

COVID ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are asked to do their part to maintain a healthy environment for themselves and others, promote good health, and utilize PPEs as needed for their safety and the safety of others. The program you are about to enter is fully immersed in the world of disease, disorders and the micro-organisms that cause these. You will need to learn to protect yourself so that you can take care of those who are sick. To that end Hepatitis B series is a required vaccination and the COVID vaccine is strongly encouraged. Evidence of vaccines should be uploaded to the Praxi Portal. Students are responsible to self-evaluate when sick.

COVID-19 is no longer a pandemic, however, we must remain vigilant for the disease and its variants.

Contact the school and report COVID positive tests. Students who are experiencing symptoms and have tested positive for COVID should contact the school and report their absence as well as the first day symptoms were noted. Students that are positive for COVID should follow CDC guidelines as noted below.

Watch for Symptoms. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. (This list does not include all possible symptoms.)

- 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

According to CDC – “Students benefit from in-person learning” and to that end AMAI will do all within its powers to maintain in-person learning. Masks are to be properly worn while in the building unless eating or drinking when student is COVID positive (per protocols below), or has been exposed to COVID, and when mandated. Students should take care around peers to prevent the spread of this infection. Students who have encounter COVID positive person, but are asymptomatic should continue with class, however, should wear a well-fitting mask, at all times, for 10 days. Remember we are learning to care for others. Let that start in this classroom.

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If You Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.

- Stay home for 5 days.
- If you are asymptomatic or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, and you are fever free without antipyretics, you can return to school.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

- Wear a High-quality mask or respirator (e.g. N-95) around others for 10 days. You can develop COVID up to 10 days post exposure.
- Take extra precautions around people who are immunocompromised
- Test on day 5.

If you develop symptoms at any time get tested and isolate

- If you test positive within the 10 day period isolate x 5 days as per isolation protocol above.

Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.

Per CDC guidelines –People who are fully vaccinated with no COVID-like symptoms do not need to quarantine or be restricted from work following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

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Students in isolation for COVID during scheduled tests will be required to take the test as a proctored online test unless other circumstances prevail. Students must have pen and paper, dependable internet, and a device with visual capability for testing, and no distractions. Student will have to show room proctor they will be testing in.

Students are strongly encouraged to get the COVID vaccination.

DEFINITION:

Quarantine vs. Isolation

- You **quarantine** when you might have been exposed to the virus. Take precautions so as not to infect others.
- You **isolate** when you have been infected with the virus, even if you do not have symptoms.

Informational link: [Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19 | CDC, What to Do If You Were Exposed to COVID-19 | CDC](#)