



Mid-Metro Academy Health and Safety Plan

Mid-Metro Academy is dedicated to providing quality educational opportunities for homeschooled students in a safe environment. We place a high priority on the health and safety of our students, families, volunteers, and teachers.

Mitigation Measures

Routine cleanings of our physical space, promotion of proper handwashing techniques and respiratory etiquette, and ventilation are some of the primary precautions we take to mitigate the spread of infections in our learning community.

Sanitation: Before the first day of each week, desks, tables, chair seats and backs, door knobs, light switches, and hand rails will be cleaned and disinfected with a germicidal product.

Stay Home When Sick: All students, teachers, and volunteers must do their part to stop the spread of illness by staying home when sick.

A student who becomes ill at some point during the day should request permission from the teacher to leave class and should report to the Front Desk Administrative Assistant, who will help the student phone a parent or caregiver to pick the student up. The representative will provide a safely distanced area in which to wait and will supervise the student until his or her ride arrives. Parents should make sure students know whom to call in such situations, and designated contact people should be advised to keep their phones turned on and accessible.

Air quality: Mid-Metro Academy uses an air purification system that kills viruses, bacteria, and fungi in the air. This air purifier will run constantly on the second floor on the days that our classes meet.

Hand washing: Signs in restrooms and the kitchen remind students to practice proper handwashing techniques. Students will be excused from classrooms to wash hands as necessary. Hand sanitizer is available at the front desk.

Respiratory etiquette: Additional signage reminds people to cover coughs and sneezes. Tissues and garbage cans are available in each classroom. Students are encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands after using a tissue. Parents should review respiratory etiquette with students before the beginning of the academic year.

Face masks: Face masks are optional for anyone who wishes to wear one.

Ventilation. Efforts to enhance ventilation in classrooms include the use of fans and opening windows when weather permits. Mid-Metro Academy uses an air purification unit in the main hallway where it can benefit the most students.

Other Safety Measures

Fire Drills. In cooperation with the Church of St. Mark and the fire marshal, Mid-Metro Academy teachers, students, and staff participate in scheduled fire drills.

Emergency Procedures. Mid-Metro Academy follows the Universal Safety Procedures recommended by the Homeland Security and Emergency Management division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. A full explanation can be found in the Front Desk Administrative Assistant's manual on campus or online here: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/mn-school-safety-center/Pages/planning-universal-procedures.aspx>.

Liability

Waiver of liability. All parents or guardians of students enrolled in Mid-Metro Academy classes must sign the Waiver of Liability, which acknowledges that, notwithstanding this Mid-Metro Academy Health and Safety Plan, families assume all risks associated with attendance at Mid-Metro Academy classes and activities.

Certified by:

Rebecca Hope, Director, Mid-Metro Academy

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