

Topeka
CollegiateEagles360° Testing Program2021-2022 School Year [Revised]







PHILOSOPHY

Topeka Collegiate's first headmaster, Mac Rives created the school's original handbook with the mantra of **Freedom with Responsibility** forefront in his mind. Thirty-nine years later during the COVID-19 pandemic, we place this mantra front and center as we continue the Eagles360° Program.

EAGLES360° TASKFORCE

The Eagles360° Taskforce met during Summer 2021 to review and adjust the Eagles360° Program. This group is comprised of faculty from multiple grade levels and staff from various departments.

The Eagles360° Taskforce will continue to review and update policy and practices to best meet our school's needs following government recommendations and new research. Precautions will be adjusted when it is appropriate to do so.

EAGLES360° ADDENDUM

This document is intended to provide a summary of the Eagles360° precautions in place for the 2021-2022 school year. If you would like more information, please refer to the Eagles360° Addendum available on the Family Resources Page of our website: <u>www.topekacollegiate.org</u>.

QUESTIONS?

We welcome input from the Topeka Collegiate community as we embark upon our second year of the Eagles360° Program. Questions or suggestions may be emailed to <u>sayhello@topekacollegiate.org</u>.









PARENTS & VISITORS

We are pleased to once again welcome parents and guests into the building. Upon arrival, individuals will be presented with the following message, which is reinforced in the pledge:

Topeka Collegiate will continue to welcome visitors to campus in a way that respects the health and safety of students, employees, and guests. All visitors will be expected to comply with Topeka Collegiate's guidelines, as well as register their presence on campus at the time of their visit. All individuals, age two years and older, must wear a face covering on our campus.

FACE MASK POLICY

COVID-19 is primarily transmitted by respiratory routes, and masks remain critical to reduce viral spread. A high percentage of our student population is not yet eligible to be vaccinated and it is our responsibility to ensure their health and safety while learning on campus. Therefore, masks are required to be worn within buildings by all persons over the age of two regardless of vaccination status.

- Face masks must be clean and may be reusable or disposable.
- Families are expected to provide their student's masks.
- We recommend families consider purchasing clear, plastic masks, if possible, to enhance communication and learning.

There will be times that wearing a mask will not be required. Such as:

- At a lunch table and while eating/drinking
- If in a room alone or with persons who reside in same household
- Rest and nap time in early childhood classrooms
- When outside
- When six feet apart from other individuals

REVISED COVID-19 TESTING STRATEGY

Testing identifies infected individuals who may be contagious so that measures can be taken to prevent transmission. Students and staff must opt-in with informed consent to participate in testing.

Ongoing COVID-19 Testing

All unvaccinated staff and students will have the opportunity to participate in regular screening. As of November 1, 2021, we will partner with Midwest Coordination Center for schoolwide testing. This will require renewed consent from all families.

- Testing method: PCR (lab-based) saliva-based testing
- Frequency: Weekly, as long as supplies and funding are available. We will reduce to bi-weekly testing with the Shawnee County Index is "Moderate" and cease testing when the Shawnee County Index is "Low."

On-demand Symptomatic Testing

We can test any symptomatic staff member or student, with consent, throughout the school year, upon the recommendation of the Health Room Coordinator.

- Testing method: BinaxNow Rapid Antigen Testing (nasal-swab). A second Accula Rapid Response PCR test may be administered at the discretion of the Health Room Coordinator, if needed.
- Frequency: Ongoing; as needed

[NEW AS OF 11/1/2021] Test to Stay Program

We will offer testing on a daily basis to individuals who are close contacts of a positive case. Individuals may remain on our campus for each day of negative test results.

- Testing method: BinaxNow Rapid Antigen Testing (nasal-swab).
- Frequency: Tests will be administered between 7:45-8:00 AM on each day of quarantine.

