



2022-23 COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The information contained below outlines Al Fatih Academy's guidelines for managing COVID-19 for the 2022-23 academic year. These guidelines are subject to change based on guidance from the CDC, the AFA Health Mitigation Committee, and AFA Leadership.

Topics included:

- Masking
- Vaccination
- Isolation Protocols
- Exposure Protocols
- Household contacts
- Testing
- Virtual School
- On-site Prevention Measures

Masking

Masking is encouraged, but is currently optional. All members of the AFA community are expected to respect others' personal decisions regarding masking choices. Admin reserves the right to mandate a mask policy if the need arises.

Students should have extra masks in their backpacks at all times in case masking is required during the school day.

Vaccination

Vaccinations for COVID-19 are encouraged, but are not required for the 2022-2023 school year. We strongly encourage staff and students to get vaccinated and keep up to date with boosters.

Isolation Protocols

If a student is ill or expressing health related discomfort before leaving home, please do not send them to school.

If a student tested positive for COVID-19, they must stay home and the parents must notify the school immediately using this [form](#).

The protocol for isolation after testing positive for COVID-19 is as follows:

- Remain at home, stay in isolation for a minimum of 5 days from the onset of symptoms or 5 days from a positive test if the student is asymptomatic.
- On day six the student may return to school if symptoms have improved and the student has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.
- The student will be required to wear a well fitting mask and remain socially distanced from others during snack/lunch through day 10.
- After the 10th day, masking will not be required.

Exposure Protocols

Individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 must follow these guidelines:

- Mask for five days from date of exposure
- Monitor symptoms
- Perform a rapid antigen test if symptoms are present
- If symptoms are present, do not come to school

Household Contacts

If a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19, please notify the school promptly by emailing principal@alfatih.org. The student will not be required to quarantine provided they are symptom-free and adhere to the following guidelines:

- Completely isolate from the positive family member within the home.
- Wear a mask at school for a minimum of 5 days.
- Monitor for symptoms following exposure.
- Produce a negative COVID-19 test within five 5 days of a family member testing positive.

If the student is not able to meet these criteria, they will be required to quarantine for a minimum of 5 days. The conditions for a return to school will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Testing

AFA is currently not conducting or requesting routine COVID-19 testing.

Virtual School

Virtual school will not be an option for COVID-19 positive cases for the 2022-23 academic year. Students are encouraged to follow their classes on Google Classroom.

On-site Prevention Measures

- Air filtration system on each floor of the building.
- Hand sanitizing stations located on each floor.
- Classrooms and bathrooms sanitized daily.
- Hand-washing is encouraged.