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Hello parents and students,

I hope this email finds you well. In recent days, the attendance policy and quarantine guidelines were amended. I would like to highlight those changes as we continue to work together through these unprecedented times.

**Attendance Policy** - If a student tests positive for COVID, then the student will isolate for 10 calendar days and will receive an email from the counselor and the teacher assigned for virtual check in.

**If a student has COVID-like Symptoms**, then the student must not return to school unless they are asymptomatic and fever free for at least 24 hrs. and can obtain a negative COVID test (or alternate diagnosis). Otherwise, the student will not be able to return to school for 10 days. The student is NOT going to receive information from the counselor and no teacher will be assigned for virtual check in. As in any other lawful excused absence, the student will be given the opportunity to make-up their work when they return to school. No work will be sent home while the student is out.

**If a student is quarantined by the Department of Health or other agency because a member of the student's household has tested positive AND the student is unvaccinated AND asymptomatic** then the student will quarantine for 5 days which means the counselor and virtual teacher will reach out.

**If a student is kept home for precautionary reasons by their parent or guardian then the student will be marked as being unlawfully absent from school.**

**Masking** - Masks are to be worn at all times by all persons inside and outside the school building while on school property. Only cloth masks and disposable masks are permitted. Please speak with your student about the importance of properly wearing their masks. After speaking with your student once about proper wearing of the mask, a parent or guardian will be contacted. Disciplinary action will be taken after a second reminder. Disciplinary action may include suspension from school.

**Virtual School-** Virtual School/learning is not an option. If the school is closed, by the Health Department, due to an outbreak, then virtual school will become available for students. Yes we are a Charter School, however, as a Charter, we cannot arbitrarily make the decision to switch from in person learning to virtual learning.

**Covid Symptoms-** If your student is experiencing any of the below symptoms, **please keep them home.** All emails about positive Covid symptoms and positive Covid test results, should be sent to Angie O'Brien, [aobrien@mycsp.org](mailto:aobrien@mycsp.org). **Please do not email the teacher or have your student email the teacher.** The teachers have been instructed to redirect you to the above listed staff. Ms. Calvert and Ms. O'Brien will make adjustments to the attendance record. If your student experiences any of the below symptoms while at school, they should inform their teacher right away and go to the health room. The school will then contact you.

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Sore Throat
- New Loss of taste/Smell
- Nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting.
- Congestion/runny nose
- Chills or shaking chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing

**Covid Positive Cases** - If your child or someone in your household tests positive for Covid, please email Ms. O'Brien at [aobrien@mycsp.org](mailto:aobrien@mycsp.org) as soon as possible. If your child tests positive, please include the following information:

Name and grade of student

onset of symptoms (if any)

testing date

vaccination status - if fully vaccinated, please include the month that your child received the second dose or the date they received the one shot for Johnson & Johnson.

### **Visiting the Building**

- **We recognize that as students fully return to buildings, families and community members will naturally want to be involved in our school. Given that we remain in a pandemic and our focus must be on the instruction of our students, visitors are not allowed. The only exception is if you have a scheduled appointment or you are picking up your student for early dismissal. We ask that families and community members work with us to help fulfill our main goal: to keep the school open and fully functioning in the safest manner possible for the remainder of the school year.**
- If you need to schedule an appointment and are unsure whom to contact, please email Ms. O'Brien [AOBRIEN@MYCSP.ORG](mailto:AOBRIEN@MYCSP.ORG), and she will assist you. As much as we miss you all visiting the building, we are unable to honor that request at this time.
- If you are visiting the building, you must park in a parking space. Please do not park on the curb outside the main entrance or in parking spaces designated for staff. There are plenty of available parking spaces in the rear of the school where buses pick up students in the afternoon.

### **Day-time Club Selections**

- Students were notified today to begin selecting their second semester daytime clubs. The link was emailed to all students via their mycsp email addresses and is located on the website. The deadline for selection is January 21. If a student does not select a club by

the deadline, a club will be selected for them. All clubs are available on a first come first serve basis.

**Uniforms:**

- All students are expected to be in full uniform upon their return to school tomorrow. As a reminder, hoodies and non CSP jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, and fleece jackets are not permitted.
- Students will be issued Saturday detention if they choose not to adhere to the uniform policy.

**Grades** - The second marking period will end on January 28. Please continue to monitor your child's grades on a weekly basis. Please ensure your students are taking advantage of the academic support structures during the academic school day and after school hours. Please contact your child's teacher if you have concerns about grades.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [djefferson@mycsp.org](mailto:djefferson@mycsp.org). Please allow me twenty-four to forty-eight business hours to respond to your email.

Respectfully,

Dwight L. Jefferson

Principal