

**Foundation for Louisiana Students a/k/a
University View Academy
COVID-19 Parent and Student Policies
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Introduction to COVID-19 Parent and Student Policies

Foundation for Louisiana Students a/k/a University View Academy (“UVA” or the “School”) is committed to protecting the health and safety of its faculty, staff, and students as we move forward with our education mission. UVA has always operated as a virtual school with an online learning model. Students will continue to work remotely from the safety of their homes. Teachers and staff will report to offices as scheduled by school leadership. UVA has adopted the Louisiana Department of Education’s (LDOE) “Ready to Achieve! 2021-2022 School Operational Guidelines,” and the health and safety standards set forth by the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) in Bulletin 126, Chapter 41, Sections 4101-4105, and LDOE’s and BESE’s policies are referenced and incorporated in these COVID-19 Parent and Student Policies. These policies supplement the Parent and Student Handbook until further written notice is provided by the School. To the extent these policies contradict any existing provision of the Parent and Student Handbook, the provisions of these COVID-19 Parent and Student Policies control.

These COVID-19 Parent and Student Policies contains the following policies and sections:

1. General COVID-19 Related Reminders and Rules
2. School Health and Safety Policy
3. COVID-19 Student Quarantine Policy
4. Acknowledgment of Receipt

1. General COVID-19 Related Reminders and Rules

The School asks that you keep the following in mind:

- Each student has a major role and responsibility in how we work and how we behave in the community as we navigate our daily activities.
- We are all in this together and, regardless of the new normal, we will move forward together.
- All rules and guidelines, including those in these Policies, are subject to change, even daily, as we assess the School, our students, and ongoing events.
- The requirements herein are designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and create a safe and healthy environment. No requirement or plan guaranties that individuals will not contract COVID-19.

The following general rules are covered throughout these Policies and should be observed at all times. These rules are subject to change as information about the pandemic continues to develop and evolve.

1. If you test positive for, are diagnosed with, or exhibit symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, STAY HOME. Please notify the student's Principal via email or phone at 225-421-2900 immediately. They will provide you with guidance on the next steps to take consistent with your circumstances.
2. Practice safe behavior, which includes physical distancing, wearing a face mask or covering at all times while in-person inside the School facility and at all School related and School sponsored events, practicing good hand hygiene, and keeping your workspace clean and disinfected.
3. The School has adopted and follows all minimum requirements established by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) including Health and Safety standards set forth in Bulletin 126, Chapter 41, § 4101-4105 (BESE Policy), and the Louisiana Department of Education, "Ready to Achieve! 2021-2022 School Operational Guidelines."
4. All group gatherings will be limited to no more than the maximum meeting size allowed by BESE Policy and will require the meeting room to be the appropriate size to allow for physical distancing.
5. Hand sanitizer will be prominently positioned throughout the School.
6. UVA has upgraded its janitorial services consistent with cleaning and disinfecting practices outlined by the CDC and OSHA. The School has also upgraded its HVAC filter systems, where possible.

7. To the greatest extent possible, at entry and exit points at the School, individuals should limit crowding and maintain physical distance recommendations.

2. School Health and Safety Policy

Based on recommendations issued by the CDC, OSHA, LDOE, BESE, and LDH, UVA has implemented the following health and safety practices for when Students are present at the School and at School related and School sponsored events. These practices are meant to minimize the risks students may face for exposure to COVID-19 and mitigate the continued spread of the virus.

Hand Hygiene

Students must wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or sanitize their hands upon arrival to campus, before leaving campus, before and after meal and restroom breaks, before and after using outdoor play equipment and every two hours throughout the workday. If soap and water is not available, students may use hand sanitizer or alcohol-based rub that will be provided by UVA.

Students should avoid touching any door knobs, handles, or buttons with a bare hand, and should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer immediately if they do so. Students also should avoid touching their face, eyes, mouth, and nose as much as possible while on campus.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing requirements will determine the acceptable number of people allowed in a room for in-person meetings. UVA will encourage physical distancing of at least six feet from other individuals in indoor settings. Room capacity should not be more than 50% of the allowable amount for in-person meetings.

Group Sizes

All group gatherings will be limited to no more than the maximum meeting size allowed by BESE Policy and will require the meeting room to be the appropriate size to allow for social distancing.

Students with disabilities will continue to receive special education and related services in the least restrictive environment.

Respiratory Etiquette

Students should cough or sneeze into a tissue and dispose of that tissue immediately. If a tissue is not available, students should cough or sneeze into a clothed elbow.

Mandatory Face Masks or Coverings

Students are required to wear a face mask or covering at all times when in-person inside the School facility and at School related and School sponsored events (including but not limited to field trips, graduation, and prom). If a student does not have their own face mask or covering, UVA will supply a face mask or covering for the student. Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth of the wearer for the purpose of forming a barrier to droplets or airborne particles that are coughed, sneezed or exhaled when talking.¹

Restrooms

No more than 2 people at a time are permitted in a multiple-stall restroom, unless otherwise unavoidable; and no more than 1 person at a time is permitted in a single-stall restroom. Students must wash their hands for at least 20 seconds prior to leaving the restroom and are encouraged to use a paper towel or tissue to open and close the restroom door when exiting.

Medical or Disability Exceptions

Any student requesting medical or disability impact exceptions or accommodations relating to the policies herein should contact the student's Principal at 225-421-2900.

¹ Medical and disability exceptions may be requested, if needed, by contacting the student's Principal at 225-421-2900 .

3. COVID-19 Student Quarantine Policy

The last day an individual has close contact with a case is Day 0 of quarantine. Day 1 begins the day after their last close contact. UVA students will be required to follow the below quarantine rules, in accordance with guidance published by the CDC and LDOE for K-12 students.

Individual Type	Quarantine Guidance
Students who have received 2 doses of an mRNA vaccine (such as Pfizer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quarantine is not necessary. ● Wear a mask around others for 10 days. ● Test on Day 5, if possible*. If your test result is positive, see isolation guidance above.
Students who are unvaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay home/quarantine for 5 days. After that, return to school but continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days (i.e., through Day 10). ● Test on Day 5, if possible*. If your test result is positive, see isolation guidance above
Staff who have completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 5 months, OR have completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months, OR have been boosted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quarantine is not necessary. ● Wear a mask around others for 10 days. ● Test on Day 5, if possible*. If your test result is positive, see isolation guidance above
Staff who are unvaccinated, OR have completed the primary series of Pfizer or over five months ago, OR have completed the primary series of J&J vaccine over 2 month ago and are not boosted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay home/quarantine for 5 days. After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days (i.e., through Day 10). ● Test on Day 5, if possible. If your test result is positive, see isolation guidance above
Anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the 90 days from their last close contact with a confirmed case.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quarantine is not necessary. ● Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
*Limited availability of diagnostic tests may make it difficult for an asymptomatic individual to find testing. Testing on Day 5 post-exposure is recommended, but is not required for return to school.	

In accordance with the School Reporting and Data Sharing Order #2020-covid19-001, all COVID-19 cases will be reported to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) via LDH's electronic reporting system.

4. Acknowledgement of Receipt

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of UVA's COVID-19 Parent and Student Policies. I understand that these Policies contain important information about the School's policies and procedures related to COVID-19, and I have read it and understand its contents and that the policies in it apply to me and my student. I understand that these Policies do not constitute an express or implied contract or give students or parents any enforceable contractual rights and that the School may change these policies and protocols at any time.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date