

APPROVED POLICY - PLACE IN POLICY MANUAL AT SPACE 4i

4i. Mask Wearing Policy

In order to effectively combat the spread of COVID-19, Beacon Charter Schools developed the following policy, reflecting guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Beacon Charter Schools:

- a) **requires** masks for all faculty, staff, and students when on campus or at school-sponsored events; except for any person who has a documented medical excuse from wearing a mask (masks may be deemed optional in some outdoor activities)*;
- b) encourages all faculty and staff to be fully vaccinated;
- c) encourages parents of eligible students to get them vaccinated;
- d) limits guests visiting the school and requires all guests to wear masks while on campus;
- e) attempts to maintain social distancing whenever possible; and
- f) **requires** any faculty, staff, or student who has tested positive for COVID or had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID to quarantine for the CDC-recommended timeframe (7 days with a negative test result after day 5, or 10 days with no testing).

Beacon Charter Schools will maintain compliance with any updated directives from the CDC, the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) and the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH). The board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to respond to changing directives or recommendations from the CDC, RIDE, or RIDOH to maintain the safety and well-being of the school community.

*Masks must meet RIDOH and CDC guidelines, currently available here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

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