

July 30, 2021

**Odyssey Charter School and Odyssey Preparatory Academy**

**Parent Covid Updates/Reminders**

We are excited to start another school year with your child(ren). The school leadership team is monitoring COVID data regularly and we will continue to monitor the data throughout the year to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and community. All of us would like to say a permanent good-bye to COVID, but as the Delta variant passes through, we are offering a few COVID reminders and safety expectations regarding our beginning-of-year processes to help the school year start on a positive note.

1. Based upon feedback from surveys last spring, 74% of our parents asked to make the decision on whether or not to mask their student attending our schools. We trust our parents to make the right decision for their children, so masks will continue to remain optional. Teachers will not ask students to wear masks. If your student has special needs, please contact your homeroom teacher (elementary) or guidance (Jr/Sr) for additional assistance.
2. Staff will be working to keep positive airflow throughout our buildings. Students will continue to have opportunities to get plenty of fresh air during PE and recess to contribute to building a healthy immune system.
3. Students and staff will maintain reasonable social distance when transitioning and in the classroom. Hallway and bus mask usage is encouraged but not mandatory.
4. For the time being, students who have a fever or are ill, will receive a paper mask when they enter the clinic. If you receive a call from our clinic that your student is ill, please pick them up promptly. Continue to keep your student home if they are ill or running a fever.
5. Parents will be notified if their student has been exposed to COVID.
6. As a reminder, students should bring a personal, transparent water bottle for hydration purposes.
7. As we settle into the learning routine with our students during the first month of school, we will send out a notification when the campus will receive visitors. We look forward to seeing our parents and families!
8. Please notify the school if your student tests positive for COVID and follow CDC guidelines for quarantine if your student or a family member tests positive.
9. We will continue to keep our campuses clean, safe, and friendly.

If you have any COVID-related questions or concerns, please contact one of our COVID contacts at each school site: Mr. Mike Davis, Assistant Principal, Odyssey Preparatory Academy, (321) 372-7263; Ms. Deb Berg, Assistant Principal, Odyssey Elementary at Eldron, (321) 733-0442; and Mr. Mike Guevarra, Assistant Principal, Odyssey Jr/Sr High, (321) 345-4117. Please know we intend to stay consistent, but policies can change based upon pandemic conditions in our community. We look forward to navigating this year together and, as always, remain honored to serve your family.