

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.

The school will move to the following:

- **A visitor policy that all parents, guardians, and other guests - regardless of vaccination status - must wear a mask while indoors at Community Day School.** If a visitor is outdoors, they may remove their mask with the understanding that they maintain a minimum distance of three feet from all CDS students.
- **A primary grade policy that K-5 students must wear a mask while indoors at Community Day School 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.
- **A strong recommendation that Middle School students are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear masks while indoors.**
- **A Preschool student COVID-19 policy consistent with that from the 2020-2021 school year (students over the age of 2 are welcome, but not required, to wear a mask while indoors).**
- **A Preschool faculty policy that all teachers, regardless of vaccination status, must remain masked while indoors.**
- **A faculty and staff policy that masks and regular COVID-19 tests are required for all Community Day School employees who are not fully vaccinated.** Vaccinated staff members will be required to demonstrate proof of vaccination and may continue to wear masks based on their preferences.

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](#).