

# COVID-19 Guidance for 2022-2023

#### **Face Coverings**

Face coverings will not\_be a requirement for any staff, student, volunteer, or contracted service on any Lake Wales Charter Schools premises. This includes those that have been exposed to Covid-19.

## Vaccinations

Vaccinations will not be a requirement for any staff or student to attend any of the Lake Wales Charter Schools.

### **Sick Policy**

Lake Wales Charter Schools has a sick policy that addresses symptoms and situations that require absence. If an individual is diagnosed with COVID-19 they will be required to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and remain fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications and symptoms are improving before being allowed to return to school/work.

### **Contact Tracing and Case Investigation**

Per guidance from the Department of Health in Polk County, we will not be contact-tracing Covid-19 cases.

#### **Outbreaks & school-wide closures**

We acknowledge that if the Florida Department of Health identifies a COVID-19 situation that meets their "outbreak" guidelines their epidemiology department may close a classroom or school for a timeframe determined by current health guidelines.

### **Cleaning of Campuses**

Lake Wales Charter Schools have contracted with a cleaning company to provide nightly cleaning to all 8 locations. All schools will have supplies to clean & sanitize high-touch surfaces.

### **COVID-19 Rapid Testing**

At this time all Lake Wales Charter Schools have access to COVID-19 testing through Goodside Health in the school clinic.

\*Lake Wales Charter Schools may amend this guidance for students and staff as necessary and additional information or guidelines are released from the Florida Department of Health.

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