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Due to a dramatic increase in transmission of COVID-19 in our community, OCCA will follow the same masking policy as last year. That is, all staff and students will be required to wear a mask when inside the building 100% of the time. Meals will continue to be served outdoors, and frequent mask breaks will be provided to students. The only students who will be permitted to have their mask off in the building are those in the supportive classrooms. Unmasked students' time outside the classroom will be limited as much as possible, unless outdoors. However, only students who are able to tolerate a mask will be permitted inside school vehicles (including supportive students).

The school will continue with other mitigation efforts such as:

- Contact tracing
- Containing student groups to cohorts
- Daily screening for covid-like symptoms
- Isolation and quarantine of symptomatic students and staff
- Frequent sanitization of high-traffic surfaces
- Increased fresh-air intake of our HVAC system
- Installation of UV air purification system in our ventilation system.
- Provision of air purifiers in supportive classrooms

OCCA will discontinue temperature-taking at student drop-off due to an abundance of evidence that this is not an effective mitigation strategy. However, teachers will be provided with infrared thermometers to check student temperatures if they suspect the student is not feeling well. If a student's temperature exceeds 100.3 degrees, they will be isolated in the school clinic and sent home as soon as possible. The student will not be permitted to return until they've gone 24 hours without fever (unmedicated). Before the parent is called, the school nurse will confirm the student's temperature with a more accurate ear-probe thermometer.

Regarding quarantine for covid-like symptoms, in the event of a positive test result or exposure to someone testing positive, please see the attached decision tree. These are the criteria OCCA will use for allowing students to return.

In the event that an entire classroom is required to quarantine, the class will NOT engage in remote instruction this year. Instead, that classroom's school year will be extended to make up lost time. Individual students who are sick or are in quarantine will not have an extended school year.

As always, our TOP priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of all students at OCCA. We hope that these measures will prevent wide-spread transmission of COVID-19 on campus and allow our school year to be as uninterrupted as possible. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we navigate these unprecedented events.

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