

Horizons School Prevention Practices

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There is much media coverage about the coronavirus (COVID-19). Horizons students may feel anxious or overwhelmed by many different messages. **Help us to prepare for students' return to campus by reviewing the following ways we will help to ensure the safety of students and staff.**

1. Masks

- a. All staff, students and visitors must wear a mask at all times while in the school building or in public areas of the apartment building. They will be able to remove the mask inside their own apartment.
- b. Each student will need at least three washable face coverings or enough disposable face masks to last them throughout the trimester.
- c. Make sure they understand the proper way to wear a facemask. Review helpful CDC guidelines with your student:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>

2. Social Distancing

- a. Classroom seating will be modified so that students are at a safe distance from each other. We ask that students sit where assigned and avoid gathering in large groups between classes or when returning to the apartments.
- b. Students will be encouraged to socialize in small groups in the apartment common room where they will be able to maintain the appropriate distance from each other.
- c. We will plan virtual and small group activities and events with social distancing and limit mixing between groups when possible.
- d. Staff and contractors will schedule daily cleaning and disinfection of public surfaces and high touchpoints (i.e. door handles, faucets, toilets, tables, desks & counters, etc.).

3. Limited Public Outings

- a. We will limit public outings our students take during the coronavirus epidemic. We will work with your students to ensure that only necessary trips are taken (i.e. grocery shopping, pharmacy)
- b. To limit the errands your student has to run, set up mail-order prescriptions, if possible, or set up 90-day prescriptions for maintenance medication. Have them sent to the school so that we can ensure they receive them.

4. Safety measures
 - a. There is an automatic hand sanitizer dispenser in the lobby of the school building. Students are encouraged to sanitize upon entering and leaving the school.
 - b. Essential supply kits will also be in each classroom (hand sanitizer, disinfectant, gloves, paper towels, and tissues)
 - c. Hands-free door openers have been installed on each of the bathroom doors.
 - d. The water fountain will be covered. Students and staff are encouraged to bring personal bottles of water with them to the school. There will be no eating in classrooms.
5. Temporary Early Curfew
 - a. If we observe the students not following social distancing guidelines, we will establish an early curfew.
6. Illness protocols
 - a. We will check student, staff, and visitor temperatures upon arrival to the school building.
 - b. If a student or staff member shows any signs of illness, we ask that they refrain from coming to the school building or to apartment common areas. Individuals who develop COVID-19 symptoms must be evaluated by a medical professional before returning to the school building or apartment common areas.
7. COVID-19 Diagnosis
 - a. The School does not own student housing and is unable to provide shelter for students infected with COVID19 who need to practice isolation.
 - b. The School will follow rules from government and health officials regarding isolation and treatment of persons confirmed with COVID-19 infection. The family is responsible for safe shelter and clinical care of an infected student.

Invite your student to recall important information and ask questions to clarify the main points. Practice wearing a face covering when in public places. Emphasize frequent and thorough handwashing. Students should be familiar with these habits before returning to campus in August. Questions? We will be happy to answer these!



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