

# HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOL FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_

Because we all care about the health of our students, staff, and families, we are asking AIS parents and guardians to help us prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our school community. While it is not possible to eliminate all COVID-19 risks, we will follow and are also requiring families to follow our health, safety, and wellness protocols found in the AIS Campus Opening Guide.

**An important protocol is to screen your child before sending them to school each day. Do NOT send your child to school if they currently have or have had any of the following symptoms within the past ten days:**

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Headache
- New loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit (i.e., 37.8 degrees Celsius)
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache

**Additional mitigation measures may include health screening (e.g., temperature checks) of students, staff, and/or parents/guardians upon entering the campus.**

Austin International School will prohibit and exclude from campus any student or individual who fails the screening criteria, has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, or has been directly exposed to someone who has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis from being allowed on campus, until they meet any of the criteria for re-entry as follows:

- **In the case of a child who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the child may return to in-person school attendance when all three of the following criteria are met:**
  - at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
  - the child has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); **AND**
  - at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- **In the case of a child who has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the child is assumed to have COVID-19, and the child should not return to attending school until the child has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or**
- **If the child has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and the parents want their child to return to school before completing the above self-isolation period, the child's parents must obtain a signed physician's note clearing the child for returning based on an alternative diagnosis. Medical clearance will be acceptable if issued by an MD, DO, or medical staff supervised by the same.**
- **If your child has been in prolonged close contact with a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19 (evidenced by a positive lab test), you should notify the school as soon as possible and your child should not return to school until the end of the 14-day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure, or until you obtain a signed physician's note clearing your child for returning based on a COVID-19 free diagnosis.**

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- The definition of “close contact” is evolving with the medical community’s understanding of COVID-19, and individual scenarios should be determined by an appropriate physician or public health official/agency. In general, close contact is defined as:
  - being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); **or**
  - being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes; **however**
  - additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.
- Either one of the above points defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the virus, defined as the period beginning two days prior to symptom onset through 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who receive a positive COVID-19 lab test, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming lab test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming lab test.

**In the event a student displays symptoms of COVID-19 while on campus, AIS will:**

- Immediately separate the student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school, until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian (which should be within 30 minutes, but no later than 1 hour).
- The areas used by any individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school (student, teacher, or staff) will be cleaned as soon as is reasonably possible.
- Students who report feeling feverish will be sent to reception to be evaluated for COVID-19 symptoms.

**To further mitigate the spread of COVID-19, all students, staff, and visitors will at times be required to wear face masks while on campus, except when eating while seated.** Individuals with documented health conditions that prevent the use of masks must notify the school in writing and request a written exemption. Individuals found not to be in compliance with masking requirements will receive a verbal and warning in the first instance. Failure to correct and comply with these requirements may lead to more severe consequences, including temporary exclusion from campus.

**I acknowledge that I have reviewed the health and safety protocols listed above for my child to be physically present on a school campus or at a school-sponsored event, and I acknowledge and verify that I will not send my child to school if they exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms. I also understand that Austin International School is implementing health and safety protocols and best practices in accordance with official guidance, but that the School cannot eliminate all COVID-19 risk or guarantee absolute safety. By sending my child to attend school or to an event at AIS, I acknowledge and assume the risks inherent in all personal interactions during a global health pandemic.**

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PARENT/GUARDIAN 1 SIGNATURE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN 2 PRINTED NAME

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**Additional information related to the COVID-19 virus and our response to it can be found on the AIS website, which will be updated regularly as this situation evolves:  
<http://austinis.org>**