

**Purpose:**

To ensure that Grace Academy families are fully informed and prepared for how the school will handle students who exhibit symptoms while at school, as well as how the school will respond in the event that there is a positive COVID-19 case in our facility.

*This plan is intended to mitigate, not eliminate risk. No single action or set of actions will completely eliminate the risk of transmission. However, implementation of these interventions can greatly reduce the risk to our staff and students.*

*(American Academy of Pediatrics, services.aap.org)*

*This document may be changed or updated at any time as state and federal safety recommendations change.*

	Symptoms not consistent with COVID-19	Symptoms consistent with COVID-19	Confirmed case of COVID-19
<b>Initial Response at School</b>	Follow normal school protocol as listed in the health services section of the Parent Handbook* and in the Re-Opening Plan**.	The PA Department of Health (DOH) guidance states that there are many non-COVID-19 illnesses that may present with similar symptoms. In addition to the normal school protocol listed in the health services section of the Parent Handbook, we will <i>isolate</i> the individual, <i>evaluate</i> symptoms (take temperature, etc.), and <i>contact the parents</i> to come and pick the child up from school.	In the event there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 having been in the building, we will initiate our COVID Response Plan, which includes: Communication, Cleaning, and Caring. We will communicate with parents and local health officials, thoroughly clean the facility, and help care for the physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual needs of the individual(s) affected.

\*"If a child has a fever, pink eye, lice, been put on antibiotics for an infection, or any other possible communicable health issue, there must be at least a **24-hour waiting period before the child returns to school.** Please contact your pediatrician for medical advice and notify the school. Children may return to school as soon as their health permits or the doctor gives permission.

\*\*Students or staff exhibiting signs of illness are expected to stay home. If someone begins to exhibit symptoms at school, he or she will be sent to the office for care and evaluation.

\*\*\*As part of our Re-Opening plan, our cleaning protocol states that "All frequently-touched surfaces will be disinfected regularly, including but not limited to: drinking fountains, doorknobs, stair railings, desktops, learning spaces, etc."

<p><b>Communication with Parents of Symptomatic Student</b></p>	<p>Follow normal school protocol as listed in the health services section of the Parent Handbook* and in the Re-Opening Plan**.</p>	<p>We will follow up with the parents regarding the child's health status to determine if subsequent measures need to be taken.</p>	<p>The school will remain in regular communication with the parents (or staff person) to keep up-to-date on their health status. If a student is required to self-quarantine, the school will help ensure ongoing learning from home until the student can return to school.</p> <p>If a teacher is required to self-quarantine, the school will coordinate ways for them to continue working from home as much as possible while utilizing substitute teachers as needed.</p>
<p><b>Communication with School Community</b></p>	<p>Follow normal school protocol as listed in the health services section of the Parent Handbook* and in the Re-Opening Plan**.</p>	<p>Follow normal school protocol as listed in the health services section of the Parent Handbook* and in the Re-Opening Plan**.</p>	<p>The School community will be notified in a timely manner. (No names or identifiable details will be used to protect the privacy of that individual.)</p>
<p><b>Cleaning Protocol</b></p>	<p>Follow Re-Opening cleaning protocol.***</p>	<p>Follow Re-Opening cleaning protocol.***</p>	<p>All spaces where the infected person may have been will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.</p>
<p><b>Return to School</b></p>	<p>Follow normal school protocol as listed in the health services section of the Parent Handbook* and in the Re-Opening Plan**.</p>	<p>Follow normal school protocol as listed in the health services section of the Parent Handbook* and in the Re-Opening Plan**.</p>	<p>Staff and students who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 will be required to be cleared by a doctor before returning to school.</p>