

Guidelines for Out-of-School Time Programming [EXTERNAL]

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Introduction

The following guidelines apply to tutoring at 826 Boston's center, located at 3035 Washington Street.

Covid-19 Vaccination

All 826 Boston staff, service members, interns, and volunteers, must be vaccinated against Covid-19 and must remain up to date with their Covid-19 vaccines, which includes booster doses at regular time points..

Precautions; Safety & Hygiene Guidelines

826 Boston's center at 3035 Washington Street is now equipped with:

1. A new UV light air purification system to purify air in our heating and air conditioning systems
2. Two air filters rated at MERV rating of 10 that will be replaced every 90 days
3. Two small openable windows that will remain open during tutoring sessions to increase air circulation

Additional precautions and guidelines include:

1. Face coverings are required, regardless of vaccination status. Disposable KN-95 masks are available at all offices for use by tutors and students. Per Massachusetts Covid-19 Mask Requirements, children under 5 years old are not required to wear a mask.
2. Only students, volunteers, and program staff will be allowed to remain on site to limit the number of individuals in the space.
3. Tables and high-touch handles will be wiped down with disinfecting wipes after each session.
4. The center is professionally cleaned once per week.
5. Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be available at each table.

6. All participants will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently.

Notification of Diagnosis

If you or your child come to tutoring at 826 Boston and subsequently test positive for Covid-19, we ask that you inform 826 Boston's Interim Executive Director, John Williams at john@826boston.org so that we may engage in contact tracing and notification as described below. To disclose this information in Spanish, please contact Sabrina Diaz at 857-285-4179 or sabrina@826boston.org. Do not return to in-person tutoring at 826 Boston until you have completed your isolation period.

Self-Screening for Covid-19 Symptoms

1. If your child/teen experiences any of the below, they may still participate in tutoring virtually via Zoom instead, or you may cancel their attendance for the day by sending a text via Remind or to Karen at 303-725-1614.
2. Do not bring or send your child/teen to in-person tutoring if you or anyone in your household is experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 not due to another known cause (fever or chills, cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle or body aches, runny nose or congestion, new loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea).
3. Do not bring or send your child/teen to in-person tutoring if your child/teen has had close contact with an individual diagnosed with Covid-19. See the State of Massachusetts' [COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for the General Public](#) for more information and guidance about what to do if you have been exposed to someone with Covid-19. Please note: the guidance on isolating and/or quarantining varies based on your child/teen's vaccination status. Your child/teen may return to in-person tutoring once they have completed their quarantine period.
4. Do not bring or send your child/teen to in-person tutoring if your child/teen has been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by a doctor or a local public health official.

Covid-19 Response Plan

If we are notified that an individual at in-person tutoring tested positive with Covid-19, 826 Boston will follow the State of Massachusetts' [COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for the General Public](#). The Deputy Director will lead the response, in coordination with 826 Boston's legal counsel, and in accordance with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and/or the Boston Public Health Commission.

826 Boston may notify other individuals who attended in-person tutoring, as appropriate and practicable, while ensuring that confidential information about the infected individual, including their name and other personal identifying information, will be safeguarded and not be revealed without their permission. We may subsequently close facilities as needed for disinfecting.

Please contact Karen Sama with any concerns or questions regarding this plan by emailing karen@826boston.org.