



**SHANTINIKETAN
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Back to School



Learn how SEI is planning to reopen the school for in-person classes

In the last week of December, the Karnataka state government and the Department of Education announced that schools may reopen from January 1, 2021 for on-site classes for classes 6 - 10. SEI will be reopening the classes in a phased manner throughout January, starting with class 10, while continuously monitoring the situation. We know that the best place for your child to learn is in the classroom, and we have been working tirelessly to prepare our classrooms to welcome students and staff back to school. In the meantime, our online classes will continue to operate.

As we prepare to safely reopen the school, we want to ensure we address the questions and concerns we are hearing from parents. To help make this information easy to find, we have created a detailed SEI Covid-19 plan to answer common concerns and misconceptions. This plan is available on our official school website.

The safety of students is our top priority. Access into school will be restricted to anyone except students and staff who have been allocated to be on campus that day. All gatherings like assemblies, team sports, extracurricular group activities, afterschool programs etc. will be suspended until further notice.

Students will be required and reminded to practice physical distancing. Please support the school in reminding your children to adhere to the following practices:

- maintain physical distancing and follow markings and signage when queueing
- not to congregate in common areas during short breaks and lunch
- not to share personal belongings and stationery.
- bring an individual water bottle to school for use as water refill stations will be open

Our house keeping staff will sanitize the classrooms and labs between sessions and disinfect the school premises at the end of the day as per government guidelines. All Covid-19 safety precautions will be taken. However, as you can understand, there can be no guarantees regarding the spread of Covid-19. While we at SEI will be diligent in reducing the risk of the spread of the virus, it is possible that someone in our school community could contract Covid-19. All guardians of students returning to in-person instruction acknowledge these risks.

SEI will continue to monitor developments about Covid-19 and we want to ensure you feel informed. The safety, health, and well-being of our students, families, and staff are our top priority. All school communications and alerts will be sent through inSEIght. We will continue to closely follow recommendations regarding coronavirus and will update you as soon as there are any significant changes in recommendations for schools. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us.

All staff are excited about welcoming children back into school and we thank parents for their continued support and understanding during these difficult times.

REOPENING PLAN FOR ICSE

First day for class 10: Jan 6th

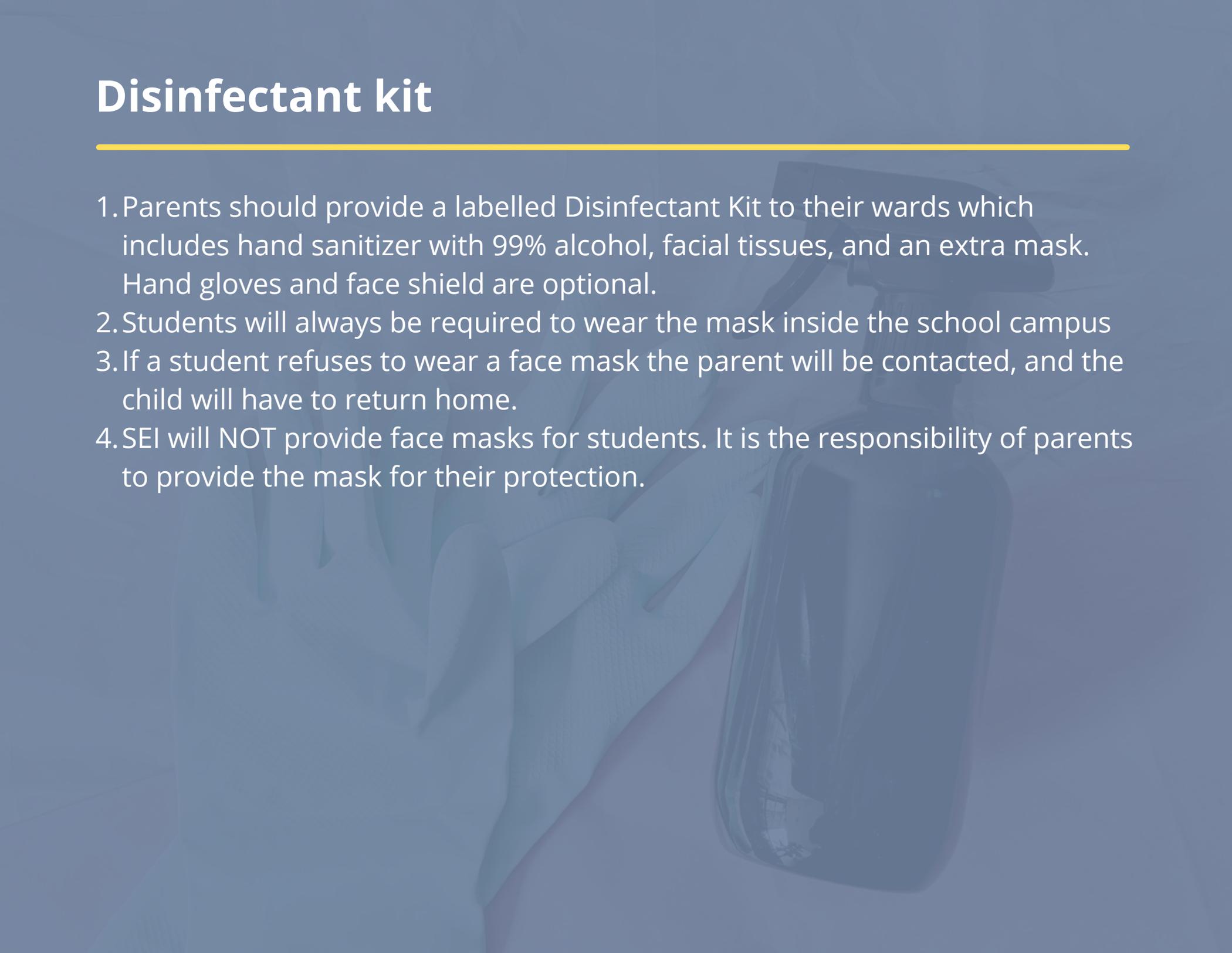
Time: 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Entry/Exit: Gate No. 2

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedure

1. There will be a one-way entry/exit point for the students at Gate No.2.
2. Parents should where possible be mindful of keeping a six-foot distance from others during drop-off and pick-up.
3. All the students and parents(during pick up and drop) must wear masks when arriving at campus and while on the campus.
4. Students not wearing a mask will not be permitted to enter the school.
5. One-meter markings will be put at the entrance and on the ground to help keep everyone socially distant.
6. Thermal Scanners will be used at the entrance and the student temperature will be recorded daily.
7. If the student's temperature is above 98.6-degree Fahrenheit or 37.2 degree Celsius, he/she will not be allowed in the campus.
8. Students should carry their ID cards mandatorily.
9. Only parents or those with parent card (provided by the school) will be allowed to pick the students from campus

Disinfectant kit

1. Parents should provide a labelled Disinfectant Kit to their wards which includes hand sanitizer with 99% alcohol, facial tissues, and an extra mask. Hand gloves and face shield are optional.
 2. Students will always be required to wear the mask inside the school campus
 3. If a student refuses to wear a face mask the parent will be contacted, and the child will have to return home.
 4. SEI will NOT provide face masks for students. It is the responsibility of parents to provide the mask for their protection.
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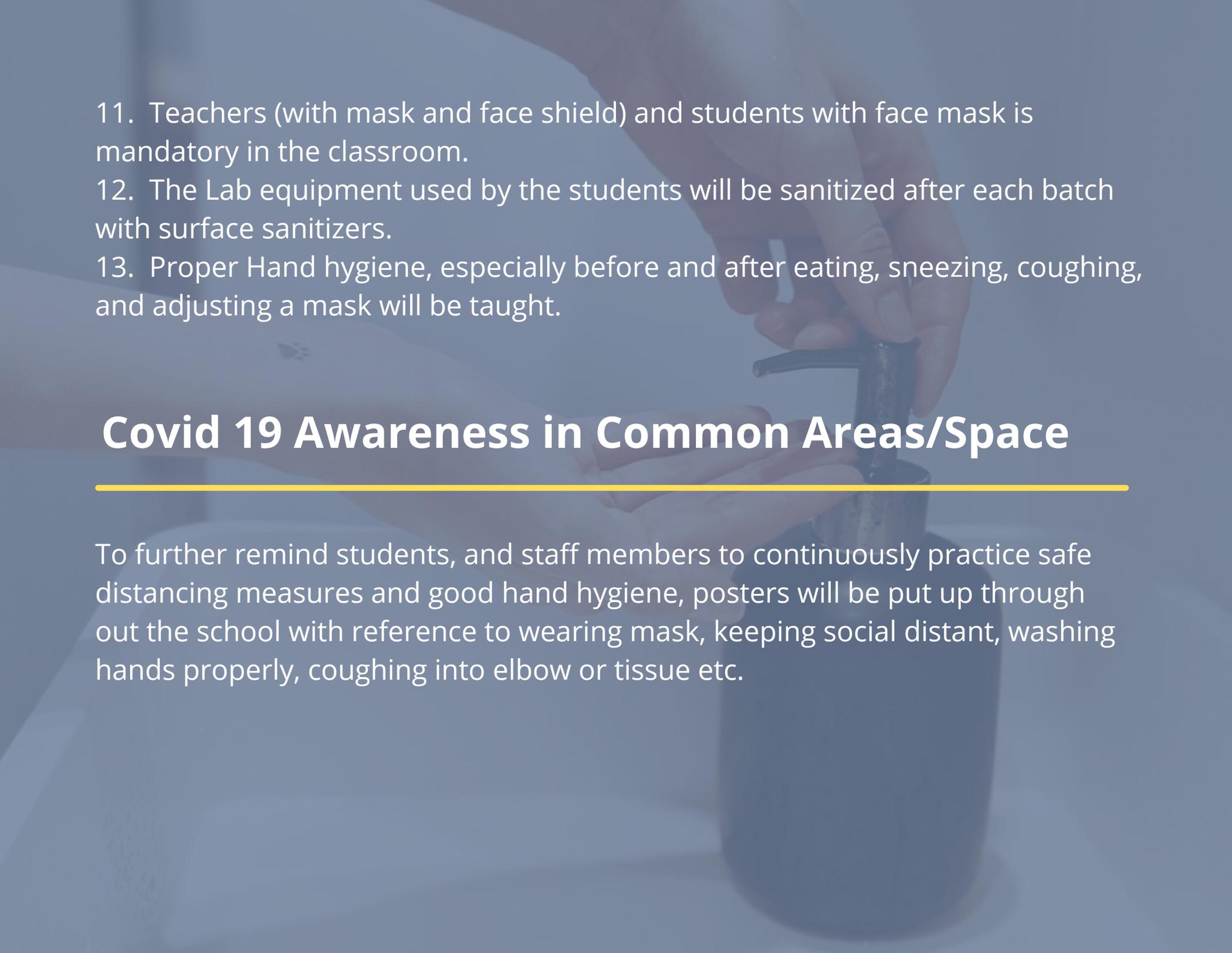
Infirmary/Nurse

1. Any student who is not well or displays symptoms potentially associated with COVID-19 like cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell must not attend school.
2. If the student has any sign of illness, parents will be required to keep them at home for at least 48 hours and duly inform to the authorities at school. A medical certificate that states the child has no symptoms and is well should be provided to the nurse on return to school.
3. Any student who, while at school, becomes unwell or displays symptoms potentially associated with COVID-19 must immediately inform the teacher and report to the Infirmary.
4. The student will be sent to the isolation room immediately and monitored by the nurse.
5. The parents will be contacted by the school's nurse to collect their child and seek appropriate medical attention. A medical certificate is required for the student to return to school.
6. If a student /someone within the household contracts Covid-19 virus, the student must stay at home for a period of 14 days or until he/ she is well. A medical certificate should be provided with COVID-19 – Negative results to the school taken within 72 hours.

Note: - Isolation rooms will be sanitized on every usage.

Classrooms

1. Each classroom will have a maximum of 10 students.
2. Students must maintain physical distancing when moving between classrooms or labs.
3. Single seater chairs that are socially distanced will be provided to the students.
4. Students must sit in the designated seats and try to space out in classrooms as much as possible from other students
5. Students are expected to bring their own stationeries, snacks, disinfectant kit, water bottles. Sharing will not be allowed.
6. During short break, students will be required to stay in their class.
7. Students will not be allowed to use the common lunch area and they will have to eat at their desk.
8. Students will be required and reminded to practice physical distancing.
9. Each classroom will work hard to remain uncluttered and as clean as possible.
10. The classrooms will be sanitized every day after the sessions are over and the students leave for the day.

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11. Teachers (with mask and face shield) and students with face mask is mandatory in the classroom.
 12. The Lab equipment used by the students will be sanitized after each batch with surface sanitizers.
 13. Proper Hand hygiene, especially before and after eating, sneezing, coughing, and adjusting a mask will be taught.

Covid 19 Awareness in Common Areas/Space

To further remind students, and staff members to continuously practice safe distancing measures and good hand hygiene, posters will be put up throughout the school with reference to wearing mask, keeping social distant, washing hands properly, coughing into elbow or tissue etc.

Cleaning

1. HK staff will clean and disinfect all areas (e.g., offices, classrooms, restrooms, and common areas) at the end of the day, focusing especially on frequently touched surfaces

Washrooms/Restrooms

1. To maintain hygiene and social distancing, separate schedule will be planned for student's recess.
2. All students must wear a mask in the washroom.
3. Maximum of two students in the washroom at a time.
4. Handwash will be provided in the washrooms.
5. School will thoroughly clean frequently touched points in bathrooms after each break and at the end of the day
6. Practice proper hand washing procedures.
7. Upon return to class, students must disinfect their hands.

Teachers will explain the rules and regulations that all must follow to stay safe and help keep the school functioning.