rd Generation or newer
- iPad mini 4 or newer, MacBook Air (Mac OS 10.14 or newer)
- iPad Pros

Should you like to purchase a laptop like the ones the school provides, the specifications are below:

- Dell Latitude 3310
 - Intel Core i5- 8265U Processor
 - 256GB M.2 PCIe NVMe Class 35 Solid State Drive

Instructional Programming



What you can expect from the school regarding K-12 Instructional Programming:

- To prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, school leadership worked to design and implement a comprehensive plan that meets the individual needs of students in a traditional or digital learning model.
- Teachers will use the same curriculum and resources to plan for traditional and Odyssey eLearning models that allows for smooth transition between the two if it becomes necessary for the schools to transition to a new plan based on health, safety, and wellness conditions.
- Courses through Odyssey eLearning will be built to ensure engagement and rigor that matches the traditional classroom setting and essential learning. Additionally, standards have been prioritized in the scope and sequence of instruction to support students as they enter the next grade.
- AP courses will be offered through the traditional and Odyssey eLearning settings.
- Dual Enrollment courses will be available through Eastern Florida State College (EFSC). EFSC has determined that most courses will be virtual for the 1st semester of the school year.

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What you can do to support the education of your student with Instruction:

- Talk to your child regularly to make sure he/she understands work expectations.
- Establish and maintain a daily routine around school and schoolwork.
- Monitor and support your child daily if they choose the Odyssey eLearning option including checking your child's Canvas course and their daily assignments.
- Communicate with teacher(s) regularly and let them know if your child is experiencing specific challenges.
- Contact your child's teacher or student services staff with any changes that may impact your child's success so that a personalized support plan can be developed.

Access to Special Programs and Services



What you can you expect from the school regarding Access to Special Programs and Services:

Special Education Services

Odyssey Charter Schools are committed to providing free and appropriate educational opportunities for students with disabilities, to the greatest extent possible in alignment with public health guidelines. Collaboration with families has always been an integral part of the special education process and continues to be essential during this time. To address the unique needs of students with disabilities, staff will continue the work with families to collaboratively identify the most essential services for each student that can be provided. Individual Education Plan's (IEPs) will be reviewed for the circumstances of the learning environment that the family selects.

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Child Find and Evaluation

Odyssey Charter Schools will continue to identify, locate, and evaluate students suspected of having a disability and needing special education and related services. At the same time, we will be mindful that students have been displaced from their typical learning environment when initiating the referral process. Some evaluation procedures can be completed in remote learning situations. While others require in-person contact with students or observations of students in school settings. Evaluations are completed by Brevard Public Schools staff. Odyssey Charter Schools will follow procedures for the completion of evaluations as directed by Brevard Public Schools.

Individualized Education Program (IEP) Meetings

Odyssey Charter Schools are committed to providing families an opportunity to have meaningful participation in the special education process. Whether in-person or an alternative format, such as videoconferencing or by phone. IEP teams will partner with families to determine the most practical format to conduct IEP meetings.

Delivery of Special Education and Related Services

General education teachers, special education teachers, related services providers, and families will discuss students' individual needs and agree to a prioritized set of services that provide access to curriculum and enable progress toward IEP goals. Services for students with specific health or support needs will be addressed in collaboration with families on an individual basis.

Progress Monitoring and Reporting

IEP teams will have in place consistent data collection and service log procedures for use across all learning environments. Collecting data and tracking the provision of services will assist educators and families in determining the effectiveness of instruction provided, student performance on IEP goals/objectives, and assist IEP teams in making any necessary adjustments to instruction. Quarterly reports on the progress the child is making toward meeting the annual goals will continue to be provided for traditional and Odyssey eLearning.

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Individualized Education Plan (IEPs) or 504 Plan accommodations in Odyssey eLearning

All students attending Odyssey eLearning will have access to the many accommodations that naturally occur in the virtual setting. In addition, Odyssey eLearning will provide any accommodations listed on the IEP that are applicable to the online educational environment. Please note that some accommodations may not be possible to implement in the online educational setting. The IEP team (general education teachers, special education teachers, related services providers, and families) will work collaboratively if it is determined an accommodation is not appropriate or successful in a particular learning environment.

Confidentiality and Student Privacy

For families who select Odyssey eLearning, special education and related service providers will use digital platforms approved by the schools for secure access. As with services provided in the brick and mortar classroom, educators may set ground rules regarding non-student presence during virtual instruction based on age and developmental level. It is also important to note that at no time will there be any recording of lessons when students are present in the digital environment.

Related Services

At the elementary school level, we are creating a cohort isolation model, where students will spend time on campus with the group of students in their class, including in the classroom, the cafeteria, and the playground. Interaction with students from other classes will be limited to the greatest extent possible. The cohort model at elementary schools will not impede necessary IEP services. Every effort should be made to schedule services to occur within the cohort group. For students in Odyssey eLearning, parents may choose for students to come to school to receive IEP related services (occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech and language therapy) or parents may select for their child to participate in the related services virtually. Should you choose for your student to participate in face-to-face therapy, there will be a set schedule so that space is reserved and to maintain social distancing protocols.

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At the secondary level, each school will have a customized plan to discourage large gatherings of students in hallways and common areas, using clear communication and signage to reinforce the message. The number of students allowed in the cafe, Titan Learning Center (TLC), and gymnasium will be reduced. Students will continue to receive IEP services and related services either in the traditional model or through Odyssey eLearning. For students in Odyssey eLearning, parents may choose for students to come to school to receive IEP related services (occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech and language therapy) or parents may select for their child to participate in the related services virtually. Should you choose for your student to participate in face-to-face therapy, there will be a set schedule so that space is reserved and to maintain social distancing protocols.

Private Instructional Providers and Community Providers (i.e. Mental Health Providers)

Service providers that are allowed by statute will schedule with schools and be approved before visiting a campus. All outside providers will schedule visits in advance with a school-based administrator so that space is reserved and to minimize as much mixing within a traditional cohort as possible. Location on campus will be determined on a case by case basis.

Students that Need Reading or Math Remediation

According to state and local data, students who require academic remediation will continue to receive interventions matched to their identified needs whether enrolled in the traditional or Odyssey eLearning model. All students will be progress monitored to ensure that they are making gains toward meeting grade level standards.

Medically Vulnerable Populations

For medically vulnerable students who come to school, school health staff will develop or review school care plans in consultation with the family and child's doctor, as appropriate. Odyssey Schools will consider accommodations on a case-by-case basis. For families with vulnerable students who do not intend to return to a traditional school setting, staff will work with the family to consider options. These options include Odyssey eLearning and Hospital/Homebound Instruction.

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ESOL/ELL

Odyssey Schools are committed to continuing to identify and serve English Language Learners. Whether in-person or through Odyssey eLearning, ESOL strategies will continue to be implemented by instructional and support staff to address the academic and language needs of ELL students. In addition, ESOL teams will continue to partner with families and schools to provide resources and tools to ensure the academic success of ELL students. Whether the students are in traditional school or Odyssey eLearning, we are committed to providing instruction that will allow students to reach their maximum potential.

Montessori Village Green Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Programs and Services



What you can expect from the school regarding VPK Programs and Services:

- Montessori Village Green will offer the traditional model.
- Students will have their temperature taken prior to entering the building.
- Students will wash their hands upon entering the classroom.
- Staff will wear masks.
- The school will provide MVG staff with masks.
- Students will wash their hands before and after lunch and snack.
- Meals will be eaten in the classroom.
- Students will be socially distanced in rooms to the extent possible.
- If a parent expresses a desire for his/her child to wear a covering in school, the teacher will gently encourage the child to do so while indoors. If the child removes his/her covering, the child will place the covering in backpack to take home.

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What you can do to support the education of your Pre-Kindergarten student:

- Maintain a distance of 6 feet in line between families during arrival and dismissal.
- Contact your child's teacher/caregiver and determine how your child's teacher will communicate with you regarding the curriculum, planning support for your child, and how your child is developing.
- Participate in the screening of developmental skills of your child and discuss the results with your child's teacher/caregiver.
- Participate in parent conferences.
- Read with your child and support the development of math skills as often as possible.
- Acknowledge any anxiety your child, yourself or other family members may have; staff can provide resources for your family how to talk to children about COVID-19.
- Contact support staff who can refer your family to counseling, mental health services and other services as needed.



What you can do to support the health and wellness of your Pre-Kindergarten student, their peers and school staff:

- Contact your child's teacher/caregiver if someone in the family is sick or does not feel well.
- Wear a mask when appropriate.
- Take your child's temperature daily.
- Remind your children and family members to frequently wash their hands.
- Remind your children to not share cups, utensils, and food.

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Extra-Curricular Activities and Athletics



What you can expect from the school regarding Extra-Curricular Activities and Athletics:

- Strict cleaning procedures and guidelines will be followed for athletic venues, sports equipment, locker rooms, and restrooms.
- Use of masks will be based on current school procedures.
- Social Distancing guidelines will be encouraged in all athletic facilities and performing arts centers.
- No field trips will be allowed in the 90 days of the school year.
- Athletes will be required to wear masks on all bus trips to and from contests.
- Schools will follow the Odyssey return to activity plan.



What you can do to support your student beyond the school day:

- Ensure your child has a transparent water bottle and a face mask when they go to practice each day.
- Remind your child to wash their hands frequently before and after practice.
- Support the school community by being flexible and understanding as things change. The safety and well-being of our community is extremely important as we begin to prepare to reopen our schools. New procedures and ways of work will be established to ensure safety in our schools.

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What you can do to support the health and wellness of your student, their peers and school staff beyond the school day:

- Keep your child home and monitor their temperature if they do not feel well.
- Notify your child's coach or school if your child becomes ill after participating in practice or other activities held on the school campus.
- Practice social distancing when possible. Families should sit 6 feet apart from other families at games.
- Wear a mask to all athletic events (indoor and outdoor, when appropriate) and in restrooms.
- Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer when available.
- Do not attend an event if you are feeling sick or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Before and After School Care Programs



What you can expect from Before and After School Care Programs:

The health and safety of all our students and staff is our top priority. Therefore, Before and After Care will be following Odyssey Charter School, Inc. guidelines for COVID-19 and will implement these additional safety measures for our programs. We will continue to monitor government and CDC recommendations and adjust as needed.

Group Sizes

All group sizes have a maximum capacity of 20 students. In Before Care, groups will be multi-age. In After Care, groupings will be by grade levels.

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Healthy Practices

Teachers will educate and reinforce students on proper handwashing, the importance of covering a cough by coughing into a Kleenex or coughing or sneezing into the elbow, when to wear a mask, and how-to social distance during play times. Students will discard tissues and wash their hands immediately after use. Signage will be posted describing signs/symptoms, proper handwashing, social distancing, and when to stay home.

Arrival & Dismissal

Upon arrival, students will have their temperature taken. Students will then wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering the program. During drop off and pick up times, maintain 6-feet in line between families.

Snack Times

Staff will ensure students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before snack time and will sit at least an arm's length apart from each other.

Intensified Cleaning

Group Leaders will increase the frequency for sanitizing high touch points (materials, tables, and door handles).

Shared Materials

Staff will strongly encourage students to use their own supplies. In the event students must share materials they will be disinfected, and students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after sharing materials. Computers will be disinfected before and after each use.

Face Coverings

Staff will wear face masks provided by the school. If a parent expresses a desire for his/her child to wear a covering in school, the teacher will gently encourage the child to do so while indoors. If the child removes his /her covering, the child will place the covering in backpack to take home.

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Frequently Asked Questions



Traditional and Odyssey eLearning

If I choose one option (traditional or Odyssey eLearning) for my child, am I able to switch options before the end of the semester?

You may change options at any time during the semester based on what is best for your child and your family

How will the Odyssey eLearning and traditional learning be different?

According to the guidance from the state, students in Odyssey eLearning are expected to complete the same number of instructional hours as their peers in the traditional model. Additionally, the same curriculum will be used for both models.

If I choose the Odyssey eLearning option, does my child lose their spot at the school?

No. Students in Odyssey eLearning will not lose their spot in a traditional classroom.

Will the Odyssey eLearning option be offered for the entire year?

At this time, Odyssey eLearning will be available for the first semester of school. Closer to the end of the semester, the school leadership will re-evaluate the situation and decide if Odyssey eLearning will continue during second semester based on guidance from the FLDOE.

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What will traditional classrooms look like?

All elementary classrooms will be set up to meet practical social distancing within the room. Movement of students will be kept to a minimum through a variety of methods. Special area teachers will travel to classrooms. When possible, elementary students will remain in their home base classroom. Each classroom will have a set of textbooks and materials for the students that classroom. Limited small groups of students will move to alternate locations for specialized services. Sanitizing procedures will be implemented between groups. In secondary classrooms student desks will be set up to meet practical social distancing within the room and student movement around the classroom will be limited to the extent possible.

How will students move in the halls?

At the elementary level limited student interaction and movement will take place in the hallways. Students lining up in the hallways will practice social distancing of at least one arm's length between students. Social distancing routines and procedures will be taught, practiced, and actively monitored by staff. At the elementary and secondary level students will follow a one-way traffic pattern and students will be expected to wear a mask.

Will precautions will be in place for bathroom use?

All bathrooms will be cleaned multiple times each day using approved cleaning solutions. Students will wash their hands with soap and water before leaving the bathroom and will use hand sanitizer when entering the classroom. Elementary classes with bathrooms in the room will develop and teach students procedures to manage social distancing while students are waiting to use the single restroom. The number of students in hall bathrooms in the elementary schools will be limited. Elementary classes using hall bathrooms will be carefully monitored as they take scheduled breaks throughout the day. In the case of an emergency, students will be allowed to use the bathroom at other times. At the secondary level, bathrooms will be sanitized more frequently, and students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer when re-entering the classroom.



Health and Wellness

Will students wear masks in classrooms?

Students are required to wear a face mask on the bus, in hallways and during class transitions. Students are strongly encouraged to wear face masks during class. Students will be provided a cloth face mask at the beginning of the school year.

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Will teachers wear masks in classrooms?

Teachers are required to wear face masks at duty posts and during class transitions. Teachers are encouraged to social distance between other staff and students. Cloth face masks and plastic face shields will be provided for each staff member.

What screening procedures will be implemented for students, staff, and visitors?

Student temperatures will be monitored daily by a thermal imaging camera upon arrival. Staff will have their temperature monitored daily by a temperature scanning device upon entering the building. Visitors entering the front office will have their temperature scanned. If a student or staff member enters with a temperature greater than 100 degrees, they will be escorted to the clinic, their temperature will be re-checked, and safety precautions will be put in place. No visitors or volunteers will be admitted beyond the front office for the first 90 days of school based upon current health conditions.

Will students be expected to socially distance?

Throughout the school day, students will be socially distanced to the extent possible. At the elementary school level, students will have assigned seats and interact only with students in their class to the greatest extent possible. By limiting their exposure to a small number of students, we reduce the chance of infection. If a student becomes ill, the immediate class is affected, not the entire school. Secondary students will have assigned seats in each class, hallways will be one direction, and students will be expected to maintain an arm's length distance in hallways to the greatest extent possible.

What steps will be taken to ensure that surfaces are clean in classrooms?

Maintenance workers and school custodians will clean frequently touched surfaces throughout the day and conduct overall cleanings at the conclusion of every day. Other non-custodial staff members will be expected to do their part keeping surfaces clean and will be provided spray bottles and microfiber cloths for additional cleaning. Teachers will be provided cleaning supplies for their classrooms.

What other steps are being taken to ensure a healthy environment?

Odyssey Charter Schools will partner with parents in educating students on the importance of hand washing, hygiene, and social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be made available in classrooms and workplaces. The schedule for changing air conditioning filters has been accelerated. Hand sanitizer will be available in locations throughout the campus.

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What will my student's school do if a classmate or staff member exhibits symptoms of COVID-19?

We will send a clear message to parents and staff that if they are exhibiting any symptoms, they should not come to school or report to work. If a student exhibits symptoms at school, they will be taken to a location in the school clinic set aside for possible COVID-19 cases and their parent or guardian will be notified to take them home or to visit a medical professional.

What if a someone in the school community tests positive for COVID-19?

When someone from the school community tests positive parents will be notified, while not specifically identifying the student or staff member. Parents of students who have been in close proximity (6 feet for 15 minutes or more) will be notified using a standard letter from the Department of Health, and students will self-quarantine for at least 10 days. The locations where student/staff member spent extended time will be deep cleaned and the class will be relocated until the cleaning is complete. It is recommended that the student/staff member follow guidance from their primary physician regarding treatment. A doctor's note clearing any school community member will be required for return to the campus.

If my child is anxious or concerned about returning to school, what can I do to help?

Talk to your child and find out the reason for their concern. Provide them reassurance and answer their questions, share information pertaining to their concern and seek answers if you are unaware. If you still need support, reach out to your child's school for additional assistance.

Where can I find resources regarding emotional and mental health for my child?

Guidance staff at the schools can assist families in accessing additional resources to support your child's emotional and mental health.

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Food and Nutrition

What procedures will be in place in the café to protect students?

Students will wash or sanitize their hands before meals (breakfast and lunch). A café worker will serve all menu items to students. Numbers of students in the café will be limited through strategies such as eating at tables in the hallways and classrooms. Students will practice social distancing by being an arm's length apart in lines and while sitting at tables. Tables will face the same direction with 4-5 students per table, students will not be sitting face-to-face. Tables and benches will be sanitized after each class. Students will follow one-way traffic patterns while entering and exiting the café.

If my child selects a virtual option will they still be permitted to receive their free or reduced meals?

School Nutrition Programs operate under the regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture. Waivers were just released by USDA to allow flexibility in this area. We will be receiving additional guidance from the state on the details of how we can provide meals to students that select a virtual option.



Transportation

Will students be required to wear masks?

Yes, to the greatest extent possible. Students choosing to participate in school transportation will wear a face mask while being on the bus. The school will provide face masks to students at the beginning of the school year.

My student has health issues that make wearing a mask impossible. Will they have to still wear a mask?

Accommodation will be considered relative to this expectation. Please communicate concerns with school staff for further direction.

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How will social distancing be enforced on school busses?

Students are expected to wear a face covering as social distancing will not always be possible on school busses. Siblings will be directed to sit together, and students will utilize space available to distance when possible. Students will have assigned seating on the bus. If students exhibit symptoms of illness while on the bus, a separate bench will be used to social distance the student from the rest of the students for the duration of the bus trip.



Technology

If we choose the Odyssey eLearning option and we don't have a device, can we get one like we did in the spring?

For the Odyssey eLearning option, you can sign out a device from your child's school to the extent the school has devices available.

If we have several children, do we need devices for each child, and can we sign out a device for each child?

Yes, if you choose the Odyssey eLearning option, you will need a device for each child. You can sign out a device or hotspot from your children's school(s) to the extent that they are available.



Extra-Curricular/Athletics

Will elementary students have recess if so, what precautions will be in place?

Recess will continue with modifications. Schedules will be developed and followed so that only one class at a time is on the playground. Students will use hand sanitizer prior to going to the playground and wash their hands with soap and water upon reentering the building. Playground equipment will be sanitized daily.

Are we allowing sporting events, pep rallies, dances, and back to school nights?

These events have a smaller, more select crowd, and therefore offer less exposure. Virtual options will also be considered when appropriate.

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Will athletes be required to wear masks?

No, not during practice or competitions. However, they will need to wear them while riding the bus to and from the event.

Will sports still be offered next school year?

Presently, we are planning for sports to resume. We will offer the same sports as usual with some restrictions related to social distancing and enhanced cleaning procedures. Students will be required to wear a mask on any bus trips to events.

If a student chooses Odyssey eLearning option will they able to try out for school sports?

Yes, if you decide to choose the Odyssey eLearning option, you will be able to participate in sports at your zoned school only.

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Student Illness Procedure

Students who develop symptoms outside of school:

- Notify your school by calling the school and stay home

What if my student experiences symptoms when they arrive at school or become sick during the school day?

- Student should notify a staff member when they feel ill.
- These are described in the "Return to School Guidelines for Parents" document
- A temperature will be obtained for every student who presents to the clinic with symptoms of illness. Students who feel ill will be immediately directed to the isolation area and face covering applied (as tolerated by student).
- Masks will be placed on all students with any COVID-19 like symptoms
- Parents may pick up their children from the front desk.
- All students that are sent home must receive a copy of the "Return to School Guidelines or Parents".
- We suggest parent/guardian call their primary provider for guidance regarding children who are presenting symptoms to determine if testing for COVID-19 is warranted. If you do not have a primary care provider or you want additional information, contact Florida Department of Health (FDOH) COVID-19 Hotline at 866-779-6121.

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