

DATE: August 11, 2021

TO: APTS Parents/Guardians, APTS Staff, Local Education Agency Representatives

FROM: APTS Executive Team

RE: Updates to COVID-19 Reopening Plan of Action

In order to continue to provide the best services possible while keeping our staff and students healthy and safe, the below information has been added to our COVID-19 Reopening Plan of Action:

- New staff are required to be fully or at least partially vaccinated prior to their first day of training.
- All staff are required to be vaccinated by October 29, 2021.
- Many APTS campuses have rapid COVID-19 tests available on-site for use at the discretion of the school nursing staff to allow for faster and more accurate COVID-19 responding. Signed consent must be obtained prior to testing.

Additionally, with our continued focus on layered prevention strategies including vaccine requirements for staff, indoor masking and symptom screening for staff, improved ventilation in rooms, ensuring appropriate hand hygiene opportunities, staying home when sick, and regular cleaning and disinfecting, additional updates have been made to our plan that are summarized below:

- The classroom and building environment are set up to encourage proper social distancing; desks are spaced 3 to 6 feet apart, and APTS staff and students are asked to maintain at least 3 to 6 feet of distance whenever possible.
- Visitors are permitted into the building when school is in session with prior approval from a Campus Director and are required to be screened, have their temperature checked and wear masks while inside the building or if they are outside the building and not able to properly socially distance.
- Community-Based Instruction (CBI) Trips may occur with prior approval from a Campus Director. All locations must be thoroughly evaluated for CDC compliance, appropriateness, and availability. Additionally, parental consent must be obtained prior to the trip. Staff are required to wear a mask during any transportation and the student will be encouraged to wear a mask as well. After any use of APTS vehicles, the vehicle is thoroughly disinfected.
- The CDC does not currently recommend schools conduct symptom screening for all students in grades K-12 on a routine (e.g., daily) basis. In accordance with these guidelines, parents, caregivers, or guardians are strongly encouraged to monitor their children for symptoms of infectious illness every day through home-based symptom screening. Students who are sick should not attend school in-person. Staff are required to self-screen prior to coming to work and keep a record of their self-screening to be reviewed periodically at random. Based on the recommendations from the CDC as well as APTS' data regarding temperature checks and COVID-19 positive cases, temperature checks will be discontinued for students and staff at this time. Temperature checks for staff may be utilized for short periods of time upon the return from longer breaks in instruction (e.g., winter break, etc.).
- Staff may remove their masks if they are outdoors engaging in physical activities (e.g., recess, physical education class outside) however social distancing should still strived to be maintained as much as possible.
- In the event an exposure occurs on campus, fully vaccinated, asymptomatic individuals may remain at work/school. The ability to utilize public-school provided transportation for fully vaccinated, asymptomatic students who have had an exposure to someone with a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 will be determined by the student's respective city/county.
- For individuals returning to APTS schools following international travel:
  - Fully vaccinated individuals must get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel and turn in negative test results prior to returning to school.
  - Unvaccinated individuals must quarantine for 14 days after travel (in accordance with the CDC recommendation that unvaccinated individuals avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days), regardless of test results.

Additional details can be found in the APTS Reopening Plan of Action.

Thank you.