# CARDINAL COMMITMENT

As members of the NPS community, we have a responsibility to look out for and protect the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff, parents, and family members. Doing so in the face of COVID-19 requires a shared commitment that reflects the obligations we have towards each other and to our community. Our choices and behaviors impact others. Consequently, the health of people in the NPS community, and the school's ability to conduct in-person learning, are contingent upon adherence to essential guidelines outlined below. It is our expectation that all in the NPS community will follow these principles, both on campus and off, to safeguard and protect the health of the school and everyone associated with it.

#### Before School

- NPS students, faculty, and staff members must conduct a daily health screening each day they are scheduled to be on campus via the Magnus Health app, which requires a temperature check and reporting of symptoms. A student should arrive on campus only if given an affirmative response via the health screening app.
- Parents should not send their children to school when they are displaying symptoms and signs of
  illness as outlined in the screening and NPS health policies, and NPS has the same expectation of
  faculty and staff.
- Please report any absences (and reasons for them) to the NPS receptionist/registrar, per customary procedures.

#### During the School Day

• Safe personal health habits are expected of students, faculty and staff, and any visitors to NPS. These include the proper wearing of face masks and required social distancing, both inside school buildings and outdoors, and regular hand washing and use of hand sanitizer.

#### Away from School

- NPS community members—students, parents, faculty and staff—should practice the same daily health and safety protocols outside of school that are required on campus, such as those mentioned above: facemasks, social distancing, handwashing, and the use of hand sanitizer.
- We expect those in the NPS community, including members of households, to avoid large crowds and gatherings, both indoors or outdoors. Moreover, NPS parents, faculty and staff, and family members should not host or attend gatherings of any size at which risk mitigation protocols are not in place.
- When planning and scheduling out of school activities for their children, families should be mindful of
  risk mitigation protocols as outlined by NPS and restrictions and guidelines from public health
  officials. These recommendations include but are not limited to social distancing, mask wearing,
  handwashing and sanitizing, small groups, and outdoor activities.

### Travel & Visitors

- Non-essential travel, which includes holiday travel, should be avoided. Please be mindful of this as you pursue any potential travel. If travel occurs to an area identified by local and/or federal authorities as being high risk, or if NPS families host visitors from high risk areas, NPS community members are expected to adhere to the following guidelines, even if a family resides outside of Washington, DC.
- Please note that Washington, DC recently amended the original Mayor's Order requiring a 14-day self-quarantine after non-essential travel to high risk areas (for both travelers and hosts), adding an option to obtain a negative PCR COVID-19 test in lieu of the full quarantine.
  - o If faculty, staff, or families of NPS students host visitors from high-risk areas, those visitors are expected to adhere to the Mayor's Order as outlined below. If visitors do not follow the entirety of either step 1 or step 2 (below), the hosting NPS community member—faculty, staff, or student—must submit their own negative PCR COVID-19 test result to the Health Office via email. The test must be conducted at least 72 hours after their first contact with the guest/traveler.



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#### Travel & Visitors (continued)

Returning from Travel from High Risk Areas

Under the amended Mayor's Order, residents returning to the Washington, DC area from non-essential travel to a high-risk area must undergo one of the following steps:

- 1) Self-quarantine for 14 days, OR
- 2) Take a PCR COVID-19 test within 3 to 5 days after their return. After receiving a negative test result and submitting it to the NPS Health Office via email, faculty, staff, and students may return to campus after travel to a high risk state or country.

If another household member returns from travel to a high risk area, the faculty/staff member or student may not return to campus until the traveler receives a negative test result.

Visitors from High Risk Areas

Under the amended Mayor's Order, visitors from high-risk areas must undergo one of the following steps:

- 1) Self-quarantine for 14 days before coming into contact with local residents, OR
- 2) Take a PCR COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to travel and receive a negative result before traveling into the Washington, DC area. Additionally, visitors staying in the DC area for more than three days must obtain a second negative PCR COVID-19 test result conducted three to five days after their arrival in the region.