September 1, 2021

Health and Wellness Plan, 2021-2022

It is our goal to safeguard the health of each CSY community member, while also providing an academic environment conducive to learning, along with promoting the healthy development of each child socially, emotionally and spiritually. The information below contains our response as it relates to COVID-19. The Parent/Student Handbook 2021-2022 contains additional information for all illness/injury related procedures. The ability of CSY to provide an effective learning experience, with minimal disruption, will be dependent on the cooperation of all members of the CSY community to practice responsible health and safety habits. Along with our personal freedoms come great individual responsibilities. CSY asks each family to exhibit caution and respect for the health of others.

COVID-19 Response and Mitigation Plan, 2021-2022

When should my child stay home?

- **Students and staff should remain home with a fever of 100.4' or higher. Students and staff must be fever free (without the use of medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.**
- **Students and staff should stay home if anyone in their household, including themselves, is being tested due to having symptoms consistent with COVID-19.**
  Return to school is permitted with a negative test result.
  If the test is positive, students and staff should follow the guidance of their primary care physician and/or CDC.   Email COVID@csyonline.com to report a student's positive COVID-19 test result.
- **Students and staff should remain home if anyone in their household, including themselves, is displaying symptoms related to COVID-19.**
  Return to school should be determined by the primary care physician and/or by following the guidance provided by the CDC.
- Families must communicate to the school if their child will be staying home due to COVID-19. Report absences to: attendance@csyonline.com
- Students should stay home is displaying the symptoms below:
  Click on the link to be directed to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) site for list of symptoms: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html
  - Most common symptoms include:
    - Fever
    - Dry cough
    - Tiredness
  - Less common symptoms:
    - Aches and pains

- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Conjunctivitis
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- a rash on skin, or discoloration of fingers or toes

What mitigation action is CSY taking to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the school?

- Students and staff that test positive for COVID-19 will be required to supply a "return to school" note from a primary care physician.
- CSY will continue the practice of routine hand washing.
- CSY will continue the cleaning of lunch rooms after each use.
- CSY will continue daily cleaning of high touch/contact areas in the school.
- CSY will continue, as conditions permit, to have windows open in classrooms.
- CSY will continue to have hand sanitizer provided at strategic locations throughout the building.
- CSY will continue the practice of using water bottles and the water bottle refill stations. Water fountain mouth pieces have been covered.
- CSY families and staff will be notified if they have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 at CSY. Anyone exposed should monitor themselves for symptoms and consult with their primary care physician and/or CDC for further guidance.
- CSY will support each families mask wearing preference as indicated on the COVID-19 waiver.
- CSY will assign students seating in classrooms and larger lunch room areas. In the event of a confirmed positive case of COVID-19, this will assist in identifying those potentially exposed.
- CSY will continue to monitor COVID-19 conditions of the York community and reserves the right to modify our approach to meet changing conditions and/or orders of the Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Significant changes to the CSY Health and Safety Plan will be reviewed by administration, the CSY Board of Trustees, and the CSY Health and Safety Team. The Health and Safety Team consists of administration, parents, teachers, school trustees, and local health officials.

Will the school issue quarantine guidelines?

- Students and staff that may have been exposed to COVID-19 should monitor themselves for symptoms and consult with their primary care physician about proper care and response.
- Quarantine guidelines differ for each individual based upon the students own COVID-19 health history, vaccination status and testing status. CSY **will not** issue quarantine times to students or staff. Each family, through consultation with their own PCP, or by following recommendations of the CDC, will determine the appropriate return to school status for their child.
- Families must communicate to the school if their child will be staying home due to COVID-19.
- [COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation | CDC](#)

How will families be notified if students, or staff, have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 at CSY?

- CSY will issue two types of communications to families regarding confirmed cases of COVID-19:

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- o Close Contact Notice- we will notify families if we feel your child met the definition of a close contact (within 6 ft for 15 or more minutes). If you receive this notice, you should consult with your PCP, or review the CDC COVID-19 Quarantine Guidelines to determine if quarantine is necessary for your child (see "quarantine guidelines" listed above). Families must communicate to the school if their child will be staying home due to COVID-19.
  - o COVID-19 Notice- we will notify all families in specific divisions (preschool, lower school, middle school, upper school) if there was a confirmed case of COVID-19 in that division. If you do not receive a "Close Contact Notice" it is because your child was not identified as a close contact. In this instance you should only monitor your child for symptoms.

How will CSY respond to absences related to COVID-19?

- All absences related to COVID-19 will be marked as an excused absence. Report absences to: attendance@csyonline.com Report positive COVID cases to: Covid@csyonline.com
- CSY will provide appropriate school work for any student that misses school due to COVID-19. We will follow our traditional practice of providing one day of school, for each excused absence, to submit make-up work.
- Unless there would be a school closing (mandated or otherwise), CSY will not be offering a remote learning/distance learning option.

What are the expectations on vans or buses?

- Face coverings on CSY transportation are *encouraged*. However, masking may be a *requirement* on transportation provided by public school districts. If your child uses public school transportation, please call that school districts transportation office for masking guidelines.

Are COVID-19 vaccines required for students or staff?

- Vaccines for students and staff will be optional. While data available through local health providers, UPMC and Wellspan (see links below), indicate the safety and efficacy of the vaccines; we also value the personal liberty of each family to make their own informed decisions on such matters. CSY will respect the vaccine decisions made by each family and staff member.

What is the purpose of the CSY COVID-19 Waiver?

- CSY is unable to guarantee that infections related to COVID-19 will not occur. This waiver releases CSY, and its representatives, from liability related to such risks associated with in-person activities.
- The waiver provides each family the opportunity to indicate their families' masking preference for their child. The following explain the three options:
  - o If you select that your child should wear a mask at all times with exceptions being masking breaks, when eating or drinking, or when engaged in physical activity, CSY will support that choice and communicate this to your child's teacher.   CSY staff will help support your child with this practice.

- If you select that your child has a medical condition that prohibits them from wearing a mask, CSY will support and respect that decision. Medical conditions may include a specific medical diagnosis, as well as any conditions that you feel may make it unsafe for your child's emotional, social or physical health.
    - If you select that you will follow CSY's expectations, then you are expressing support of what the CSY administration, the CSY Board of Trustees, and CSY Health and Safety Team feel are necessary at that given time. Depending on conditions at CSY, this could include a moving mask, wearing a mask on CSY vans/buses, or requiring masks to be worn in specific divisions.
- Families must have a signed COVID-19 waiver submitted to CSY by September 7, 2021 or within one week of enrollment to CSY. Students will not be permitted to attend school if waivers have not been returned by the established due dates.

What is CSY's response to the recent masking order?

- While the preference of CSY would be for students and staff to independently wear masks when physical distancing is less achievable, we will continue to support each family and staff decision as it pertains to their use of face coverings.
- On Aug. 31st the Department of Health issued a new statement that reads:
    - A School Entity **should not**: a. Enforce face-covering requirements when there is an exception under Section 3 or if it is unsafe to do so. b. Restrain, use force, or physically remove, teachers, children/students, staff, or visitors who refuse to comply with this Order when it would not otherwise be legal to do so. c. Violate other laws, including state and federal anti-discrimination laws.
- In light of the recent order of the Acting Secretary for the Department of Health, CSY **will support** students and staff who choose to wear a mask. Masks will be available for any student, staff member, or guest who enters our buildings.
- CSY will post signage *asking* guests and visitors to CSY to wear a mask.

COVID-19 Sources:

https://www.upmc.com/coronavirus

https://www.wellspan.org/covid19/

Order of the Acting Secretary Directing Face Coverings in Schools.pdf (pa.gov)

COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation | CDC

Pennsylvania Data (pa.gov)