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VIRTUAL PARENT TOWN HALL

Operating Through the Era of COVID-19

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021 | 6:00-7:00 P.M. EDT

Welcome & Opening Remarks

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For questions, please contact wecare@friendshipschools.org

Agenda

- Friendship PCS Safety Strategies
- Mandated Vaccinations
- Daily Health Screening
- COVID-19 Testing
- Communication and Close Contacts
- Response to Positive COVID-19 Cases
- Data Transparency
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Safety Strategies



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8 Mitigation Strategies

 <p>Monitor Daily Health</p>	 <p>Always Wear a Face Mask</p>	 <p>Practice Social Distancing</p>
 <p>Practice Healthy Hand Hygiene</p>	 <p>Fresh Healthy Indoor Air</p>	 <p>Campus Deep Cleaning</p>
 <p>Weekly COVID Testing</p>	 <p>COVID Reporting</p>	 <p>Fully Vaccinated</p>

Mandated Vaccinations



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Mandatory Vaccinations



By order of the DC Mayor, by November 1, 2021 all Friendship PCS employees, volunteers and student athletes ages 12+ must be vaccinated against COVID-19.

1. Are teachers required to get vaccinated?

Yes. The DC Mayor announced the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for all DC schools, including DC Charter schools.

2. Can I know my child's teacher's vaccination status?

No. Medical records are protected through law and not available to the public.

3. Are students required to get vaccinated?

Only student athletes ages 12 and over.

COVID-19 vaccines are available to all DC residents ages 12-22.

Call 202-476-1022 during business hours to schedule an appointment.

Daily Health Screenings



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Daily Health Screenings



Please review and answer the follow questions before reporting to your assigned campus:

1. Does your child have a fever of 100.4 or higher?
2. Sore Throat?
3. New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)?
4. Diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain?
5. New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever?
6. Loss of taste or smell?
7. Within the past 14 days, had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19?

*If symptoms are related to a chronic medical condition and your healthcare provider has submitted written or verbal documentation that the symptoms are not COVID-19-related, the student should not be excluded from school because of those symptoms.



If your child answered **“YES”** to any screening questions or you notice signs of sickness, please stay home and notify your campus administrator.



If your child answered **“NO”** to any screening questions and exhibit no signs of sickness, he/she may attend school that day.



Upon arrival to school, each student will:

- Sanitize their hands.
- Be provided a face mask if they don't have one.
- Undergo temperature screening by school staff.

Students visually displaying signs of illness must be safely picked up by parent/guardian or sent home immediately (with parent/guardian permission) if they are able to safely travel independently.

COVID-19 Testing



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COVID-19 Testing

- Friendship currently tests consenting scholars, approximately 1,910 scholars, and all adults.
- Friendship offers COVID-19 antigen testing to scholars on a weekly basis using the BD Veritor Plus System.
- The BD Veritor Plus System allows for parents/guardians to receive test results via text message or email.
- Beginning October 25th Friendship will move to an opt out for COVID-19 testing.

Friendship PCS COVID Testing Schedule & Location

Weekly COVID-19 Testing is mandatory for all team members, regardless of vaccination status.



MONDAYS

Woodridge campus
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Collegiate campus
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Armstrong campus
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Community Office
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Southeast campus
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tech Prep campus
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Blow Pierce campus
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Chamberlain campus
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Ideal campus
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.



Communication & Close Contact



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School Community Communication



- In alignment with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the District of Columbia Department of Health (DC DOH), Friendship is committed to timely and transparent communication to all stakeholders.
- Quarantine decisions are made after careful consideration of all available data sources related to the individual and/or group.

COVID-19 Family Notifications

Once a decision has been made, families will be contacted in one of two ways:

- **Positive Case** - telephone
- **Close Contact** - telephone
- **General Notice** - email

If there is a COVID-19 Case within your campus, families will receive three types of notification:



Your child has
received a
positive test.



Your child has
been in close
contact with
someone who
received a
positive test.



There is a
positive test
within your
child's campus.

Close Contact Defined

DEFINITION IS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

- Within 6 feet of an infected person.
- At least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period.
- Contact tracing starts from 2 days before COVID-19 symptoms until the time the infected person is quarantined.
- For asymptomatic infected people, 2 days prior to positive test results.

EXCEPTION:

Students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting face masks and other layered prevention strategies were in place.

Close Contact FAQ's

1. What happens if my child is defined as a close contact?

- You will receive notification from Friendship.
- Student must not attend school for at least 7 days if they tested negative for COVID-19 on day 5 or later of the quarantine period.
- If no COVID-19 testing is done, student must quarantine for at least 10 days.

2. Do siblings of close contacts need to quarantine?

No. Siblings of close contacts are not required to quarantine.

3. If my child is vaccinated do they need to quarantine?

No. However, you should monitor their symptoms. Note: you may be required to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

4. Does my child need to quarantine if they had COVID-19 before?

Your child does not need to quarantine if they have had COVID-19 (symptomatic or asymptomatic) within the last 90 days and does not have any symptoms of COVID-19.

Response to Positive COVID-19 Cases



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Deep Cleaning

After a confirmed positive COVID 19 case:

- Classrooms/spaces are disinfected with an electrostatic sprayer.
- This method applies a small electrical charge to the disinfectant spray when passing through the nozzle.
- Charged droplets adhere easier and cleans all surfaces.
- Electrostatic sprayer is also used each evening to disinfect all classrooms/offices.



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Data Transparency



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Data Transparency

It is vital that we share our testing data with school staff, families, and the public.

These data include:

- The number of test administered.
- The positivity rate of those tests.
- The number of quarantines from positive tests and close contacts.
- All data are split by student and staff and include results from tests we administer as well as those that are self-reported.

These data will be made public on our website.

Public Dashboard Samples

Friendship Public Charter School COVID-19 Testing and Positivity

50

Total Positives Last 14 days

5,127

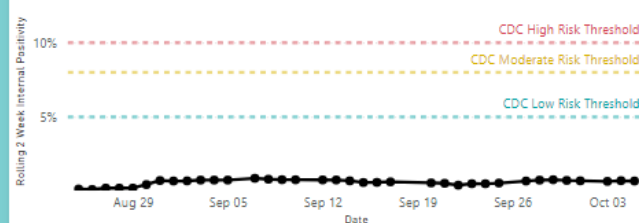
Internal Tests Last 14 Days

0.68%

Rolling 2 Week Internal Positivity

Last Data Update: 10/5/2021

Rolling 2 Week Internal Positivity Rate



Total Tests Administered

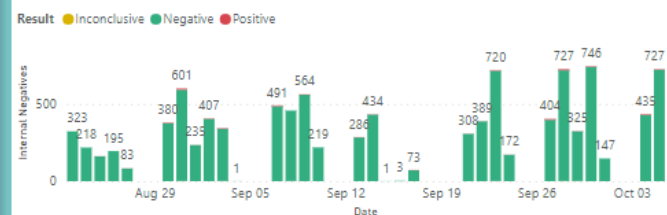
Campus	Internal Positives	Internal Tests
Armstrong	4	1,030
Blow Pierce	10	1,300
Chamberlain	4	1,488
Collegiate	20	1,493
Ideal	5	600
Southeast	18	2,400
Tech Prep	5	1,053
Woodridge	5	895
Community Office		319
Total	71	10,578

Total Student Positives

Campus	Positives
Armstrong	3
Blow Pierce	18
Chamberlain	4
Collegiate	31
Ideal	4
Southeast	15
Tech Prep	5
Woodridge	7
Total	87

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Internal Tests Administered by Date and Result



Total Staff Positives

Campus	Positives
Armstrong	2
Blow Pierce	2
Chamberlain	2
Collegiate	7
Ideal	3
Southeast	3
Tech Prep	2
Woodridge	4
Total	25

* Includes tests beginning 8/23/2021

* Internal testing numbers reflect antigen tests performed on-site at Friendship schools. Total testing numbers reflect internal tests and self-reported tests

* Click [here](#) for more information on CDC transmission risk thresholds

Friendship Public Charter School Quarantines

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Active Quarantines

Filter by Internal or Self-Reported

All

Filter by Positive or Close Contact

All

Active Student Quarantines

Campus	Active Quarantines
Armstrong	3
Blow Pierce	73
Collegiate	33
Ideal	4
Total	113

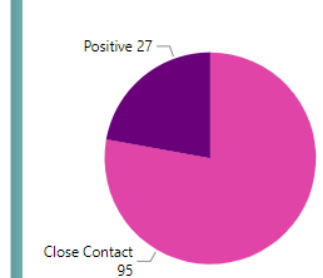
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Active Staff Quarantines

Campus	Active Quarantines
Armstrong	1
Chamberlain	1
Collegiate	2
Southeast	2
Woodridge	2
Community Office	1
Total	9

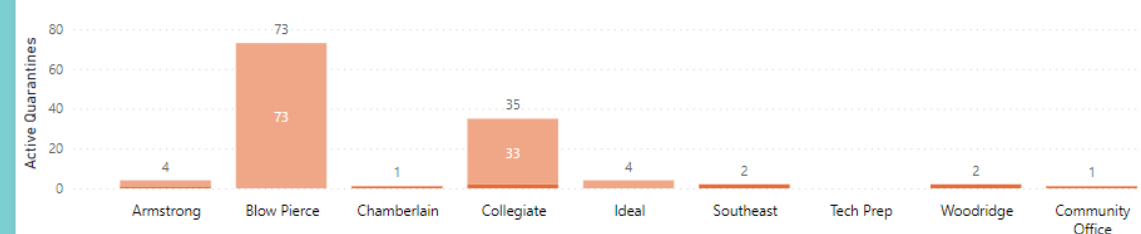
Active Quarantines by Reason

Reason: Close Contact Positive



Active Quarantines by Campus

Staff or Student: Staff Student



Questions?



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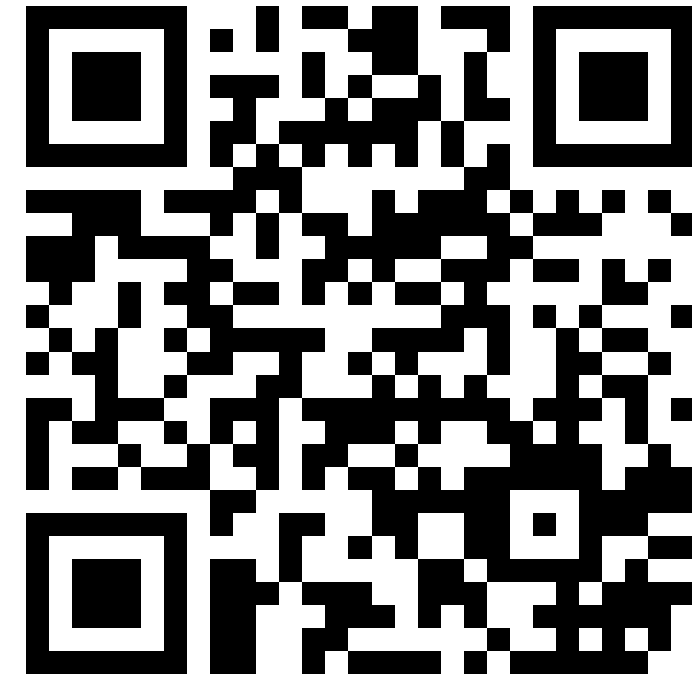
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Continuing the Conversation

- Use our website as a resource:
www.friendshipschools.org/schoolsafety
- Our website and Learning Without Limits newsletter will summarize the highlights of today's meeting and provide answers to the frequently asked questions.
- Use your next school-level PAC meeting to continue the discussion on health and safety at your child's school. Contact your child's school admin for PAC meeting dates.



Thanks for your
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in this town hall.
Please complete a
brief survey.



or visit

www.surveymonkey.com/r/FG9CMLN



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