



REOPENING SAFELY

MAIN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

- Reopening schools safely for our teachers, scholars, and families for the new school year is our top priority. We have a strong commitment to our families and community to continue to improve the lives of children through quality education in a safe and nurturing environment.

Our school reopening plans have been developed using state and national health guidance. The goal of our plan is to provide clear policies and protocols to reopen safely. As with every COVID response plan right now, this information is fluid and will change as necessary based on guidance from the state, Center for Disease Control (CDC), and considerations to our families and our staff.

Please see our family Q&A below:

1. What are you doing in my school building to prevent the spread of germs?

The school will take the temperature of employees and parents before they may enter school property every day. If a child is sneezing or coughing, he or she may be excluded to minimize the spread of bodily fluids, even if the person is not exhibiting signs of COVID-19. If a scholar is obviously ill, the school may make additional inquiries. To ensure everyone's safety, parents may be called to pick-up the scholar. If a scholar or staff member is exposed to COVID-19 as confirmed through testing, we will notify any families or staff that may be impacted. Scholars or staff may be asked to quarantine.

PARENT RESOURCES

- [Stop the Spread of Germs](#)
- [Coronavirus - Information Page](#)
- [Coronavirus - Prevention and Treatment](#)
- [Coronavirus - FAQ](#)

SCHOOL PROTOCOLS



Temperature Check Kiosk

Temperature check kiosks and touchless scans for employees before entry. Parents will only be permitted in the front office area.



Face Masks/Shields Required

Anyone entering the school building is required to wear a face covering to prevent the spread of disease.



Daily Room Sanitation

Classrooms will be sanitized between classes. High traffic areas will be wiped down throughout the school day.

- **Siblings or Other Students in the Household**

If a scholar is excluded from school due to COVID-19 symptoms or has had a positive COVID-19 test, his or her siblings or other scholars living in the same household will be questioned and if they exhibit symptoms, they will also be excluded from school. If they do not exhibit symptoms, they may still be excluded from school and asked to self-quarantine.

2. Will teachers wear masks?

Yes, all staff will wear face masks and/or shields matching CDC requirements for the highest level of protection and prevention at all times while on campus. Staff members must also pass a temperature screening before entering the building.

3. Will scholars wear masks?

Yes, scholars will also be required to wear face masks before entering the building. Those who arrive on campus without a mask will be provided one.

4. What do I do if I think my scholar is sick?

The school recommends that parents take their scholar's temperature prior to coming to school and verify that the scholar has not exhibited any COVID-19 symptoms. In addition, scholars will have their temperature checked before attending class.

Scholars and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without other obvious explanations are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they will be sent home immediately. Scholars and families should be familiar with the symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC Guidance:

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS

The infographic is a 2x3 grid of dark blue boxes with white icons and text. The top row contains: 1) A thermometer icon above 'Fever or Chills'; 2) A profile of a head coughing icon above 'Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing'; 3) A crescent moon and 'Z's icon above 'Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache'. The bottom row contains: 4) A nose icon above 'New loss of taste or smell'; 5) A head with a hand to the throat icon above 'Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose'; 6) A stomach and intestines icon above 'Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea'. Below the grid is the CDC logo and a text box with a recommendation and a website link.

Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people with an infectious illness such as the flu remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100 degrees F or 37.8 degrees C) or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information on how to recognize symptoms.

- **5. What do staff do if they feel sick?**

If an employee calls in sick or appears ill, the school will inquire as to whether the employee is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. Employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without other obvious explanations are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they will be sent home immediately.

6. What safety protocols will be in place to help protect my scholar?

We will ensure a clean school, including the regular cleaning of objects and areas that are frequently used, such as bathrooms, conference rooms, door handles, and railings. Custodial staff will sanitize after every class and at the end of each day.

Water fountains will be closed and scholars will be allowed to bring labeled water bottles. Hand sanitizer stations will be placed in areas where soap and water are not readily available, and we will be modifying common areas in our building to increase the ability for physical distancing. Masks will be worn by all staff and scholars. Parents and visitors will only be allowed in the front office area.

7. What kind of training are teachers getting on possible positive cases?

Employees are required by the school to participate in various health and safety trainings in an effort to mitigate the risk of spreading an infectious disease. Training will be issued throughout the year given the fluid nature of the pandemic.

8. What support is available if I have questions about returning to campus?

Parents with questions or concerns about our reopening plans are encouraged to reach out to the school. You can reach us by phone at 234.738.1925 or by email at stephanie.eafford@mainprep.org. PLA also has a help center available to parents in need of technical support. Parents can contact our help team at 888.655.0777 or they can email helpdesk@phalenacademies.org.

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