

Greene Street Friends School
Covid-19 Vaccine, Testing, and Screening Policy

The policies described below are responses to the ever-changing circumstances of the Pandemic. They may be modified from time to time to keep the School's Health and Safety Plan up to date and current with events and new developments.

Note: Vaccination is defined here as two weeks after the second dose of a two-dose vaccine, or two weeks after a single dose vaccine.

Vaccine Policy

Greene Street Friends School has adopted this policy to safeguard the health and well-being of its community from the risks associated with Covid-19. This policy applies to all vaccine-eligible students beginning July 1, 2022. The School will require all students to (a) confirm they received a COVID-19 vaccine and that two weeks have passed since the vaccination, or from the second vaccination if a two-dose vaccine is administered, or (b) obtain an approved exemption.

Exemptions to COVID vaccination

- Families may apply for medical and religious exemptions
- Exemptions will be granted at the full discretion of the School
- The deadline for exemptions for current students is July 1, 2022.
- The deadline for exemptions for new students is at the time of signing the enrollment agreement.

Health Screening:

Families will be required to complete a daily symptom survey/health attestation before arrival using the AUXS Safety App S2. The AUXS app can be used on both iPhone and Android phones. The School may choose to change or eliminate the app at its discretion.

Screening Testing:

Greene Street Friends will test students who are unvaccinated or who participate in extracurricular activities on a weekly basis. At any point in time, for reasons beyond the Schools' control, should the School lack resources to test, the school will prioritize students who are high risk or have high-risk families at home. High risk is defined as, but not limited to immunocompromised, and having any underlying health condition that the CDC lists as high risk to contract the Covid-19 virus.

Test to Stay:

Test to stay is the procedure that GSFS will follow when a positive exposure occurs in a class. The School will generally follow quarantine guidelines as recommended by the PDPH. As the PDPH guidelines suggest, please be aware that there is a risk of continued exposure with test to stay, and as such parents are allowed to quarantine their students at home should there be an exposure.

Students with household exposure may not participate in test to stay and are required to follow recommended guidelines. For example, if a student's parent or sibling tests positive for COVID, that student must complete their quarantine at home.

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10-Day Quarantine or Test-to-Stay is effective immediately upon knowledge of an in-school positive Covid-19 case.

- In the event of a positive case in a class/cohort, all families will have a choice of either participation in test-to-stay or being virtual.
- Asymptomatic unvaccinated individuals must test as soon as possible after exposure and within one day. Then if the individuals choose to remain in school, they must test every other day until 7 days post-exposure.
- Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine but will be tested 5-7 days after exposure.

Recovering from COVID-19. The recovery period for COVID-19 is 90 days. Students recovering or recently positive with COVID-19 will not have to participate in school-wide testing.

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health continues to provide guidance to Greene Street Friends School as we determine the best course of action to keep our community safe. While our guidelines closely mirror the PDPH, there may be instances where we take a more conservative approach.

<https://www.phila.gov/programs/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/guidance/guidance-documents/schools-guidance/>