

With the commencement of back-to-school activities on August 13, 2021, Community Day School is utilizing recommendations and guidance from local, state, and national officials to update current health and safety policies for the 2021-2022 school year.

In accordance with the Florida Department of Education Commissioner's April 14, 2021 Memorandum, the school will move to (a) the voluntary wearing of face masks for Preschool students, Middle School students, and vaccinated staff; and (b) the resumption of regular School activities. However, given the rise of COVID-19 Delta variant cases, **our physician panel has recommended that students in grades K-5 be required to wear a mask during indoor classroom activities until a vaccine is available this fall.** In the interim, CDS will honor medical mask exemptions. Please provide medical exemption documentation to [Head of School Dan Ceaser](#) prior to the start of the school year on August 16, 2021. Community Day School will inform families of any shift in policy regarding mask requirements via email and online updates.

In the event of a resurgence of COVID-19 or other health emergencies, Community Day School will act in conformity with the provisions set forth by the CDC and local health departments, as well as those in [Senate Bill 2006](#), as referenced in the Governor's [Executive Order Number 21-101](#).

The resumption of regular School activities references the following:

- Visitors permitted on campus - all visitors **MUST** check-in at the front office and be masked if not vaccinated
- Multi-class and all-school events - including but not limited to lunches, Friday Shabbat, and Panther Pride - may take place indoors
- Health screenings will take place on an as-needed basis
- A return to Community Day School's traditional illness policy, with COVID-19-specific exceptions