



Persistence Preparatory 2019 (COVID-19) Measures and Protocols

The following are critical areas in our preparation and planning relating to the everchanging COVID-19 illness. The first defense necessitates that calm and common sense prevail.

Local and State Health Officials

- We are working closely with all local and state health officials, as well as the NYS Department of Education.

Emergency Safety Plans

- All school administrators are annually trained on an updated School Emergency Response Plan. Administrators in turn have trained all staff on these plans.
- It is required that every classroom in the school maintain a School Emergency Response Plan for use during all emergency situations, including health related emergencies.

Absenteeism/Illness Reporting Protocol

- Our school nurse will chart any flu-like cases they are seeing, record symptoms, make recommendations to go home or visit the doctor, and then perform follow-up with HIPPA and FERPA laws in mind.
- People who don't feel well are strongly encouraged to stay home.
- The Erie County Department of Health recommends the following: Individuals who are experiencing symptoms and may have traveled to areas of concern or have been in contact with somebody who has traveled to these areas, should call ahead to their health care provider before seeking treatment in person.

Cleaning & Sanitizing Protocol

- Wall hand sanitizer dispensers, in all hallway areas will be kept full.
- Disinfectant with germ killing solutions are stocked, and PPA will be deeply cleaned twice weekly.
- Clorox sanitizing wipes have been stocked for teachers, classrooms and all offices and PPA spaces used.
- All bathrooms will have hot running water and an ample supply of soap.

Food Service Protocol

- Food Service safety and sanitation techniques at the school level and in the commissary will continue to be applied at the most stringent levels.
- Food Service Employees who do not feel well do not report to work.

School Transportation Protocol

- Both First Student Inc, and the NFTA have upgraded sanitization protocols to mitigate the spreading of germs on commonly touched surfaces on their buses.

School Dismissals and Closure Protocol

- We will work closely with the State Education Department and the Erie County Department of Health for guidance when and whether it will be appropriate for school dismissal or closure with advanced notice.
- Our Operations team is working with our Curriculum and Instruction team to devise a plan to provide educational resources should schools close with take-home materials.

Private and Work-Related Travel Protocol

- Staff will submit any and all requests and information regarding travel of students and families (from field trips, to spring break travel, to conferences).
- Head of School will decide whether to cancel or postpone school travel in accordance with up-to-the-minute Health Official guidelines.



- Notifications will be shared with Health Officials to assess and determine necessity and/or safety of travel and/or possible (14-day) quarantine upon return.

Communication Protocol

- We will provide updates for families, staff and the community using multiple means such as the PPA website, robocalls, emails, fliers, and texts.
- We will widely share timely information and recommendations as we receive them from health professionals and related agencies.