

# COVID-19 School Closing

## Frequently Asked Questions

As of 1/20/2022

### **Question 1: Does Excelsior Preparatory follow the new Center for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines for quarantining due to Covid-19?**



The CDC guidelines for schools and Early Childhood Centers' quarantine periods have remained the same since 2019.

### **Question 2: What prevention strategies are the school using to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19?**



Conduct daily Health Checks

Require frequent hand handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

Clean objects/surfaces daily such as doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, countertops, nap cots, potties, desks, chairs, cubbies, and playground structures



All bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected regularly.



Toys that cannot be cleaned are not used



Require sick children and staff to stay home.

### **Question 3: How long are individual rooms closed due to a positive COVID-19 case?**



We work closely with our assigned Epidemiologist for Covid-19 with the Texas Department of State Health Services. The Epidemiologist gives us the recommended closure time frame based on current COVID-19 data and how high the level of COVID-19 activity is in our area. The current CDC recommendation for schools and daycare staff, faculty, and child(ren) is to complete a full ten days of isolation if positive for Covid-19 and 14 days of quarantine for close contacts. The CDC recommends universal indoor masking in early childhood education programs for students two years and older, regardless of vaccination status.

### **Question 4: How are the classrooms and other areas of the school cleaned and disinfected after a positive Covid-19 case?**



The areas used by the individual with COVID-19 are closed immediately. After 24 hours, the classroom and all areas used by the sick person (such as classrooms, bathrooms, common areas, and shared electronic devices) are cleaned and disinfected with an appropriate EPA-registered disinfectant.

### **Question 5: Are all Excelsior Preparatory teachers vaccinated for Covid-19?**



Yes, we require all teachers to be fully vaccinated.

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### Question 6: Can my child go to school if I test positive?



No. If you or anyone in your household tests positive, your child is considered a close contact and is required to quarantine away from school for a minimum of ten days. Your child may return to school once s/he has a negative Covid test dated no earlier than three days before the return date.

### Questions 7: What school closures do parents have to continue tuition payments?



**Classroom closures:** if your child's specific classroom is closed temporarily due to a confirmed case of COVID, tuition is due for the quarantine period.



**School closures:** if there are any further "lockdown" or "shelter in place" mandates from the government, we will reassess and send out communication regarding prolonged closures and outline our tuition considerations at that time.

### Question 8: Why are parents required to make payments when the school is closed?



Tuition accounts for 90% of the school's operation. Please review the excerpt from the Tuition and Fees on page 19 of Operational Policies and Procedures manual; Enhanced Health and Safety Protocol in response to COVID-19:

*The pandemic has been distressing on many industries and especially harsh on the childcare industry. Our school is not eligible for the relief that granted financial support to childcare centers opened and operated during 2019 and 2020. The coronavirus has temporarily or permanently closed almost half of all childcare providers in Texas. There were 3,330 COVID-19 cases—1,113 children and 2,217 staff—reported at more than 1,900 childcare operations across the state in 2020, according to Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). **Parents must continue to pay tuition during all COVID-19 closures to ensure that we can still retain our staff and make sure that everyone is safe.** The cost of materials and food has gone up dramatically, and new fees accrue daily to ensure the safety of our students and staff and so that the school remains intact. Together we can keep our school safe and open for our community.*