

# Rocketship Nashville COVID Health & Safety Guide

## For the 21-22 School Year

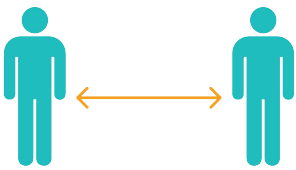
### Will my child wear a mask at school?



For the first **30 days of school anyone older than 2 must wear a tight fitting mask on campus, except during meals.** Even though public health guidelines allow for vaccinated individuals to go maskless in their private lives, we are currently continuing the mask requirement for all staff on our campuses. This allows us to implement a consistent requirement across campus, and model proper mask-wearing for students

After the first 30 days we'll review this based on parent voice, local COVID data, and opportunities for students and staff to get vaccinated. Disposable face masks will be available on campus.

### Will students be in cohorts and physically distance?



Students will continue to be in cohorts. We will track who Rocketeers spend time with throughout the day. This will allow us to contract trace and quarantine to prevent the spread on our campuses.

For students we recommend 3 feet+ of spacing indoors. Though students may be within 3 feet of other students in their own cohort, they will stay at least 6 feet away from Rocketeers in other cohorts.

When outside, no physical distancing is required. We do recommend Rocketeers avoid touching each other, so no high-fives or hugging, but hopefully soon!

### What should we do if children have a symptom of COVID-19 or test positive?



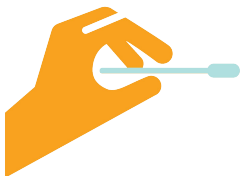
To keep our community safe, we have testing, contact tracing, quarantine and communication systems in place if there is a diagnosis, symptoms or exposure on campus.

**Anyone who tests positive** must quarantine for 10 days and be fever-free with improved symptoms before returning.

**Anyone with a symptom** can come to campus but will take a rapid test. If the result is negative and they're fever-free, then they can go to school.

**People who are vaccinated do not need to quarantine when exposed to a positive case.** **Any non-vaccinated person exposed to a positive case** must quarantine, following CDC guidance. A non-vaccinated person who has been exposed can return to school after 7 days if they wait 5 days after exposure, take a COVID test, and get a negative result.

### Can my child get tested for COVID-19 on campus?



Rocketship will also offer testing for students and staff who show symptoms during the school day as a way to "clear" themselves to be on campus with a COVID symptom, other than a fever. We won't give a rapid test to a student without their parent's permission.

All unvaccinated Rocketship staff will also be tested for COVID once a week.

## Will staff and students be required to be vaccinated to be on campus?



Rocketship encourages and supports staff and students who are eligible to be vaccinated for COVID-19, but COVID-19 vaccination is not required. When more people in a community - teachers, staff and parents - are protected against the coronavirus, unprotected people, such as the children who aren't yet able to get vaccinated, are less likely to be exposed.

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## Will students continue to frequently wash and sanitize their hands?

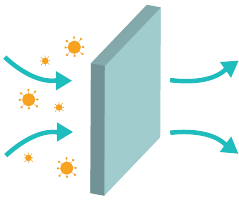


Handwashing, and hand sanitizing when washing is not available, is one of the key ways we keep ourselves and others healthy - not just from COVID-19, but from many of the germs around us that can make us sick. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that people clean their hands before and after they touch their face or mask, enter and leave a public place, and touch items that others have touched.

All Rocketeers must wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer if washing is not available or practiced frequently.

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## It's important to have clean air in closed spaces. How will this be done in classrooms?



We have upgraded our HVAC systems and will have HVAC vendors on campus every other month to inspect and change filters when it is needed. These systems will be running all day to keep air clean.

Each space will have an air purifier and when weather allows, we will open the windows.

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## How often will classrooms be sanitized?



While the CDC recommended lots of disinfecting at the beginning of the pandemic, we have since learned that COVID-19 lives in the air more than on surfaces, and that regular cleaning is sufficient to keep us safe under most circumstances.

Teachers will still clean areas that are touched a lot, Rocketeers will wipe down their desks before another cohort enters the classroom, and our custodial team will clean thoroughly each evening.

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Have other questions? Reach out to your Office Manager.