



# LYCÉE FRANÇAIS DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

## COVID-19 SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 PROTOCOLS and OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

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Dear Lycée Family and Community,

As always, Lycée is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for students, faculty, and staff. Our goal is to keep your children, as well as our community, healthy while working to acclimate to our new daily routines.

With guidance from various sources (LDOE, NOLA-PS, CHNOLA, the CDC, the LDH, and local and national health and safety guidelines), Lycée has created the necessary operational protocols to ensure that we have the procedures in place to provide a safe campus as we welcome students back to in-person learning and to manage the health of our community. These protocols are to be considered guidelines and are subject to change depending on the most up-to-date information available to us at any time and in response to local health conditions, governmental restrictions, medical and scientific advice and data, and other relevant factors. Any updates will be promptly communicated to our families. Thank you for your support and understanding as we work to provide another successful and healthy school year.

For information regarding COVID 19, please visit the [Louisiana Department of Health](#) website and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) website and follow the standards outlined in this document.

## COVID-19 Vaccination

The COVID-19 vaccine will be added to the list of required immunizations for all students aged 5 years and up as of February 1, 2022. Families may claim an exemption to this requirement for philosophical, religious, or medical needs. Families may use this [form](#) to claim an exemption and submit it to their respective school nurse.

## Mask Recommendation

Students and adults who would like to wear a mask are encouraged to do so.

## Designated COVID-19 Point of Contact & Reporting

Our school nurses will be the designated COVID-19 point of contact. Staff and students should continue immediate mandatory reporting to their campus nurse of (1) possible symptoms of COVID-19, (2) confirmed positive test for COVID-19, or (3) close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.

- Lower Campus – Nurse Pam LeBlanc [pleblanc@lfno.org](mailto:pleblanc@lfno.org)
- Johnson Campus - Nurse Chloe Martin and Nurse Candice Harris - [jonurse@lfno.org](mailto:jonurse@lfno.org)
- Priestley Campus – Nurse Keli Coleman [kcoleman@lfno.org](mailto:kcoleman@lfno.org)

\*For non-medical-related absences, please email your child's teacher or reach out to the front office by calling (504) 620-5500.

## Routine Testing

In 2022-23, Lycee will continue to participate in optional weekly COVID-19 testing coordinated through the Louisiana Department of Health(LDH). Students and staff will have the opportunity to test each week at their respective campuses. Financial incentives for weekly testing will again be offered through the LDOE systems. Parents will be notified by Omega COVID Safe if their child tests positive for COVID-19 in weekly testing.

## On Campus Isolation & Quarantine Policy

If you are sick or feel like you may become sick, stay at home and do not report to the school campus.

### 1) On Campus Isolation:

a) Anyone showing signs of the COVID19 symptoms will be isolated following the school nurses' recommendations. If the person is a student, the parent or legal guardian will be contacted immediately and required to come and pick up the child. Under extreme symptoms, the school reserves the right to contact the health department or emergency medical personnel. If the person is an employee, the person will have to leave campus immediately and may not be isolated.

b) The isolation area will be cleaned after it is occupied by any employee or student showing the above symptoms or reporting potential exposure to a person that tested positive for Covid-19.

### 2) Self-Quarantine Policy and Procedure:

a) Staff and students who are a confirmed case are to self-isolate at home for 5 days from the time symptoms begin to the time of the first positive test, whichever is earlier.

- Testing after the isolation period and before returning to school is recommended.
- Wear a well-fitting mask through day 10 from symptom onset (or date of test if asymptomatic)

b) As of 8/11/22, the CDC no longer recommends quarantine for close contacts, regardless of vaccination status.

- All close contact individuals, vaccinated and unvaccinated, need to wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days from exposure.
- Testing on day 5 (recommended, molecular or antigen)
- A COVID dashboard will provide the number of weekly reported cases for our school community.

### 3) Return to School After COVID Infection

a) Students/Teachers/Staff (persons) with COVID-19 symptoms and/or a positive test who were directed to care for themselves at home may return to school when at least 24 hours have passed since recovery, meaning:

- Fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND
- Improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), AND
- At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

b) Persons with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 who have not had any symptoms may discontinue self-isolation when at least 5 days (Day 0 - first day of symptoms or first day of positive test) have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test and have had no subsequent illness.

c) If the person suspected of having COVID-19 receives a negative molecular/PCR test, the person must still be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

d) If the person is sick with non-COVID-19 symptoms, the person must still be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

### **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

- Staff or students who wish to wear masks on buses are encouraged to do so.

### **COVID Operational Guidelines**

Lycee Francais will continue to follow the guidelines set forth by LDOE, LDH and CDC Guidelines.

- [LDOE Ready To Achieve 2022-2023 School Operational Guidelines](#)
- [Louisiana Department of Health](#)
- [CDC](#)