



COVID- 19 Health Policy Addendum *Updated February 2021*

Based on the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Arizona Dept. of Education (ADE)

The following policies are to be implemented at all Leading Edge Academy school sites and will be implemented in conjunction with other current Leading Edge Academy health protocols. These policies will remain in effect for the remainder of the school year or until such time that the school governing board removes or modifies said policies.

The intent of these policies is to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and other flu like illnesses. Parents will be responsible for screening their students each day before school. Students must not come to school if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose
- New loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting or diarrhea

Upon arrival at school each day, students will be screened for the above symptoms. This will include daily temperature checks. This initial screening will take place by the classroom teacher or other appointed staff member. Any student who displays one or more of the above symptoms will immediately be taken to the campus health aide for re-evaluation and upon verification of the above symptoms, parents will be contacted for pick up with the following exceptions:

- If the student has a runny nose and no other symptoms, the campus health aide may contact parents to inquire about other symptoms or COVID-19 exposure at home. If no other symptoms have been present and the student has had no exposure to COVID-19, the student may return to class.
- If the student has health information on file that confirms a diagnosis of asthma or other respiratory conditions and is displaying no other symptoms, the campus health aide may contact parents to inquire about other symptoms and COVID-19 exposure at home. If no other symptoms have been present and the student has had no exposure to COVID-19, the student may return to class.

Each campus will have a designated location where anyone displaying symptoms may be separated from others while waiting to be screened or picked up. One staff member should supervise the student at all times and this staff member should wear appropriate PPE and maintain a distance of at least 6 feet unless there is an emergency. In the event of a medical emergency, staff should notify the school office and call 911. Employees displaying symptoms

should be separated from others and may self-transport home if able. If an employee is unable to safely self-transport, a family member or emergency contact should be contacted.

Staff members will be responsible for screening their own symptoms before arrival each day at school and will be screened upon arrival by campus health aides. The same policies and procedures listed above for students will be applicable to all staff members.

Students/Employees may return to school/work after 2 days (48 hours) have passed since recovery which is defined as: (a) resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and (b) improvement of other symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath).

Employees should report to work unless they are sick or symptomatic or if someone in their same household tests positive for COVID-19.

Procedures for a COVID-19 Positive Test

If a person reports a positive COVID-19 test, the procedures listed below should be followed:

1. Immediately report the situation to the campus Principal or other designated school employee. Confidentiality must be maintained to the greatest extent possible.
2. Close off any areas that were exposed to the person reporting a positive test for a prolonged period of time (typically longer than 15 minutes). In addition to all other enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols, thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces within this area per CDC guidelines.
3. Determine whether other employees or students may have been exposed to the individual testing positive within 6 feet and for a prolonged period of time (typically longer than 15 minutes). If so, notify those individuals or in the case of students, their parents, of the potential exposure. The name of the individual testing positive must not be disclosed. Notification of possible exposure should recommend that exposed individuals monitor their health closely.

Return to school/work

Any employee or student that has had a positive COVID-19 test may not return to school/work until the following has occurred:

- A 10 day quarantine period has ended. The quarantine period should begin on the date of a positive COVID-19 test; **and**
- At least 2 days (48 hours) has passed since the resolution of a fever without the use of fever reducing medication; **and**
- There has been an improvement of other symptoms

Leading Edge will proactively communicate with families, students, and staff about proper hygiene practices, the importance of social distancing, and adopting behaviors that reduce the spread of viruses.