

Ember Charter School New York State Department of Health Reopening Plan

Monitoring of Health Conditions and Reporting Protocols

Ember will comply with all of the required health and safety monitoring and reporting guidelines issued by the New York State Department of Health (NYDOH) and New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) in each of our NYCDOE buildings. Below is a description of our particular guidelines and protocols intended to work in conjunction with the NYDOH requirements, though each is subject to change in accordance with emerging conditions caused by the ongoing public health emergency connected with Covid-19.

In our commitment to following the guidance provided by the NYDOH and NYCDOE, we will implement the following onsite/in-person Covid-19 health, wellness and safety protocols:

- Mandatory masks/face coverings for all staff and students when they cannot social distance
- Social distancing
- Hand sanitizer will be available and appropriate hand washing will be required
- Daily temperature checks
- Daily and ongoing checks for Covid-19 related symptoms

We have also required all staff to be tested for Covid-19 and its antibodies before reporting back onsite/in-person. This testing must be complete and results reported before any staff member can report to work onsite/in-person. Please note that staff may be required to engage in additional rounds of Covid-19 testing as circumstances might arise and/or dictate.

Whenever suspected Covid-19 symptoms might emerge, we will also require that staff member to immediately vacate the site and report to a medical facility for Covid-19 testing. They will not be permitted to return to work until such time as we have their negative test results, or if they are infected, until the end of the mandated quarantine period.

If you have any questions or concerns (including, but not limited to exceptional health concerns), as always please feel free to reach out to the Partners directly.

Monitoring: Daily health screenings for students and school-based staff, including temperature checks, must be completed at home by families and by school-based staff. Parents and school-based staff must report that they are in full compliance and do not violate the following guidelines, the conditions under which they cannot report to school if they have:

- Experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0°F, in the past 14 days;



- Been knowingly in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19;
- Tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 10 days; AND/OR
- Traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days.

Where school-based staff or students have experienced COVID-19 related symptoms, they must see a health care provider, get and report the results of a rapid COVID-19 test within 24-hours. Where staff fail to get so tested, they may be subject to disciplinary action. Where students fail to get so tested, they will be remitted into 100% remote learning until such time as they get and report the results of such a test. Upon the evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result, school-based staff and students may return onsite.

Onsite Periodic Testing: To the extent practicable and available, Ember may provide and conduct onsite and periodic COVID-19 testing for school-based staff. To the extent practicable and available, parents may request that their child(ren) be tested onsite as well where such student is symptomatic for COVID-19.

School Closure: we will follow NYDOH and NYCDOE guidelines with respect to the emergence of positive COVID-19 cases. Please see the NYCDOE guidelines link on our website.