

# ESSENTIAL COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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# RISK MITIGATION

## COVID-19 TESTING

### Mandatory Saliva-based PCR Testing for Students, Faculty, and Staff

Graded has partnered with Mendelics, a Latin American pioneer and leader in New Generation Sequencing (NGS), to provide a reliable, non-invasive saliva-based RT-PCR test for all faculty, staff, and students through our drive-thru testing station. For your convenience, we will conduct testing in the school’s Main Parking Garage or allow you to administer the test at home. A reduced cost of R\$80 per test will be added to your tuition bill.

Students, faculty, and staff (both vaccinated and unvaccinated) will shift from weekly RT-PCR testing to biweekly (every other week) testing beginning October 22, 2021. Individuals will need to present a negative test result to be admitted to campus. Students who do not take the test or who test positive will attend class from a distance via our dual-synchronous platform.

### Every Other Week Testing Schedule Beginning October 22 - December 10

DATE	GRADES	
	K3, K4, K5, 2, 4 6, 7, 8	1, 3, 5 9, 10, 11, 12
October 22		X
October 29	X	
November 5		X
November 12	X	
November 19		X
November 26	X	
December 3		X
December 10	X	

- On the Thursday preceding the aforementioned dates, a Mendelics testing kit will be distributed to students during school hours, to be placed in their bags and taken home.
- The next day (Friday morning), students must complete the saliva test before breakfast following the test kit instructions and registering the barcode on the [Mendelics website](#).
- Students may return the completed test to a Test Kit Drop-off Box in Graded's Bus Parking Lot between 8:00 - 9:00 am, the Lower School Pickup and Drop-off Area between 8:30 - 9:00 am, or in the Main Parking Garage between 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Graded will be responsible for sending completed student test kits to Mendelics.
- You may also choose to send the completed test directly to the Mendelics Lab (located at Av Braz Leme, 1631, Casa Verde - CEP: 02511-000) via courier (Rappi/Loggi). The testing kit must be delivered to the lab between 9:00 am on Friday and 11:00 am on Saturday prior to the Monday class.

If your child was not on campus on the Thursday prior to their designated test date and did not receive a Mendelics testing kit to take home, they must take the test via drive-thru in Graded's Main Parking Garage on Friday from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Alternatively, you may choose to have your child tested elsewhere. Please note that Graded will only accept *Mendelics saliva-based* PCR tests from external testing sites. Other allowable PCR tests must be nose-and-throat swabs, and those tests must be conducted at a laboratory, not at a pharmacy or clinic. No rapid tests will be allowed. A negative test result must be sent to [nurse.office@graded.br](mailto:nurse.office@graded.br).

We recognize that no testing regimen is 100% effective. However, widespread testing of our students, faculty, and staff will enable us to detect the vast majority of asymptomatic cases and reduce the likelihood of viral transmission within our community.

## MASK USAGE

**Masks MUST be worn on the Graded campus at all times except while eating or drinking.**

### What types of masks should be worn?

- Non-valve, N95-style masks
- Three- or four-layer surgical masks with nose-clip.
- Reusable multi-layer cloth masks.
- Two multi-layer masks for greater protection.

### What types of masks are NOT permitted?

- Gaiters
- Bandanas
- Knitted masks
- Masks with exhalation valves or vents.\*

\*Except for those individuals who have a medical condition that requires additional protection and a physician's note.

## CLEANING, SANITIZING, AND DISINFECTING

- Increased cleaning staff deployed throughout the campus.
- Extended cleaning hours.
- Comprehensive cleaning of shared spaces and touchable surfaces.
- Automated hand sanitizer/spray stations installed in all classrooms and offices, as well as cafeteria entrances.
- Touch-free faucets in all public areas.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Students will be required to maintain social distancing throughout the campus. In classrooms, desks will be spaced between five feet or 1.5 meters and six feet or 1.8 meters. Outside, students must maintain a distance of at least three feet or 1 meter.

## COMMUNICATION

- Close communication with health officials.
- Regular communication with students, families, and employees.

## **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

### **High-risk individuals**

Students, faculty, and staff who are considered at high risk for severe illness per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Brazilian Ministry of Health guidelines should consult with their physician and request a medical certificate (written in Portuguese or English).

Graded will continue to offer a distance learning option to support students who are unable to return to campus.

### **Arrival to campus**

- Students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear facial masks at all times while on campus.
- Students, faculty, and staff will have their temperatures checked by either an infrared camera or a thermometer at each campus entrance.
- Students, faculty, and staff will use hand sanitizer when entering the school and any classroom.

### **During the school day**

- All classrooms will operate with open windows and doors to increase natural ventilation.

### **Ongoing risk mitigation**

- At-home quarantine requirement for sick individuals and those with sick household members.
- Medical documentation requirement for previously sick individuals prior to campus return.
- Ongoing contact tracing for faculty, staff, and students.

## **SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS**

Individuals exhibiting at least one of the following symptoms identified by the CDC:

- Fever of 37.5°C (99.5°F) or higher
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

OR

Individuals exhibiting two or more of the following symptoms identified by the CDC:

- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite

will be sent home or required to remain at home until they are symptom-free for 48 hours OR test negative per Graded Head Nurse's directive.

If a student exhibits symptoms at school, the school nurse will call a parent/guardian to arrange for immediate pickup.

## **INDIVIDUALS WITH SYMPTOMATIC HOUSEHOLD MEMBER**

### Vaccinated Student with Symptomatic Household Member

May attend school while the symptomatic household member quarantines and receives a COVID-19 negative test result or has been symptom-free for 48 hours (per Graded head nurse's directive). In the event that the symptomatic household member tests positive for COVID, the vaccinated student will follow the school's protocol for vaccinated individuals with COVID-positive household members.

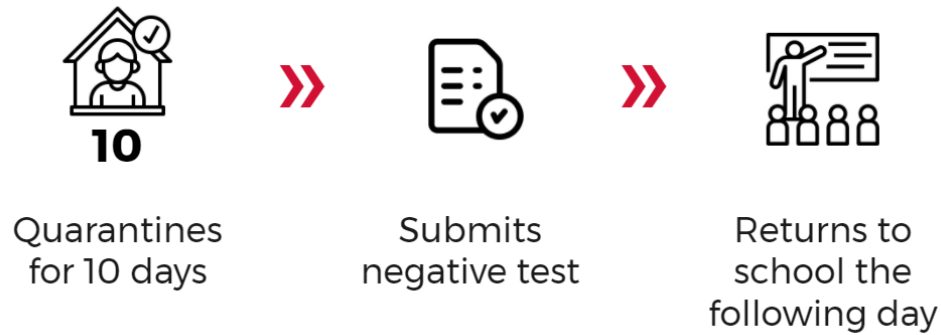
### Unvaccinated Student with Symptomatic Household Member

Must remain home while the symptomatic household member quarantines and receives a COVID-19 negative test result or has been symptom-free for 48 hours (per Graded head nurse's directive). In the event that the symptomatic household member tests positive for COVID, the unvaccinated student will follow the school's protocol for unvaccinated individuals with COVID-positive household members.

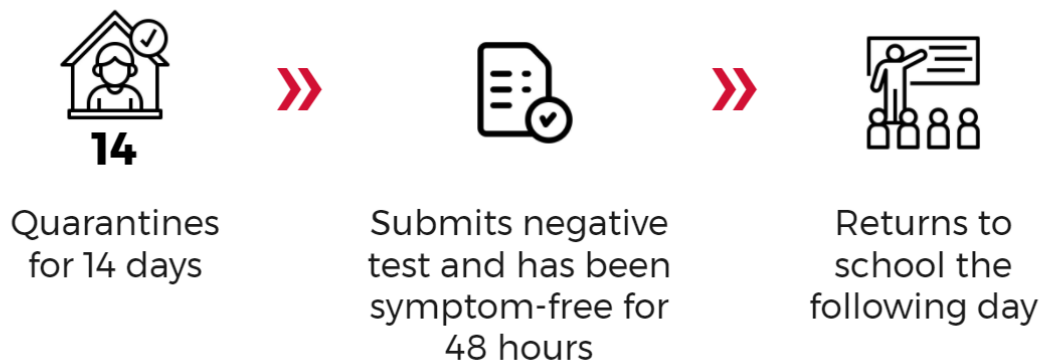
# COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE RESPONSE

## QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS

### Vaccinated Individual (One to two doses) Who Contracts COVID-19



### Unvaccinated Individual Who Contracts COVID-19





**Vaccinated Individual (One to two doses) Whose Household Member Contracts COVID-19**



Quarantines for 10 days



Submits negative test and has been symptom-free for 48 hours



Returns to school the following day

**Unvaccinated Individuals Whose Household Member Contracts COVID-19**



Quarantines for 14 days



Submits negative test and has been symptom-free for 48 hours



Returns to school the following day

**CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PROTOCOLS**

If a student or faculty/staff member tests positive for COVID-19, all spaces in which the individual was present will be disinfected.

## **COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY**

As a community, Graded embraces the core values of KINDNESS and RESPECT.

At no time is embodying, modeling, and espousing these values more crucial than during this COVID-19 pandemic.

One individual's behavior directly affects students, faculty, staff, and their family members. One community member's actions can impact the health of another's immunocompromised child or elderly parent.

We must all willingly comply with the policies and procedures we have designed to keep everyone safe and healthy. We should understand that others within our community may be members of at-risk groups, and that we should alter our behavior out of respect and kindness – even when it is difficult or inconvenient.

We are ONE GRADED, and we need to think and act compassionately and care for one another.

