



Valor Preparatory Academy 2021-2022 Covid Policies

Virtual Schooling

- Valor will not be offering a remote learning option this year. Remote learning will be strictly used in the event that a full class quarantine is needed due to Covid.
- If your child is out due to sickness or being a close contact, our teachers will work with you to stay caught up, but live streaming will not be available.

Symptoms

Note - those with a positive COVID test within the past 3 months are excluded from the protocol unless told by their healthcare provider that they have a 2nd case of COVID within 3 months.

- If your child has **one** of the symptoms below, they need to go through the Covid protocol.
 - Fever
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Shortness of breath
 - Significant cough
 - Congestion (worse than normal)
- If your child has **two or more** of the following symptoms, he or she will need to go through the Covid protocol.
 - Headache
 - Sore Throat
 - Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
 - Muscle aches (such as those you get with the flu)
 - Chills
- Once entering the Covid protocol, your child must do **one of the following three things** to return to school.
 - Produce a negative Covid test result (Walgreens/Walmart/CVS/HEB now sell at-home tests for around \$20)
 - Provide a doctor's note confirming alternate diagnosis
 - Remain off campus for 5 days from onset of symptoms, and return only if fever-free for 24 continuous hours (without the aid of fever-reducing medication), and other symptoms improving. If you choose this option, you must wear a mask in all campus buildings until 10 days have passed from the onset of symptoms. It is also recommended and encouraged to produce a negative test after day 5, if you have access to testing for this purpose. Note - the day symptoms start is day 0.

Confirmed Test

- If a student/staff has a confirmed case, they must stay at home throughout the infection period and cannot return to campus until **all of the below** conditions have been met:



- At least one day (24 hours) has passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications;
- Improvement in symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc.); and
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- Alternate Option: Remain off campus for 5 days from onset of symptoms, and return only if fever-free for 24 continuous hours (without the aid of fever-reducing medication), and other symptoms improving. If you choose this option, you must wear a mask in all campus buildings until 10 days have passed from the onset of symptoms. It is also recommended and encouraged to produce a negative test after day 5, if you have access to testing for this purpose. Note - the day symptoms start is day 0.

Close Contacts

- Valor will not be identifying close contacts at school.
- Valor is not requiring families to notify us if their child is a close contact unless they are a close contact of a covid positive individual living in their household.
- Students/staff who have come into contact with a household member with Covid must remain off campus while symptoms are monitored. The asymptomatic student or staff member must quarantine for at least 5 days (returning with a negative Covid test after the 5th day) or 10 days (no test required) **after the last close contact** with the person confirmed with Covid. If the student is unable to get a test 5 days after last close contact with someone with COVID-19, they can return to school after day 5 provided they are without COVID-19 symptoms throughout the 5-day period. Upon return they must wear a mask in all campus buildings until 10 days have passed from the last close contact.

Face Masks

- Masks are optional for all staff and students, with 2 exceptions as noted above for COVID positive students/staff and those with close contact returning from 5 days out and masking for the remaining 5 days.

Other Considerations

- If there is a positive Covid case on the Valor campus, we will email the affected class. We will also have a dashboard that will have up to date information on how many active cases there are in each grade level and among staff.