

## REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Dear Families:

September 10, 2020

In preparation for school reopening next week, please take a moment to review the requirements for all parents who are sending children to school for in-person learning, including keeping children home if sick, symptomatic, or in close contact with someone with symptoms or positive for COVID-19; completing parent self-attestation forms; quarantining if having traveled; providing permission to test as well as health insurance information; updating parent/caregiver contact information; providing a clean cloth face mask for your child every school day; maintaining up-to-date vaccinations; and providing updated medical plans for children with medical conditions. There will be no exceptions to these requirements.

- **Keep children home if sick, symptomatic, or in close contact with someone with symptoms or positive for COVID-19:** Any student with symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, fever, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose.
- **Self-attestation:** Parents and caregivers must complete and provide a self-attestation form every school day. Self-attestation requires you to provide to the School your answer to questions about your child's health, including COVID-19 symptoms, travel, and body temperature (using a thermometer). To make this process more convenient, parents will need to download the "PikMyKid" app to a smartphone. You can find directions here ([ENGLISH](#)) ([SPANISH](#)). The self-attestation form may also be found [here](#), although we will be requiring parents and caregivers to use the PikMyKid app.
- **Quarantine:** Students who have traveled outside of the United States or to any state with a positivity rate of COVID-19 greater than 5% are required to self-quarantine for 14 days before coming to school. Students will not be allowed in school until they have reached the end of the quarantine period, unless they can produce a negative test. The list of states and territories currently identified as requiring quarantine for students and staff who have traveled there is as follows: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming. Again, if students or staff have traveled to any of these locations then they are required to quarantine for 14 days before attending school. This list changes frequently, and can be accessed [here](#).
- **Permission to test:** all students returning for in-person learning must have an authorization consent form, in accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health public health protocols. This form may be completed [here](#). You may also cut and paste this link, and look for the "Forms" header.

<https://health.ri.gov/covid/educationandchildcare/index.php>

- **Collection of insurance information:** Although students and staff will not be charged copayment or deductible, the State of Rhode Island is requiring this information. This form may be completed at the same site as the permission to test site. This form may be completed [here](#). You may also cut and paste this link, and look for the “Forms” header. <https://health.ri.gov/covid/educationandchildcare/index.php>
- **Contact information:** The School must be able to reach parents and caregivers immediately so our parents and caregivers must provide the most up-to-date telephone number. If the School calls home and cannot reach the parent or guardian we will contact all of the names on a student’s emergency contact list. If we can still not get in touch with the parent within a reasonable amount of time then the School will call the Providence Police Department for assistance. To update your contact information please call your child’s school or send an email to the school secretary:
  - Lower School Secretary, Ana Dias, 453-2626 or [adiaz@paulcuffee.org](mailto:adiaz@paulcuffee.org)
  - Middle School Secretary, Brianda Vargas, 453-2711 or [bvargas@paulcuffee.org](mailto:bvargas@paulcuffee.org)
  - Upper School Secretary, Karla Vargas, 781-2727 or [kvargas@paulcuffee.org](mailto:kvargas@paulcuffee.org)
- **Cloth face masks:** Wearing cloth face masks is required of all students and staff. Face masks should fit snugly and cover the mouth and nose. Handkerchiefs, neck gaiters, and masks with vents are not permitted. Face shields may not substitute for face masks. The School will provide a disposable face mask for students who need one. Students who refuse to wear a mask will be sent home. If your child has a medical exemption then please contact your child’s school immediately.
- **Please plan on getting the flu shot** for all members of your family this year in order to minimize illness and avoid hospitalization.
- **Remember that immunizations are still required to attend school.** Students entering Kindergarten, seventh grade, and senior year are mandated to have up to date physical exams for their health record and the following immunizations are required:
  - For kindergarten: Fifth dose of Dtap, Fourth dose of polio vaccine, and the Second doses of both the MMR and varicella vaccines.
  - For seventh grade (7th): Tdap, Meningitis, and HPV.
  - For eighth grade (8th): Second HPV vaccine
  - For twelfth grade(12): Additional Meningitis vaccine
- **Students with medical conditions:** it is especially important this year that those students who have medical conditions, such as asthma, food allergies, seizure disorders, sickle cell anemia, cardiac, and other respiratory issues, come to the start of the new school year with an updated plan from their pediatricians as well as up to date medications.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping all of our students, staff and families healthy this school year!

Sincerely,

Christopher Haskins, Head of School