

## HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES & PROCEDURES (updated)

### Illness Protection & Prevention

Students who enter JFWA must produce a complete record of immunization, according to state law.

We provide several prevention activities to prevent germs from spreading. These activities include monitoring children for symptoms of illness, frequent hand washing, toy sanitation, and staff training regarding infection control. We are not licensed to care for sick children and therefore require all children to be picked up promptly if the need arises. A child will be isolated in the office if he/she becomes ill at school, and parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up their child. In situations when we are unable to reach a parent/guardian, the emergency person listed on the application will be contacted. It is critical that individuals listed on the application as emergency contacts are people within a reasonable distance to the school and who are willing to pick up the child.

Please let us know when your child will be absent, especially if he/she has a contagious illness that another child might have been exposed to on previous days (e.g., chicken pox, pink eye, etc.). J. Frank White Academy reserves the right to request parents/guardians to submit a doctor's note verifying a child's health status and /or current treatment after having (or suspected of having) a contagious condition. In these cases, the child can return to the school only with this requested written information.

A health alert notice will be sent out via email if a child has contracted a contagious illness and the possibility exists of exposure to other children.

**Students will not be permitted to remain at school if and when the following symptoms/conditions are visually observed:**

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or greater (without the aid of fever-reducing medication)
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Eye drainage
- Unidentified rashes
- Appearance/ behavior (e.g., unusually tired, poor color, etc.)
- Other contagious conditions

### Returning to school after illness

**Students may return to school following an illness upon meeting the following criteria:**

- After being fever free for 24 hours without medication
- 24 hours after receiving antibiotics
- 24 hours after being free of vomiting
- Diarrhea cases should return after stools have somewhat firmed
- Parents/guardians may be asked to return with a doctor's note

### COVID-19 Policy

Based on guidance provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), JFWA has adopted the following COVID-19 Policy. Further resources have been provided by LMU and can be found here: [lmunet.edu/covid/index](https://lmunet.edu/covid/index).

The CDC issued updated guidance on 8/11/2022. LMU reviewed and updated its COVID-19 policy on March 29, 2023, in accordance with the latest updates. The LMU & JFWA policy will follow this guidance:

### **If you are exposed**

- Wear a mask immediately
  - Must be worn for 10 days from date of exposure (Day 1 is the first full day after your last exposure)
  - No need to quarantine unless symptoms develop through day 5
  - On day 6 testing is suggested
    - If Negative continue mask for 5 additional days
    - If Positive isolate immediately
  - If symptoms develop before day 5:
    - Isolate immediately
    - Get tested
    - Stay home until results are received

### **If you test positive**

- If you are ill and awaiting testing:
  - Day 0 is the day of testing for counting purposes
  - Day 1 is the first full day following the day you test
  - If you test negative end isolation
  - If you develop symptoms within 10 days of your test date the date clock restart at day 0 on the day of symptom onset.
- If you are positive:
  - Day 0 of isolation is the day of symptom onset regardless of positive test date.
  - Day 1 is the first full day after symptoms start
  - Remain in isolation days 1-5
  - Day 6 isolation is ended but wear a mask when near others for an additional 5 days if symptomatic at any time during days 1-5.
  - NOTE: If fever still exists or other symptoms are not resolving, continue to isolate

A negative test is not required to return to work after being COVID positive.

### **Vaccinations**

- Vaccines are strongly encouraged for all students, faculty and staff. Vaccinations remain the single best defense against COVID-19 and are available for free at the local health department.
- LMU is asking students, faculty and staff to self-report vaccine status through WebAdvisor (See self-reporting below)

### **Masks**

- Optional for all members of the LMU community regardless of vaccination status
- Optional in all clinical and laboratory (including anatomy) settings, regardless of immune status.

### **Offices and Classrooms**

- Faculty/staff can require visitors to their office to wear a mask.
- Faculty cannot require students to wear a mask in the classroom (except clinical/lab settings as described above).
- Social distancing in classrooms is encouraged where feasible.

### Illness & School Closure for Illness

JFWA Administration has the discretion, based on symptoms, other observable factors, and/or communication, to excuse students for the instructional day due to the potential spread of contagion deemed harmful to others in the learning environment.

JFWA Administration also has the discretion to transition instruction from in-person to online when student, staff, and/or faculty attendance is negatively impacted by illness.