

Student Illness Guidance



The Magellan Charter School

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Our top priority is the health, safety and well being of our students and staff. To combat the spread of the illness in our school, the expectation is that all employees, students, and families comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements shared in this document.

Strategies for Everyday Operations at MCS

1. **Health Screening** - Any student, staff or visitor who is not feeling well must stay home. If a student or staff member begins to feel sick during the school day, they will be screened by office staff and then sent home if needed. Please refer to the Health Screening Policy for guidance at the conclusion of this section. It may also be accessed with this link - [Student Health Screening Policy](#)
2. **Masking/Covid** - As of 3/7/22, masking at Magellan Charter School was made optional for staff, students, and visitors. Our school continues to follow CDC guidelines for students experiencing respiratory viruses. If a student tests positive for Covid, the school nurse should be notified to determine length of isolation and masking. Guidelines may be accessed using this link - [CDC respiratory illness guidance](#)
3. **Handwashing** is an easy and effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Hands should be washed often with soap and water. Steps for handwashing are as follows:
 - Wet your hands with water, turn off the tap and apply soap.
 - Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the back of hands, under the nails, and between the fingers.
 - Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice.
 - Rinse your hands well.
 - Dry your hands using a clean towel.

Other handwashing guidelines:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Teachers will be modeling and incorporating handwashing and class cleaning breaks into the school day as well as during key times including snack/lunch time and use of the restrooms.

Link for CDC Guidance re: handwashing-

<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/prevention/hygiene.html>

4. **Hand Sanitizer** should be used if soap and water are not readily available. Sanitizers work well although they may not be as effective if hands are visibly dirty or greasy. Alcohol based sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) should be used. Hand sanitizer will be available at each school entrance and in classrooms.

Student Health Screening Policy Magellan Charter School - August 2024

1. All students are required to self-monitor prior to coming to school. Students should stay at home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms
 - Fever > 100.4F
 - Sore throat
 - Cough
 - Difficulty breathing
 - New loss of sense of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea or vomiting
 - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
2. Students who have a temperature of 100.4 F or higher and/or are exhibiting any other signs of illness must go home immediately. They may return to school after being fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medications.
3. Parents of any student who experiences any symptoms of COVID-19 will notify the school nurse. The nurse will assist in determining the next steps to take. CDC guidance will be used to determine length of isolation and masking.