

2020-2021 MOUNTAINEER COVID RESPONSE PLAN

		Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
<p>SCREENING</p> <p>COVID-19 Self-Screening Questions</p> <p>Does the individual answer yes to any of the criteria?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temperature 100.4 degrees or higher? - New or unusual cough? - New or unusual shortness of breath/difficulty breathing? - New or unusual sore throat? - Any close contact in the last 14 days with known COVID-19 exposure? 	Students Before School	DISTANCE LEARNING	Parents/students should complete a daily self-examination prior to coming to school. If students exhibit any new or unusual symptoms as assessed by the COVID-19 self-screening questions, they will stay home and inform the school.	Parents/students should complete a daily self-examination prior to coming to school. If students exhibit any new or unusual symptoms as assessed by the COVID-19 self-screening questions, they will stay home and inform the school.
	Faculty/Staff		Employees will complete a daily self-examination prior to coming to school. If employees exhibit any new or unusual symptoms as reported on the COVID-19 monitoring form, they will stay home and inform the school. Records of monitoring forms will be kept.	Employees will complete a daily self-examination prior to coming to school. If employees exhibit any new or unusual symptoms as reported on the COVID-19 monitoring form, they will stay home and inform the school. Records of monitoring forms will be kept.
	Students/Employees with COVID-19 Symptoms During School Day		Students or employees who become symptomatic during the school day will be sent home. A designated quarantine area will be established for students/employees who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms.	Students or employees who become symptomatic during the school day will be sent home. A designated quarantine area will be established for students/employees who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms.
	If Someone in Your Household Fails to Pass the Self-Screening Questionnaire		Reference the Criteria for Symptoms, Cases, and Quarantining Document.	Reference the Criteria for Symptoms, Cases, and Quarantining Document.
	If Someone in Your Household Has a Confirmed Case of COVID-19		Reference the Criteria for Symptoms, Cases, and Quarantining Document.	Reference the Criteria for Symptoms, Cases, and Quarantining Document.
	Lobby Visitors		Parents/visitors should not enter the building unless strictly necessary. Parents should call the school rather than coming in unless it has been prearranged.	Any parents/visitors entering the building must complete the COVID-19 self-screening via app or paper form to be shown/submitted to the building administrative assistant upon arrival.
	School Visitors (Parents/Vendors/etc.)		Not allowed unless for extenuating circumstances as determined by school officials or strictly necessary for operations/assurance of precautionary measures. As is Everest's existing policy, records of non-staff adults entering and exiting the building will be kept. All visitors must complete the COVID self-screening questionnaire via paper form or app prior to entering the building.	Activities for which parents/visitors would enter the building will be prudently considered and assessed for ability to ensure additional precautionary measures. As is Everest's existing policy, records of non-staff adults entering and exiting the building will be kept. All visitors must complete the COVID self-screening questionnaire via paper form or app prior to entering the building.
	Confirmed COVID Case of a Student/Employee		The school will report to the local health department and follow their recommendations and provide any necessary information. The school will notify families.	
	Return-to-School Policy		For anyone staying home for any of the reasons listed above, the following CDC recovery guidelines* apply for return-to-school unless otherwise noted. Consult the Criteria for Symptoms, Cases, and Quarantining Document for specific criteria.	
	Attendance		Update of attendance policies to eliminate the perfect attendance award for the 20-21 school year and adjust policies to allow for potential illness-related absences to have less of a negative impact on academics.	
Compliance with Health Department	Compliance with any additional requirements from Oakland County Health Department.			





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SANITATION	Hygiene	DISTANCE LEARNING	Provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (including soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, and signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques.)	
	Handwashing		Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer.	
	Teaching Healthy Habits		Everest will continue to provide its students with education in healthy habits as an important part of human formation including appropriate hand washing, coughing, sneezing, using tissues, hand washing, and avoiding sharing personal items if germs may be spread.	
	Compliance with State Requirements for Cleaning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, must undergo cleaning at least every four hours with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution. -Libraries, computer labs, arts, and other hands-on classrooms must undergo cleaning after every class period with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution. -Student desk must be wiped down with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution after every class period (when students transition to another classroom.) -Playground structures must continue to undergo normal routine cleaning, but using an EPA-approved disinfectant is unnecessary. -Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfectant products, including storing products securely away from children, and with adequate ventilation when used by staff. -Staff must wear gloves, surgical masks, and face shields when performing all cleaning activities. 	All sanitation practices continue to be highly recommended per state guidelines through Phase 5. Everest commits to providing students with a safe and secure environment and will exercise due prudence and caution should any change to existing requirements be allowed by state requirements and Archdiocesan recommendations.
	Common Areas		Particular attention will be given by staff and facilities personnel to cleaning common areas throughout the school day including the front lobbies and transition areas.	
	Classrooms		Everest students will wipe down their work area each time they move to another classroom or a minimum of twice a day.	
	Restrooms		Everest facilities staff will be cleaning all restrooms on a rotating schedule throughout the school day.	
	Cafeteria		As is Everest's existing policy, the cafeteria will be completely disinfected between uses by student groups.	
After-Hours Cleaning	Everest has ordered an electrostatic sanitizing sprayer for both buildings to be used nightly which will immediately clean all surfaces and objects in classrooms and common areas.			

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ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES 	Adapted Learning Environments to Allow for Increased Individual Work Space, Ventilation, and Practicing of Healthy Habits	DISTANCE LEARNING	These adaptations will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discontinue use of tables in cases where students sit facing each other - Arrangement of all desks facing the same direction, toward the front of the learning environment - Use of spacing of desks and marks on floors to ensure spacing is maintained - Opening classroom window(s) as much as possible and weather permitting - Scheduling of "specials" such as art, music, etc. in homerooms as much as possible - Holding physical education class outside as weather permits - Implementation of trimester scheduling which will limit the frequency of student and faculty transitions in grades 6-12 and to limit the number of courses delivered to individual students at one time - Classroom assignments will be made based on class size to allow for maximized spacing. 	As the state moves into Phase 5 of reopening, all requirements of the <i>Return to School Roadmap</i> become recommendations. Everest's commitment to providing its students with a safe and secure environment exists regardless of the phase of reopening of the state. Any potential changes to protocols from Phase 4 to Phase 5 will take into consideration the guidelines of the local health department as well as the physical, social, and emotional well-being of every Everest student and employee.
	Breaks During the Day		Faculty will provide students with periodic opportunities for outdoor breaks throughout the day, weather-permitting.	
	Signage		Post signage on floors and walls to promote the practice of healthy habits.	
	Assemblies		All-school student assemblies which bring together students from more than one class will not be held. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mountaineers of the Month will be recognized in announcements. - Deans, formation coordinators, and faculty may provide individual spirit activities for classes. 	Student assemblies may be held with due prudence and caution and spacing as deemed necessary by school leadership.
	School Masses		School Masses will be held in the high school gym with spacing of classes and in compliance with all archdiocesan guidelines for public Masses.	School Masses will be held in compliance with archdiocesan guidelines.
	Cafeterias		Students will be seated in the cafeteria facing the same direction utilizing one side of the table. Tables will be spaced appropriately. Markings on tables will indicate where students should sit. Middle school and high school students will be allowed the opportunity to eat outside in supervised areas, weather-permitting.	As the state moves into Phase 5 of reopening, all requirements of the Return to School Roadmap become recommendations. Everest's commitment to providing its students with a safe and secure environment exists regardless of the phase of reopening of the state. Any potential changes to protocols from Phase 4 to Phase 5 will take into consideration the guidelines of the local health department as well as the physical, social, and emotional well-being of every Everest student and employee.
	Facial Coverings PS-JK **Facial coverings may be homemade or disposable level one/basic-grade surgical masks.		Per State of Michigan requirements, facial coverings must be worn in hallways and common areas in the building except during meals. Students unable to medically tolerate a facial covering should complete this waiver and have it signed by a doctor and must not wear a facial covering.**	Facial coverings may be worn by students in hallways and common areas as instructed by their parents.
	Facial Coverings K-12/ Faculty & Staff **Facial coverings may be homemade or disposable level one/basic-grade surgical masks.		Per State of Michigan requirements, facial coverings must be worn in the building except during meals. Students and employees unable to medically tolerate a facial covering should complete this waiver and have it signed by a doctor and must not wear a facial covering.** Staff are not required to wear masks at their individual work space when alone in individual offices or classrooms.	Facial coverings may be worn by students and employees at the discretion of the parent/individual.
	Facial Coverings Visitors		Visitors to campus must follow state requirements for facial coverings.	Visitors to campus should follow state requirements/recommendations for facial coverings.
	Drinking Fountains		Drinking fountains will be closed. Students should bring a clear, transparent water bottle to school. Water filling stations or other appropriate means will be provided for refilling bottles.	As the state moves into Phase 5 of reopening, all requirements of the Return to School Roadmap become recommendations. Everest's commitment to providing its students with a safe and secure environment exists regardless of the phase of reopening of the state. Any potential changes to protocols from Phase 4 to Phase 5 will take into consideration the guidelines of the local health department as well as the physical, social, and emotional well-being of every Everest student and employee.
Procedures/Systems	Procedures and policies for school activities that may require revised protocol will be established prior to the start of			
Athletics	A separate document will be provided about athletic guidelines pending MHSAA guidance.			
As we follow this plan, please reference the Mountaineer Attitudes for 2020-2021 document as we remain committed to your child's Integral Formation with specific points of focus for the upcoming school year.				