



The Beekman School – Community COVID-19 Policies and Guidelines Update #4

Welcome to The Beekman School's 2021-2022 school year!

The Beekman School is committed to the health and safety of all community members, particularly those who are in our school building.

All community members who are participating in any in-person instruction agree to adhere to the following:

- Complete an at-home symptom self-assessment every day to verify that possible COVID-19 symptoms are not present. These symptoms include (as per the CDC website [<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>]):
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- All cold and flu-like symptoms should be considered possible Covid symptoms and community members should stay home until:
 - they receive an alternate diagnosis from a medical professional;
 - they can report negative test(s) following the instructions of the Head of School (based on guidance from local health authorities); or
 - they complete quarantine as outlined by local health authorities and in consultation with the School.
- Community members who have a member of their household test positive for COVID-19 will need to remain in quarantine, regardless of vaccination status. Members of the community who have been exposed to COVID-19 by a person who is not a member of their household and who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine as long as they are asymptomatic.
- The wearing of masks in the school building will be optional unless community members are experiencing symptoms from the above list but are cleared for in-person instruction by the Head of School. If community members are experiencing symptoms and are not cleared for in-person instruction, they must stay home or see the Head of School immediately for further instructions.
- All community members who attend classes within our building must participate in surveillance testing. The school will provide at-home Covid testing kits to all interested community members. Community members will be notified via email when they are required to test.



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- Wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds every time they enter the school building, before and after eating food, and after blowing their nose or coughing/sneezing into their hands (keeping in mind that students should be sneezing or coughing into a tissue or their elbows). If a sink is not readily available, hand sanitizer should be used.
- Maintain distancing when sharing a classroom or school area (garden, student lounge, study hall, Tutoring School) with others for an extended period of time.
- Community members are not allowed to share food or beverages with anyone (excepting siblings who live in the same household).
- Clean up after themselves—no food or beverage containers can be left out for others to clean up, and all papers, etc. must be thrown away before a student leaves that area/classroom. Used tissues must be disposed of immediately and are not to be left on desks or tabletops for any period of time.
- Follow all local, state, and federal guidelines regarding safe behaviors.

Any community member who is experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19 should be tested as a precaution and provide the school with either a negative COVID-19 test or a signed doctor's note with an alternate diagnosis prior to returning to school. Community members who exhibit symptoms compatible with COVID-19 while at school or upon arrival will be removed from class.

All community members are expected to provide immediate information regarding COVID-19 infection and to participate in contact tracing conducted by the school or the NYCDOHMH, including complying with quarantine, if necessary. Community members who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have any of the symptoms listed above or if the contact is not a member of their household.

In the event of an on-campus exposure, The Beekman School will notify community members of protocols as outlined by state and local health authorities. Protocols may include universal COVID-19 testing and universal masking within our school building for 10 days following exposure.

The Beekman School has installed HEPA air purifiers in all of our classrooms and common spaces, as well as upgrading our AC units with MERV-13 air filters.

As in the past, students are not allowed to bring anything other than water above the ground floor. Students should bring a water bottle that is labeled if they wish to drink water in class. The drinking fountain on the first floor is only to be used for refilling bottles and cups, not for drinking from directly. Disposable cups will be available.



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For community members who do not adhere to these guidelines, we consider this a safety issue for our community and will take action in line with that understanding. Actions taken may include:

- Dismissal from the class or school area for that period with a reminder of applicable school community policies from an administrator or faculty member for a first offense;
- Immediate dismissal from the school building and barring from the building for at least one week for a second offense;
- Immediate dismissal from the school building and barring from the building for at least one month or the remainder of the quarter for a third offense.

These guidelines are subject to change.

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