The 2021-2022 Cathedral School Community Health Pact

This pact is The Cathedral School’s recognition of our shared Core Values—Cooperation, Courage, Integrity, Kindness, Passion for Learning, Respect, Responsibility—and, by extension, our responsibility for community health, informed by science and founded on mutual respect. In order for our shared spaces to be as safe as they can be, and to protect the health of ourselves and others, we affirm that we will commit to these behaviors.

By signing at the link below, I/we affirm that I/we have read and will comply with the COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols in their entirety and commit to the following:

- Honestly and accurately completing Cathedral’s health screening app every day (Monday through Friday) regardless of whether the student or employee is attending school in-person, or remotely. When students or employees are attending in-person, the app must be completed before leaving for school. The app must also be completed when a student or employee is staying home because they are experiencing symptoms or quarantining after possible exposure to COVID-19.
- Respecting and adhering to the direction of those monitoring the Close and school entrances—these are critical jobs that require the utmost cooperation and respect of our community as we all work together to uphold health and safety.
- Not entering the building if feeling unwell, regardless of whether the symptom(s) are commonly associated with COVID-19.
- For adults: maintaining six feet of physical distance from other adults and students.
- For students: maintaining three feet of physical distance between each other.
- Wearing a face covering over nose and mouth at all times in school buildings. The only exceptions to required face coverings are when alone in a private room with a closed door and when eating or drinking with appropriate social distance maintained. Masks must also be worn outdoors, with exceptions when deemed safe or necessary.
- Following basic health precautions, including frequent hand washing/sanitizing and practicing good shared work-space hygiene.
- Observing COVID-19-related signage and guidance posted throughout campus spaces and buildings.
- Participating in testing and contact tracing, as well as isolation and quarantine protocols, when required.
- Alerting a faculty member (in the case of a student) or the nurse (in the case of an employee) should they feel ill while on campus. Parents/Guardians commit to collecting students as quickly as practical should they become ill at school. Employees who become ill at school commit to leaving school as soon as they are seen by the nurse.
- Adhering to arrival and departure times so as to maintain social distance.
- Understanding the role that social distancing plays in limiting the spread of the virus and therefore adhering to city and state guidelines regarding gatherings. It is still the safest course of action to limit exposure to individuals not living within one’s household. Even when off-campus and engaged in non-Cathedral business, Cathedral community members are expected to follow city and state public health requirements, including face covering and physical distance.
The Cathedral School pledges to do its part by:

- Following all safety requirements of New York State and City authorities.
- Enhancing cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing practices throughout campus.
- Maintaining appropriate social distance through the placement of furniture, signage, and barriers. Employees will also verbally enforce and physically model social distance.
- Informing all community members of Cathedral health policies.
- Maintaining isolation facilities for community members experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Providing PPE and masks to our employees, as needed based on their work functions, and masks for students who do not have them when they arrive at school.
- Providing additional hand sanitizer and handwashing stations.
- Providing sufficient supplies so as to limit any sharing of materials between students or teachers.
- Supporting city or state COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, quarantine, and isolation by providing all information related to in-school contacts.

Each of us has the responsibility to uphold these commitments and the right to expect the same from others and from The Cathedral School. Our expectation is that all employees, students, and parents will adhere to this Community Pact. In the interest of supporting community health and safety, anyone who does not adhere to these commitments after being asked to do so by an appropriate authority will be denied access to campus. These commitments are essential to protecting the public’s health and to protecting ourselves, our neighbors, and each other. Each of us has an important role to play, and together, we can do what it takes to reduce and stop COVID-19 transmission in our shared community.

The 2021-2022 Cathedral School Community Health Pact must be signed prior to one’s entry on the Cathedral Close. One signature is required per student family. All employees must sign individually. Click here to sign electronically.