



## OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY 2021 RETURN TO SCHOOL/ PLAY POLICIES & GUIDELINES

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With input from the South Carolina Department of Education and DHEC, Oceanside Collegiate Academy has updated their previous policies and guidelines a/o January 2022.

In order for our face to face instructional model to be maintained, our school community must continue to do their part to keep our students and staff as safe as reasonably possible. Guidelines and procedures below are subject to change based on local/state guidance and the needs of our school.

### Notable Notes:

- Positive test results and quarantine information is provided to Oceanside by a) DHEC or b) parent communication.
  - Parents/Guardians should communicate with Kathleen Iriart ([attendance@landsharks.org](mailto:attendance@landsharks.org)) and/or Beth Shackel-Scott ([bshackel-scott@landsharks.org](mailto:bshackel-scott@landsharks.org)) regarding any COVID related issues.
  - Students should refrain from communicating with teachers individually until the front office has been notified.
- After initial information is provided to OCA - guidance and dates for return to school, play, quarantine, etc. will be communicated & initiated *by the school* to the student, family, applicable teachers and team (if need be).
- OCA requires student COVID positive and/or negative test results (5-day quarantine) to be sent to Kathleen Iriart ([attendance@landsharks.org](mailto:attendance@landsharks.org)).

### Return to School

Students who leave campus due to illness or feeling ill **may not** return to school until they have either a) test negative for COVID-19 or b) a medical evaluation determines that symptoms were due to another cause (e.g. sore throat due to strep throat).

### **Students must provide medical documentation prior to returning to school.**

If a student chooses not to test for COVID-19 or see a medical professional after leaving school due to feeling ill may only return to school if they complete the current quarantine criteria:

- 5- days have passed since student left school - **and** -
- Three (3) days (72 hours) have passed since the last fever without taking medicine to reduce fever - **and** -Overall improvement in symptoms.

*Oceanside return to school & play guidelines follow DHEC/CDC guidelines. One small difference is that Oceanside uses the **DATE OF POSITIVE TEST RESULT** as the starting point for return to school & play. **Oceanside will determine all return to school and play dates.***



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The most common COVID scenarios:

1. **Student tests positive:** 5-day isolation from positive test date. May return only if symptom free. *\*\* Isolation count begins the day after testing = "Day 1"*
2. **A student is determined to be a "close contact" of an individual who tested positive.**

If student is unvaccinated:

- 5- day quarantine with a negative test on day 4 (four).

*\*\* If a student does not wish to get tested the previous 10-day quarantine will remain in effect.*

If student is vaccinated (2-doses in last 6 months, or 2-doses longer than 6 months + booster):

- Can attend school & play. Monitor for symptoms. Stay home if you do not feel well. CDC/DHEC recommend testing 5 days after last exposure to a test positive case.

### **Cases in the Classroom**

"Close" classroom contacts to a known COVID-19 case will be determined through a case investigation process and is situation dependent.

- Oceanside *will only* contact parents/guardians by phone if your student was determined to be a "close contact" to a test positive case.

### **Reminders:**

- Oceanside determines "close contacts" if it involves school-sponsored academics or athletics only. DHEC and/or parents/guardians make determination for off-campus activities that a student may participate in.
- Dates of return are based on the test positive date for cases (not when symptoms began).
- While the above scenarios are most common, we understand individuals may have questions that pertain to their unique experience with COVID-19. If you are unsure, please contact OCA prior to sending your student to campus.

**FACE COVERINGS:** *Students and/or employees may choose to wear a facemask at any time while at Oceanside Collegiate Academy.*

### **REMEMBER!! Students Should:**

- **STAY HOME** if they don't feel well!
- **STAY HOME** if they were determined to be a "close contact" of someone who tests positive for COVID and *are not vaccinated*.

Questions?

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