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Dear FJA Community,

At its last meeting, the FJA Governing Board updated our school's 2021 Opening Plan to reflect the most recent guidance from Coconino County Health and Human Services (CCHHS) pertaining to students and staff returning to school after experiencing COVID-like symptoms. This guidance is aligned to the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) protocols.

What does this mean for families and staff?

Students and staff who have COVID-like symptoms (cough, runny nose, congestion, fever, nausea, loss of taste/smell, etc.), will need to either share negative test results with the school in order to return to school OR isolate according to ADHS guidance. See guidelines below:

- **Individual is Sick and Tests Negative for COVID:** If a student or staff has COVID-like symptoms **and** tests negative for COVID-19 **and** has not had a direct exposure to COVID, that individual can return to FJA once their symptoms have improved and they have been fever-free for 24 hours or more without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- **Share Test Results:** For a student or staff to return to school after being out for COVID-like symptoms, he or she will need to share negative COVID test results with the school. These results can be emailed to carissamorrison@fjacademy.com or brought to the school office in advance of the student returning to the classroom.
- **Individual is Sick and Family Chooses Not to Test:** If a family chooses not to have their child tested once they have been home sick, the child can return to school when at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared **and** symptoms have improved **and** he or she has been fever-free for 24 hours or more without the use of fever-reducing medications.

CCHHS guidance letter to school leaders can be found here: https://fjacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/CCHHS-Letter-to-School-Leadership_08252021.pdf

ADHS "Release from Isolation and Quarantine Guidance" can be found here: <https://fjacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/release-from-isolation.pdf>

We are aware that following this health professional guidance may necessitate more testing of students throughout the year and present challenges for families. However, we are hopeful that doing so will help further mitigate spread of the virus and reduce the frequency with which we have to send students home for quarantine. We will begin pooled testing on September 15th and are working diligently to secure individual rapid testing capabilities.

Our goal is to keep students and staff safe and healthy while offering in-person learning at FJA this year.



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