

## Alpha Omega Academy

### Illness at School and Return to School Policy 2020-2021

#### Illness at School

- If a child reports COVID-like symptoms to the teacher, he/she will be required to wear a mask until cleared or sent home.
- If it is decided the child needs to go home due to illness, he/she will remain in isolation in the nurse's clinic until a parent/guardian arrives for pick-up. The parent/guardian will call the office, and the nurse will then walk the child to the office entrance and ensure they get into their vehicle safely.
- When a student is sent home due to illness, the teacher will be notified, students will be removed from the classroom, and the classroom will be cleaned by custodial staff. Once the classroom is cleaned students will return and resume normal activities.
- If a student is sent home due to COVID-like symptoms an email notification will be sent to all family of every student in that class.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to take their child to see the doctor as soon as possible if they begin having COVID-like symptoms.

When a child is ill, he/she will need to meet the following requirements to return to school:

- 72 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medications
- Improvement in symptoms **AND**
- 10 days from the onset of symptoms **OR**
- A physician's return to school letter **OR**
- Two separate written COVID-19 negative test results administered 24 hours apart

All AOA families will be sent an email notification in the event someone involved in campus life tests positive for COVID-19 and was on campus anytime 48 hours prior to testing positive or the onset of symptoms.

- Families of students that were in a classroom or activity with that individual will receive an additional notification.
- Healthy students are not required to stay home, but parents can keep their healthy child home if concerned.
- COVID-19 cases will be reported to the Department of Health and Alpha will work with them in their efforts to contract trace. You may be contacted by the Department of Health if close contact is suspected.
- We will do our best to protect the privacy of any individual that becomes ill or tests positive for COVID-19. Please do not contact the school requesting further information if you receive a notice, you will not be provided any.

If **anyone** in a household tests positive for COVID-19, the whole household needs to quarantine at home and the school nurse should be contacted to discuss return to school requirements.

- A doctor's note with return to school date will be required.