

## **COVID 19 ADDENDUM 2021-2022**

**Athenian Academy is dedicated to the health, well-being and safety of all students and staff. Athenian Academy follows guidelines put forth by the CDC and The Florida Department of Health. Procedures are in place to ensure the safety and wellness of students, employees, and the entire community. Athenian academy works closely with the Florida Health Department to ensure appropriate procedures and protocols are utilized to prevent the spread of COVID 19.**

### **Cleaning & Sanitizing**

- **Cleaning protocols have been established to align with industry standards as established by the American Physical Plant Administrators (APPA) and CDC recommendations for the cleaning and sanitizing of schools and public areas.**
- **Teachers and students have established classroom protocols to wipe down desks and tabletops, and other shared equipment, in between classes and throughout the day.**
- **Each classroom is supplied with a bottle of CDC-approved sanitizer and cloths that the teacher will use daily for individual and common areas.**
- **Athenian Academy has contracted a cleaning company who provides additional sanitizing to support daily cleaning procedures.**

### **Reduction and Prevention of Exposure**

- **Athenian Academy has implemented mitigation strategies to slow the spread of COVID 19.**
- **Staff and students are recommended to wear masks while on campus, but this is optional per Pinellas County Schools.**
- **Athenian Academy has purchased additional hand sanitizing stations throughout the buildings.**
- **Teachers educate students and encourage proper hand washing, appropriate & consistent mask use and social distancing.**
- **Students who exhibit a fever or symptoms will not be allowed to remain on campus and must be picked up by parent/guardian.**
- **Any temperature at or above 100.0 are required to notify the COVID 19 administrator and Principal.**
- **School employees and students are encouraged to continue wellness and prevention screenings with their medical provider.**
- **Athenian Academy COVID 19 administrator and team maintain a collaborative, supportive relationship with The Florida Department of Health.**

## Investigation of Potential or Confirmed COVID 19 Cases

- All investigative and confirmed cases will be handled in accordance with the guidelines established by Florida Department of Health. (DOH)
- A dedicated COVID-19 Administrator with Athenian Academy has been established along with guidance from The Florida Health Department specialists to ensure every reported case is reviewed and handled appropriately.
- Any student or employee who has a confirmed case or has been recommended for quarantine/isolation by the Department of Health (DOH- Pinellas) or medical professional must report this to your school administrator.
- Athenian Academy COVID 19 team will collaborate with the Department of Health on all aspects pertaining to COVID 19.
- Students and staff who are suspected of being exposed to COVID 19 or experiencing symptoms will be quarantined for 10 days.
- We recommend students and staff who have been exposed be tested for COVID 19 but must remain in quarantine for the duration of 10 days. \*Testing site list link is included at the end of this document.
- Confirmed case information will be shared between Athenian Academy and Florida Department of Health.
- Athenian Academy will collaborate with the Florida DOH to conduct contact tracing. The school and the DOH will work with the positive patient to create a list of people they have been in contact with during a given time frame. The contact tracing expert then contacts each of those people so that they can take appropriate precautions.
- Confirmed case information will be communicated in alignment with all federal and state confidentiality rules.
- Impacted individuals (students and/or employees) will be notified if there is a need to isolate/quarantine through phone call, letter or email with pertinent information regarding exposure in alignment with federal and state confidentiality rules.
- A classroom or school closure will be communicated to school staff and student families directly via phone call and email.

## School Clinics

- While attendance is important, students and staff who are sick or experiencing COVID 19 related symptoms should remain at home.
- Athenian Academy is not staffed with a full-time school nurse but has a school nurse on call should the need arise.
- Any student who reports not feeling well while at school will be reported to the office for further evaluation
- Parents and/or guardians are required to pick up students should they experience fever, diarrhea, vomiting or other COVID related symptoms.

- School staff will closely monitor trends of absenteeism and will follow-up with students who have been absent for multiple days.
- Students or employees who experience a temperature of 100.0 or greater or have active diarrhea or vomiting will not be allowed at school.
- Students or employees who display a temperature or vomiting or diarrhea will be required to be symptom free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.

## Visitors and Volunteers

- To limit exposure to staff and students; contracted employees, visitors and volunteers will be allowed on campus or in the school buildings on a limited basis.
- These procedures will be reevaluated and updated in accordance with changes directed from The Florida Department of Health or CDC. .

*For Pinellas county testing locations:*

<https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/testing/>

**Athenian Academy will continue to work jointly and in accordance with The Florida Department of Health to ensure the health of students, staff, and the community. All policies and procedures provided in this addendum are subject to change and review depending on the COVID 19 status in the community and recommendations by the Center for Disease Control, Department of Health and/or Pinellas County School District.**

