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Infectious Diseases

Policy

Agapé Jr Academy has a responsibility to help control diseases on the campus.

- ✚ Students who are sick will be sent home.
- ✚ The State of Georgia and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) will guide our decisions.
- ✚ Washing of hands with soap and water and the use hand sanitizer with an ethyl alcohol base of 70 % or higher is recommended.
- ✚ Provisions will be in place to manage body fluids.
- ✚ All students will be encouraged to be kept up-to-date with their immunization.
- ✚ Students will be taught the proper way to coughing, sneezing, and blow their nose and use and dispose of tissue.
- ✚ Students must wear a face mask and shield.
- ✚ Students who have been exposed to someone with an infectious disease and are symptomatic will be sent home, and must produce a medical certificate upon returning.

Prevention of Infectious Disease

The table below will outline the actions and strategies that Agapé Jr Academy will take to prevent the spread of an infectious disease from the community to the school or from the school to the community.

| Strategy | Action Plan |
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| <p>All Students must show documentation of immunization during the application process at the access point to the campus</p> | <p>Students enrolled must be up-to-date with their immunization record per their immunization record.</p> |
| <p>Standard precautions by teachers and staff members</p> | <p>Teachers and staff will treat all bodily fluids with precaution as fluids and fecal materials may be potentially infectious. Teachers and staff will follow precautionary steps when handling body fluids. The teacher and staff will wear protective equipment such as gloves, mask/facial shields, plastic lab coats, and use soap and water, and hand sanitizer as standard precautions.</p> <p>Students with open cuts will be treated with standard procedures as stated. Parents will be notified immediately.</p> |
| <p>Personal hygiene habits incorporated in the science curriculum</p> | <p>The teachers will inculcate good personal hygiene habits in their teaching of science.</p> <p>Teachers will demonstrate proper hand washing after the use of the bathroom, before eating, and after handling chemical and other lab specimens.</p> |
| <p>Provision of soap for cleaning hands</p> | <p>The school will ensure that there is an adequate supply of soap and sanitizer stations around the building.</p> |

Prevention of Infectious Disease (Continued)

The table below will outline the actions and strategies that Agapé Jr Academy will take to prevent the spread of infectious disease from the community to the school or from the school to the community.

| Strategy | Action Plan |
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| Personal Protection Equipment | Each classroom will be supplied with gloves, facial shields, hand sanitizers, soap dispensers, vomit control, trash bags, thermometer, and a first aid kit. |
| Attendance to large off campus gatherings | Each parents must notify the school if their child attended a large gathering such as birthday parties, concerts, demonstrations, and picnics. The child will be monitored for temperature levels and signs of illness. |

Infectious Disease Control

The table below will outline the actions and strategies that Agapé Jr Academy will take to control infectious disease internally and externally of the school community.

| Strategy | Action Plan |
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| Students who are sick | If a student is sick and is exhibiting flu-like symptoms the parents will be asked to keep the child at home. If that child is showing flu-like symptoms while at school that child will be isolated until picked up by a parent or designee. Parents will be contacted immediately to come and pick-up their child. |
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| Return to school | A child who has contracted an infectious disease as diagnosed by his/her pediatrician cannot attend school. When that child is treated and cleared by his medical doctor, a clearance certificate of return to school must be presented. |
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| Report the Case to Georgia Public Health Authority | If it is suspected that the child shows symptoms of an infectious disease, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal polio, or the novel coronavirus, a report will be made to the Georgia Department of Public Health and other health agencies that manage outbreaks. These agencies may provide further guidance and plan of action to control the spread. |
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| Expert Advice on Disease Control and Prevention | Department of Public Health (DPH)-404-657-2700 https://dph.georgia.gov/ Center for Disease Control (CDC)-800-232-4636/888/232-6348 https://www.cdc.gov/ |
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