



## **Safety Protocols/Preparedness Plan – 2020-2021**

In order to fulfill our mission and guided by the Michigan Return to School Roadmap, we will implement the following procedures. All procedures will be reviewed and updated regularly.

The following protocols will be in place for the foreseeable future for 2020-2021. These are based on public health guidance, similar schools to Oakdale, as well as legal and medical inputs.

We believe the best education is in person and, to fulfill our mission, students should participate in the daily culture in person at school. Our goal is to be in school, face-to-face, all year long.

Oakdale Academy is uniquely suited to operate safely in this pandemic:

- Small class sizes where teachers and students are distanced.
- We have 11 acres where we can spread out and conduct learning outside.

According to the CDC (July 23, 2020)

“Scientific studies suggest that COVID-19 transmission among children in schools may be low. International studies that have assessed how readily COVID-19 spreads in schools also reveal low rates of transmission when community transmission is low. Based on current data, the rate of infection among younger school children, and from students to teachers, has been low, especially if proper precautions are followed. There have also been few reports of children being the primary source of COVID-19 transmission among family members. This is consistent with data from both virus and 1 2 3 antibody testing, suggesting that children are not the primary drivers of COVID-19 spread in schools or in the community. No studies are conclusive, but the available evidence provides reason to believe that 4 5 6 in-person schooling is in the best interest of students, particularly in the context of appropriate mitigation measures similar to those implemented at essential workplaces.”

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/reopening-schools.html>



## **COVID-19 Report Procedure**

According to the CDC guidelines, students and staff with confirmed cases of COVID-19 can return.

1. If fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and
2. After 10 days since the positive test, or 3) after 10 days since symptoms first appeared.

Notifications of positive COVID-19 case(s), upon confirmation, will be disseminated with a mind to protecting the privacy of students, staff, and families as well as ensuring the health of our community.

For employees of Oakdale Academy - If an employee is confirmed to have the coronavirus infection, employers should inform fellow employees of their possible exposure to the coronavirus in the workplace but maintain confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Employees exposed to a co-worker with confirmed coronavirus should refer to CDC guidance for how to conduct a risk assessment of their potential exposure.



### **Daily Monitoring/Screening**

Staff and students will receive daily screening at school via temperature check. Those showing symptoms will be sent home. All staff, volunteers, etc. will answer a series of screening questions daily.



### **Washing/Sanitizing**

The school will adopt a “wash in/wash out” policy at the main entrance and classrooms. Students, staff, visitors, will use hand cleaner in all these areas or wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water.

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### **Building Cleaning**

Desks will be sanitized with cleaning solution before each class and reasonable distance will be maintained in classrooms that will not impede classroom functions. Deep cleaning will be done during the week by a professional company.

Should a positive case of COVID-19 be discovered, additional cleaning details will be implemented, and a sanitization of the entire facility will take place.



### **Facial Coverings**

Everyone at Oakdale Academy should wear facial coverings indoors. Those who cannot medically tolerate a facial covering must provide a waiver noting such.



### **Fresh Air and Outdoors**

Opening Ceremony, classes, and (at times) lunch may be held outside whenever possible. As long as weather permits, we will allow for any doors/windows to be open for circulation.