

Community Agreements

In order for our school to successfully reopen, and remain open, during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are relying on the commitment of our entire community—teachers, staff, parents and families—to follow the guidelines below. These principles and actions aim to keep our community healthy, well, and comfortably able to resume and maintain onsite schooling. If you do not think that you can adhere to these guidelines, we ask that you let us know, and do not bring your child to school.

We are counting on everyone to commit wholeheartedly to these efforts. If SLA determines a family is repeatedly violating these commitments, that family will not be permitted to attend onsite programs.

SLA TEACHER AND STAFF COMMITMENTS

By signing this agreement, I understand that SLA and its employees and partners will commit to the following:

Hygiene and disinfection

- SLA will provide an environment which has been risk assessed in response to COVID-19 infection, and will continue monitoring for medical updates, protocol changes and changes to government mandates that impact our school operations and community.

Curriculum

- SLA will support our children's transition to onsite school in a thoughtful, connected way that helps us all adjust to new protocols and feel safe and nurtured.
- SLA will provide a curriculum that meets your child's emotional, mental health and academic needs, whether on-site or through remote learning.

Social distancing and mask use

- SLA will ensure that all individuals on-site adhere to the social distancing and mask rules as set out by the government while recognizing that especially our youngest students may need frequent reminders, breaks, and support with these new protocols.

Communication

- SLA will contact parents/carers if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 for pickup, as this will mean you will all need to self-quarantine for at least 14 days or until the test comes back negative. Test results must be shared with the school via the Student Affairs Office (studentaffairs@slaschool.org).

- SLA will continue to communicate with families between home and school through email, parent communication tools, text, and the school website with important updates and information.

Confidentiality

- All SLA employees will treat testing results or other health information as private and confidential, only used to take proper precautions to prevent spread in accordance with government regulations and best practices for contact tracing.

SLA FAMILY COMMITMENTS

By signing this agreement, I, my child's household, and my child's carers will commit to the following:

Hygiene and prevention at home

- I will continue to follow best practices for reducing risk of contracting COVID-19 by following city and state regulations (including maintaining social distance and mask-wearing in public) and CDC prevention recommendations.
- I will abide by government mandates, including [travel restrictions](#) and quarantine requirements. If I'm unable to quarantine separately, everyone in my family will complete any necessary quarantine with me.
- On my commute, and when dropping off and picking up my child off, I will adhere to 6 foot social distancing rules, mask use, and sanitizing and hand washing protocols [as recommended by the CDC](#).
- I will support the cohorting and "pod-ing" efforts of the school by maintaining distance from families not in my child's class outside school.
- I will not medicate my child with fever-reducing medication if they signs of being unwell, even if I do not believe their symptoms to be covid-related
- My child will need to use good hand, nose, and mouth hygiene measures, and I will reinforce those measures, along with other key school protocols, at home.
- I will support all staff in their efforts to create as safe an environment as possible during this crisis.
- I will read carefully all letters/messages/e-mails that are sent home.

Hygiene and prevention at SLA

- I will not be allowed into the school at all. I will communicate via phone or email.
- My child will not bring extraneous items to school, and all items will be clearly and obviously labeled. Children may not share items including clothing, food, or personal items.
- I will ensure lunch boxes, utensils, water bottles and personal items are clearly labelled, and disinfected each day before they come to school.
- I will remind my child about social distancing rules but accept they are difficult to follow and that my child may not always do this successfully.

Drop-off and pickup

- I will strictly adhere to the drop-off and pick-up timings for my child. Adults may not enter the school building. Families who arrive late will wait until an auxiliary person can walk their children to their class. They will not be allowed to enter with another class or teacher.
- I will drop off and pick up my child in the designated zone and maintain social distance while waiting for the teacher (as necessary). As much as possible, if I need to speak to a member of staff I will do this via e-mail or phone.
- If my child is unable to follow necessary protocols, they may be sent home and may not return until they are able to do so. Teachers will work closely with families in these circumstances.

Reporting student health and absences to SLA

- I will inform studentaffairs@slaschool.org immediately if my child, or anyone in my household, shows symptoms of COVID-19, or if my child is absent for any reason.
- I will inform studentaffairs@slaschool.org immediately if my child, or anyone in my household, has a confirmed positive test result of COVID-19.
- If my child has symptoms of COVID-19, or if my child or anyone in my household has a confirmed positive test result of COVID-19, I will not send my child to school, and we will self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, unless otherwise instructed by SLA. If required, I have my child tested according to the instructions of the school, and I will inform the Student Affairs Office (studentaffairs@slaschool.org) about the result as soon as possible.
- I will inform studentaffairs@slaschool.org immediately if my child, or anyone in my household, has spent 15 minutes or more around someone who was confirmed to test positive for COVID-19.
- I will check my child's temperature every day before arriving at school, and will not bring my child to school if they have any symptoms of fever or a temperature above 100 F.
- I will complete the daily health assessment provided by the school, before leaving home.
- I understand that my child will have their temperature taken during the day if they feel, or present as, being unwell.
- I understand that If my child, or another child in their classroom, shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, I will need to collect my child from school immediately.
- I will participate in surveys used to assess community comfort, noting that SLA will use this benchmark to inform decisions about the school day and procedures.
- I will inform the school immediately of any changes to parent/carer and emergency contact details.

Travel

- I will inform the Student Affairs Office (studentaffairs@slaschool.org) immediately if my household is planning a trip to another non-contiguous state (states other than New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania or Massachusetts) and will follow any quarantine or testing procedures required by SLA, which may include a quarantine period of up to 14 days upon my return or testing in compliance with state and federal recommendations.
- I will inform the Student Affairs Office (studentaffairs@slaschool.org) immediately if my household is planning any international travel, and will follow any quarantine or testing procedures required by SLA, which may include a quarantine period of up to 14 days upon my return or testing in compliance with state and federal recommendations.
- Although Governor Cuomo recently announced that travelers in New York may “test out” of quarantine, this protocol is not employed by SLA for children’s return to school. All international or out-of-state travelers must quarantine for 14 days before returning to school.

Remote learning requests

- I understand that SLA will not accommodate remote schedules for families who are voluntarily going away on holiday, and that the remote learning program is for health circumstances only.
- If my child needs to switch into the remote learning program due to health-related reasons, I will notify the school by emailing studentaffairs@slaschool.org and my child’s teachers.
- I understand that teachers may require up to 2 business days before they can accommodate a remote schedule request.
- During incidents where there is a specific, increased risk of COVID-19 exposure on-site due to, for example, a positive test case in a family household, SLA will communicate to families a timeline for opting into remote-learning. Depending on circumstances, this option may be limited to a specific class, and the opportunity to enroll in this option will typically be limited to a 24 hour window following the incident.

SLA PROTOCOLS FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

By signing this agreement, I understand and agree to comply with SLA’s protocols for reporting and responding to COVID-19 symptoms, which [is based on the CDC’s recommendations for screening COVID-19 symptoms in K-12 students](#):

Significant symptoms:

If my child has any one of the below symptoms, I understand that my child must stay home from school, I will alert SLA immediately, and I will take my child to receive a [COVID-19 PCR test](#) immediately:

- Fever of 100 F or higher
- Difficulty or trouble breathing
- New or worsening cough
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If I am unable to get a PCR test for my child, I understand that my child will be required to isolate at home for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. During this time, SLA will enroll the child in remote learning.

Mild individual symptoms:

If my child has only one of the below symptoms, I am permitted to send my child to school, but will alert SLA of the symptom immediately. However, if my child has two or more of these symptoms, I understand that my child must stay home from school, and I will take my child to see a doctor immediately in accordance with SLA's instructions [and best practice recommended by the CDC](#).

- Runny nose or congestion
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches

If I am unable to take my child to a doctor in accordance with SLA's instructions, I understand that my child will be required to isolate at home for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, or my child may be required to complete a PCR COVID-19 test. During this time, my child may enroll in remote learning.

Any symptoms in the context of COVID-19 exposure or increased risk:

I also understand that if my child has any of the above symptoms, and also has either been exposed to someone who is a positive test case for COVID-19 or has recently completed international travel, I must keep my child home and my child receive a negative PCR test result or isolate for 10 days.

Standard protocol for resolution of child fever:

I understand that regardless of whether or not my child's fever is COVID-19-related, I may not send my child to school until 24 hours following the resolution of any fever.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Covid-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread by person-to-person contact; as a result, Federal and State health agencies recommend physical distancing and various other measures to mitigate the risk of contracting the virus.

SLA has implemented reasonable preventative protocols, policies and procedures designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 on the School's campus for the 2020-2021 school year, which may be updated from time to time.

Despite the protocols and procedures in place to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 on campus, there are inherent risks that students may become infected with COVID-19 due to their attendance at school. These risks include, but are not limited to, the following: exposure to COVID19, becoming infected with COVID-19, or becoming a symptomatic or asymptomatic carrier of the virus.

It is possible that the student is already an asymptomatic carrier of the virus before attending school and that the student may infect other students, employees, or other individuals at school as a result of his/her attendance. Any person who receives a positive diagnosis of COVID-19, including the student or another family member, may encounter extended quarantine/self-isolation, additional tests, medical care, hospitalization, other potential complications, and the risk of death. By sending their child to school, parents acknowledge and assume these risks.

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