

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL of SCIENCE and MATHEMATICS

COVID Protocols for the 21/22 School Year

Vaccination

- Students are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated against the COVID virus but vaccination is not required to attend OSSM.
- Students may miss classes or school activities to attend vaccination appointments or to recover from any vaccine side effects as an excused absence.
- OSSM can provide transportation to vaccination appointments in the Oklahoma City metro area.

Masks

- CDC guidelines currently encourage masks for all individuals (both vaccinated and unvaccinated) while indoors in high-transmission areas.
- All students and staff are encouraged to wear masks while indoors, but masks are not required.

Prior to move-in

- Please avoid large indoor gatherings without masks in the days leading up to move-in.
- If unvaccinated, a COVID-19 PCR test is recommended no more than three days before move-in.
- Do not come to campus if you are feeling ill or if you have had a positive COVID-19 test within 10 days before move-in.

Move-in Day

- Only two people may assist each student with move-in in the Residence Hall.
- Masks are recommended for everyone while indoors.
- Only one family at a time permitted in the elevator.

Student Illness

- Students who feel ill should alert a staff member and return to their rooms as soon as possible.
- Students with symptoms of any communicable illness (fever, persistent cough, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) will be isolated and sent home to recover as soon as possible.
- Students sent home with COVID-like symptoms must show a negative COVID test or quarantine at home for 10 days before returning to campus.

- Students who miss class due to illness can schedule make-up lessons with their instructors.

Exposure management

- If a student or staff member has a positive test for COVID-19 at any time, they must notify the school and quarantine at home for 10 days starting from the day of the test or from the day of their last symptoms.
- Anyone who may have been exposed to someone else on campus who tested positive for COVID-19 will be notified (including parents and guardians).
- Unvaccinated students who are exposed will be asked to isolate in their rooms or on a quarantine floor in the residence hall until they can be tested for COVID-19.
- Vaccinated students who are exposed will be asked to get a COVID-19 test but will not need to isolate unless they experience symptoms.

Visitors

- Only parents or guardians may visit students inside the residence hall.
- All other visitors must meet students outside or in the library board room and must abide by existing visitor policies in the student handbook.
- Visitors who are feeling ill or have had a positive COVID-19 test within 10 days are not permitted on campus.

Other guidelines

- Students may leave campus on weekends or with anyone on their checkout list but should avoid high-risk activities such as indoor gatherings with large crowds without masks.
- OSSM staff should also avoid large crowds when off campus and avoid unnecessary travel.
- All students and staff should practice good hygiene including
 - frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer
 - cover coughs and sneezes
 - do not share food, drink, cosmetic products, bedding, etc.
- Maintain 3-6 feet of distance from others whenever possible.
- Keep windows and doors open when possible, to improve air circulation.