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New York Academy, 2021/22

Covid-19 Mitigation Approach - Last Updated 1/23/22

The below summary of New York Academy's Covid-19 Mitigation Approach based on guidance from the Telangana government and this will be updated at every opportunity that new information becomes available.

Safety Measures for Individual Students and Staff:

Masking - All students Nursery to Grade 8, and all NYA staff are required to wear face coverings indoors and near school entry points, with the exception of when eating or drinking. Staff are recommended to wear medical grade masks, or to double mask with the cloth and paper mask

Hand Hygiene - Students and staff are encouraged to wash hands (or hand sanitize) at regular intervals, including after using the restroom, eating, and sharing materials.

Physical Distancing - Signs on walls to serve as a reminder to stay 3 feet away from others. Students and staff must attempt to maximize physical distance while eating/drinking without a face covering.

Health Screening - Students and staff must self-monitor and perform a daily home-based symptom screening, and may not enter the school setting if experiencing symptoms. Each individual/family is responsible for screening. Symptoms to look for include: Fever, Dry cough, Cold and runny nose, Tiredness, Shortness of breath/difficulty in breathing, aches, sore throat, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, and/or a rash or skin discoloration of fingers or toes.

Covid-19 Testing - COVID-19/Omicron testing required for anyone who has verified symptoms (with or without a positive test). To return to school they must be tested for COVID-19/Omicron or evaluated by a healthcare provider. If not, they must stay at home and isolate themselves for at least 7 days.

Students may return to school:

- After they and/or other household contact test negative for COVID-19/Omicron with copy of a negative test;
- or, after school receives clearance from a healthcare provider;
- and, their symptoms are improving;

and, they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications

If a student has only one symptom listed under point 7, they may return to school after symptoms improve and they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

- **Vaccination** - All eligible students and parents are encouraged to obtain vaccinations. All NYA staff are fully vaccinated.
- **Positive Covid Cases Reported at School Plan:** If a student or a staff member is tested positive, the group that is exposed to him/her will be notified and the group will attend online session for 5 days.
- **Assemblies/Large Student Gatherings** - Assemblies and other large student gatherings are not permitted at this time.

Facilities

Cleaning - Intensified daily cleaning and disinfecting practices will be employed, including regular disinfection of regularly touched surfaces.

Furniture - Classroom seating/desks spaced 3 ft apart.

Ventilation - To aide in keeping classrooms safe, windows will be open whenever possible to keep work areas ventilated, thereby reducing the risk of Covid transmission.

Visitors - Non-essential visitors, including parent volunteers will be limited. Essential workers will be required to adhere to all health and safety guidelines. Any contractors, visitors, or parents working directly with students should be fully vaccinated and boosted if at all possible.

Water Access: Students, staff, and parents should bring a personal labeled water bottle of their own from home that they do not share. Hydration stations will be available for refilling personal water bottles.

Entry/Exit: Students have to be dropped off and picked up only at the ground floor as per their class schedule. Parents will need to stay in the car when they drop off their child/children. Students will need to go directly to their designated classroom. Teachers and classroom helpers will be designated at the ground floor to receive and drop off the preschool students. Only one adult can accompany the Parent Toddler student. Physical distancing protocols will be followed to minimize contact between students, families and staff.

Temperature Screening Station: Temperature screening will be done at the entry point to all persons entering the campus.

Parents/Nannies/Drivers Designated Areas: Access to NYA's campus is restricted to the ground floor. Nannies can be seated near the kitchen area.

Covid-19 Isolation Space - For students or staff experiencing symptoms of illness, a Covid-19 isolation space will be utilized, though symptomatic individuals will exit the campus as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call the school at +91 9160606060.

You can also email any questions you may have to:

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