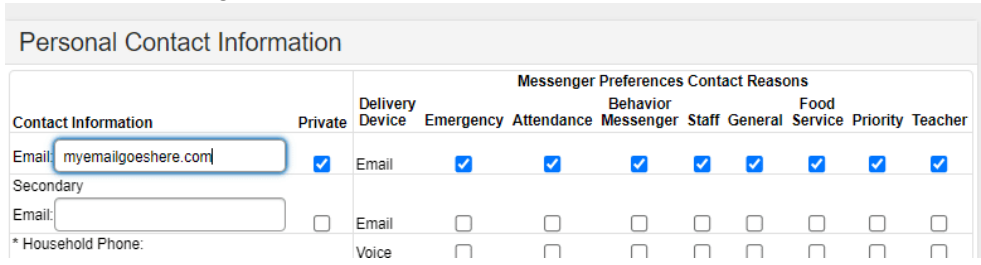


22-23 Safe Return to Learning Plan

DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science faculty and staff are excited to welcome students and families back into the building for the 22-23 school year. Because we have been following COVID guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health, and that guidance has changed, we would like to highlight the various protocols that we have in place to continue to prioritize a safe and healthy learning environment for all.

Health Related Protocol	
COVID Isolation Guidance & COVID Reporting	<p>Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 will follow the MDH and CDC guidelines which note a 5 day isolation period to reduce exposure to others. After 5 days of isolation, a return to school is appropriate if the following are true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • symptoms have improved, • there is no fever present for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, • and a well fitted mask can be worn at all times through day 10 of the illness. <p>https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/youthiso.pdf in English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 Isolation Guide for Schools, Child Care, and Youth Programming in Hmong (PDF) • COVID-19 Isolation Guide for Schools, Child Care, and Youth Programming in Somali (PDF) • COVID-19 Isolation Guide for Schools, Child Care, and Youth Programming in Spanish (PDF) <p>A COVID reporting form can be found on our website or here.</p>
COVID Quarantining & General Illness Guidance	<p>In order to maintain a healthy school environment DaVinci relies on the personal responsibility of families and staff to report illnesses to the office and stay home if you are sick. We will use the following data to determine if we need to quarantine a classroom: total positive cases, staffing levels, and consultation with MDH.</p> <p>COVID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regardless of vaccination status, people who have been exposed to COVID are recommended to wear a well fitting mask for 10 days following the exposure, and test for COVID at day 6. Quarantining and masking after an exposure is not a requirement.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school does have a supply of at home COVID tests that we can make available to families as needed. <p>General Illness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases of diarrhea, vomiting and/or fever should be cleared for 24 hours before returning to school and pink eye needs to be addressed with medication for 24 hours before returning.
Vaccinations	DaVinci Academy does not require COVID vaccinations, but updated information about any student vaccinations, required or optional, that families would like to share with the school can be submitted by emailing the school nurse at nurses@davincicharterschool.org
Communication and Notifications	<p>DaVinci will report all school based COVID cases as required by the Minnesota Department of Health and will follow their guidance in situations where additional mitigation may be necessary (for instance if there is an out-break of flu like symptoms that necessitates a report due to the number of cases in a particular class or grade level).</p> <p>Communications regarding COVID 19, and any other medical matters, will be conducted with the families of students directly and the school will not be reporting on or tracking positive cases within the community.</p>
Air Flow Mitigation Efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DaVinci has increased the outside air intake to allow at least 45% minimum outside air to circulate throughout the school building. The increase in fan speed will also help circulate the air at a faster rate. The new outside air and inside air will be continuously cleaned by the building's filtration system. Every morning the air throughout the building will be purged one hour before occupancy, and again one hour after the end of the school day. The air change per hour (ACH) rate has increased from 0-3 ACH on average to 6+ ACH per ASHRAE, industry standard. Every classroom and space in the school changes air at least 6 times per hour. Most rooms change more frequently due to their size. Each DaVinci classroom is equipped with an air purifier to even further reduce airborne contaminants including viruses from confined spaces. Filters in the purifiers are changed as needed.
General Safety Protocol	
Visitors to the Building	<p>All exterior doors are locked from the hours of 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and visitors are required to check in at the front office to receive a visitor pass before being allowed into the building.</p> <p>Volunteers are welcome to work with students and staff during the school day, on field trips, and after school is out at school related events with a current background check on file in the office. Background check</p>

	<p>applications can be found on the volunteer page of our website or here</p>
Emergency Notifications	<p>Emergency notifications, that could include weather related issues, closures, evacuations, or other time sensitive messages, are communicated to families through email, Bloomz messaging, and phone calls or texts. In the case of school closures, information is also made public on television news channels KSTP and WCCO, and on our school website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure you receive school notifications, families should check the settings on their Infinite Campus Parent Portal. 
School Bus Safety	<p>DaVinci Academy contracts with Kottkes Bus Service for all general and special education bus routes. All drivers have passed through extensive training provided by Kottkes, background checks, and random drug tests as required by the federal motor carrier and state guidelines. DaVinci Academy Deans are in daily communication with all bus drivers and follow up with students and families about any bus related incidents or concerns related to behavior.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families can report student behavior concerns to Jake Otterness (6-8 Dean) jotterness@davincicharterschool.org or Josh Osbourne (K-5 Dean) joshbourne@davincicharterschool.org. Concerns about school bus routes or drivers can be addressed to Cassandra Anderson (Operations Manager) canderson1@davincicharterschool.org.
Emergency Preparedness	<p>The DaVinci Academy Crisis Plan addresses numerous potential crisis situations which allow staff, students, and parents/legal guardians to deal with an emergency in a safe and orderly manner. Throughout the school year students and staff will conduct practice drills, including, but not limited to lockdowns, fire, tornado and evacuation drills as required by state statute.</p>