

Safety measures and procedures

Metaphor Academic Center follows CDC requirements and Commonwealth of Virginia instructions. Despite rapidly developing circumstances there are steps we can take with a high level of certainty.

What safety measures we have in place

Please see the list of instructions, which Metaphor has received, acknowledged, and been following <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/child-care-guidance.html>

Every child and staff member are being screened at the front door before entering the building. Elevated temperature, fatigue, or slightest cough are reasons for sending a person home for extended observation.

The family members are encouraged to drop off their children at the front door. Every parent of the child attending an offline education format signs an agreement to inform our school in case of the family members having flu-like symptoms.

Additional disease prevention procedures held at the school premises include:

- Disinfection of handles, rails and switches by a designated staff member.
- Regular UV light treatment of all classrooms and hallways.
- We assure proper disinfection of the playground equipment by the designated member of our personnel in between each playground visit.

What is the mask policy inside the school?

- Masks are mandatory for staff, regardless of vaccination status
- Masks are strongly recommended for children ages four and a half years of age and older. Masks are worn inside the school building, but are not required for any child who is eating, drinking, sleeping or has trouble breathing

How to reduce sharing among students

Each child within the classroom will receive his/her own set of school supplies to reduce the amount of sharing between them. The toys are being sanitized regularly after being used.

Would the transportation be provided to the students of After School Program?

This year we are reducing the need for transportation use within our After-School Program. The individual requirements will be resolved individually.

Would the number of kids be limited?

Most likely the number of children in the group will remain below 10 depending on the age. The mixing between the sections of the school and the groups is limited to reduce the impact in case of exposure.