

The School at McGuire Memorial Health and Safety Plan Six Month Review

Date of Current Review: 08/01/2024

Guidance used for current review:

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2024/p0301-respiratory-virus.html>

On March 24, 2024, the CDC updated and simplified its recommendations for COVID. As quoted from the website, those recommendations are:

- **Staying up to date with vaccination** to protect people against serious illness, hospitalization, and death. This includes flu, COVID-19, and RSV if eligible.
- **Practicing good hygiene** by covering coughs and sneezes, washing or sanitizing hands often, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- **Taking steps for cleaner air**, such as bringing in more fresh outside air, purifying indoor air, or gathering outdoors.

The school's response to these core prevention steps and strategies are:

1. Vaccinations are not addressed in the school setting and are no longer required for new staff. However, the school will publish the recommendations on our website in an effort to encourage staff and families to follow their physician's recommendations for vaccinations.
2. The school will continue to teach students to cover coughs/sneezes and will continue to teach appropriate hand washing techniques. In addition, we will continue to clean frequently touched surfaces.
3. The school will continue to use individual air purifiers throughout the building and will continue to use outdoor spaces for educational activities when appropriate.

The original health and safety plan and subsequent reviews were produced as a requirement of the ARP-ESSERS grant. The grant period ends on Sept. 30, 2024 and all funds acquired by The School at McGuire Memorial have been expended. Therefore, this will be the last formal review of our Health and Safety Plan. Despite the end of the grant and reporting requirements, the health and safety of our staff and students will continue to be a priority for our school. To that end, we will continue to utilize best practices to ensure the best possible outcome for the individuals we serve and employ.

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