

# THE ACADEMY OF SEMINOLE



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## TAOS SAFE RETURN TO LEARN PLAN

We have taken many precautions to keep our students safe such as hiring additional janitorial staff to help us clean more frequently. We are minimizing large gatherings of students in our Armory, and instead we are having students dispersed in smaller groups in our classrooms. We also have a daily cleaning routine. In addition, teachers and staff will be given disinfectant to clean surfaces in their classrooms each day. A deep cleaning and disinfectant will be completed after any confirmed case of the virus.

Additionally, the following guidelines will be followed:

- We encourage but will not mandate masks for visitors, teachers, staff, and students upon entry, exit, in the common areas, and in the classrooms. However, at this time we are not requiring them. If the situation changes in our school, or in the county, the Board reserves the right to require masks.
- Before sending a child to school, parents are expected to pre-screen students to ensure there are no symptoms of COVID-19 and the student does not have a fever. Upon entry to the building, students will be screened to confirm they do not have any symptoms and to have their temperature taken with a no-touch thermometer.
- If a student or staff member starts exhibiting symptoms, they will be instructed to go home. Students will be taken to a designated quarantine area until a parent or guardian can pick them up.
- Parents should make appointments or call ahead to pick up students at any time that is outside the typical drop-off or pick up schedule of that student.
- Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout campus and routine hand-washing and sanitizing will occur among the student body and staff.
- Lunch will be served in the cafeteria in a manner where students can socially distance and with time in between lunch periods to clean surfaces.
- Water fountains will not be in use. Students should bring their own refillable water bottle that is labeled with the student's name, and refills will be permitted with the assistance of staff.
- TAOS will require staff and families to self-report to the school if an employee or a student has symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- TAOS will notify staff, families, and the public of school closures and with any changes in these restrictions to limit COVID-19 exposure.

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In the unfortunate circumstance that a TAOS student or employee contracts COVID-19, TAOS will implement the following strategies:

- Ensure that students (or their parent/guardian) and staff know that they should not come to school.
- Inform those who have had close contact (those in same grade) with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to self quarantine for 14 days.
- Inform families that siblings of a student who test positive for COVID-19 to self quarantine for 14 days.
- In order to return to TAOS, a student, parent/guardian or staff member must be fever and symptom-free for 3 days after being absent due to symptoms and 10 days post positive test per CDC and Oklahoma Health Department guidelines.

Lastly, this is an ever changing novel virus. As things around us change our plans are subject to change. If our county moves from Orange to Red status (due to increased cases in the county) we will consider additional precautions such as mandatory masks, or partial or full closure of the campus with a move to virtual learning. Our ultimate goal is to provide a safe environment for our students, staff and families while allowing for alternative choices for our families.

Warm Regards,

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