

# **Green Bay AJA Coronavirus (SARS-CoV2/ COVID19) Pandemic Plan 2021-2022**

## **Objectives/Goals:**

1. Our goal is to have students physically present at school because that represents the best for their spiritual, educational, social, and psychological wellbeing.
2. AJA will be a safe environment for the students and the staff.
3. Policies regarding the pandemic plan will be flexible and nimble in responding to new information as well as in response to the levels of virus transmission in the school and in the community.
4. Policies will be as practical, feasible, and appropriate for the child's developmental stage.

## **Guiding Principles:**

We are in the middle of a pandemic for an unknown period of time and the main mode of COVID-19 spread is from person to person, primarily via droplet/airborne transmission. The best defense that we know of at this time is getting vaccinated and mask wearing. While these actions can mitigate the risk of COVID19 transmission, it will not eliminate the risk. There is strong evidence that suggests that younger children are less affected by COVID19 and present less risk for transmitting it. However, every attempt at maximizing safety within the bounds of what is feasible and appropriate will be made. Therefore, this plan attempts to use the best currently available data and guidance to achieve the above objectives while balancing the risks and benefits as best we can. It is understood that since AJA is a very small school, not all guidance from the authorities may apply to us. Our sources for guidance include the Centers for Disease Control, WI Department of Health, Brown County Department of Health, and the WI SDA conference.

## **Home**

1. If a student or staff member develops symptoms of COVID19 (see definition below):
  - Do not come to school and notify AJA.
  - Get tested for COVID-19.
2. If a household member tests positive for COVID19, the student should quarantine at home for 10 days before returning to school. This period begins from the time that household member is first considered non-infectious (10 days from symptoms onset). So the total time of a quarantine can be as long as 20 days for a student living with someone who contracts COVID19!
  - The 10 day quarantine requirement can be shortened to 7 days with a negative viral test for COVID19.
3. If a student or staff tests positive for COVID19:
  - Stay home and isolate for 10 days from symptom onset and until symptoms are improving and also free from fever (without medications) for 24 hours.
4. If a student of staff member is tested for COVID19 they should quarantine at home until results are known.
5. If a student or staff member tests negative, they should have improving symptoms and be fever free for 24 hours prior to attending school.
6. If a student or staff member develops symptoms of COVID19 but does not get tested, they are assumed to have COVID19 and should follow guidelines for if that person had tested positive for COVID19.
7. If a student or staff member has been in close contact (see definition below) with someone who tested positive for COVID19, that person needs to quarantine at home for 10 days after the last contact with the COVID-19 positive person. This does not apply to asymptomatic vaccinated students or staff.

8. If a student or staff member has recovered from COVID19:
  - Retesting within 90 days is not recommended as non-infectious virus can still be detected with testing.
  - The chance of reinfection is extremely low and so that person does not need to automatically quarantine for any symptoms or close contacts during the 90 days after illness.

### **School**

1. Masks (cloth or disposable, non-valve) are encouraged but are not required and are completely voluntary for students or staff.
2. If a student or staff member develops symptoms at school:
  - a. The student should be removed from the classroom and placed in an empty room with a mask in place. A parent or guardian will then be notified to pick the student up. That room will not be used for the next 24 hrs if possible and then thoroughly cleaned. PCP should be notified by the parent.
  - b. The staff member should wear a mask and go home as soon as possible.
  - c. While the student or staff member waits for the test result, they should remain quarantined at home.
  - d. If a student or staff member subsequently tests positive:
    - A letter should be sent out to all parents notifying them of the possibility of exposure with the appropriate instructions, including watching for symptoms to develop and notifying PCP.
    - Any information regarding who tested positive will be kept confidential as much as possible.
    - The student or staff member cannot return to school for 10 days from symptom onset and only if symptoms are improving or free from fever (without medications) for 24 hours.
  - d. Given the common and often fleeting nature of symptoms such as headache, nausea, isolated cough, runny nose, etc., these symptoms in isolation will not be cause to send a student home during the day. Staff will have the discretion to call a parent/guardian in these situations depending of the presence of other symptoms or their severity.

### **Immunization by Vaccination**

1. It is highly recommended that anyone who is eligible receive the vaccine when available. This is not a requirement.

#### *Definitions:*

- **Symptoms**
  - One of these:
    - Fever 100.4 or >, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of smell or taste.
  - Two of these
    - Runny nose, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, sore throat.
- **Close contact:** considered if **any** of the following is true:
  - Were within 6ft of an infected person for >15 minutes regardless of masking.
  - Coming into contact with the respiratory secretions of an infected person.
  - Living with someone who has COVID19.
  - Having physical contact with an infected person.

Sources/Guidance:

1. CDC: (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>)
2. WI Dept. of health: (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/schools.htm>)

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