



## 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDMENT: COVID-19 Policy Change for 2021-2022 School Year

**PURPOSE:** To amend and replace the existing COVID-19 Policy at Learning Independence for Tomorrow Inc. (LiFT). The health and safety of our students remains our top priority. Provided the inherent risks of COVID-19 in all facets of our daily lives, the transmissible nature of the COVID-19 virus and changing variants, the reduction in positivity numbers, and the challenges with face coverings preventing the spread of the newer variant, our current policy requires revision.

**CLARIFICATION:** Please remember that if your student is sick (i.e., COVID-19, flu, cold, or other illness), LiFT requires that he or she stay home and utilize sick day(s) to rest and recover. There is no expectation for eLearning while actively sick. COVID-19 related absences are excused absences. All other absences due to illness are excused with a doctor's note.

**POLICY CHANGES:** Learning Independence for Tomorrow Inc. (LiFT) is revising the policies with COVID-19 Protocols effective **February 28, 2022**, having been approved by our LiFT Board of Directors through our regularly scheduled Board Meeting held on **February 24, 2022**.

**As a result, LiFT is removing the face covering requirements for all students, team members, and visitors effective Monday, February 28, 2022.**

Masks will remain optional for the remainder of the school year.

LiFT has adopted this policy amendment to ensure continued education is possible for all of our LiFT students, families, and team members and to delegate the responsibility to our LiFT Parents and Guardians to be responsible in making the best health decisions for their student(s) and individual circumstances.

LiFT will continue to exercise COVID-19 protocols as it relates to daily cleaning, space sanitization, and frequent handwashing opportunities.

### **Updates to the existing policy are outlined below:**

1. Face coverings are optional.
2. Temperature checks are no longer required upon entry to LiFT buildings.
3. All visitors should continue to schedule an appointment in advance prior to visiting the campus(es).
4. If a student or team member has known exposure, whether directly or indirectly, a notification email will be sent out to the grade level and/or classes to provide notification of the possible exposure.
5. LiFT shall allow parents or legal guardians the authority to choose how their child receives education after having direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19 as outlined below:
  - a. Parents or legal guardians of students who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 may choose one of the following options:
    - i. Allow the student to attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property, without restrictions or disparate treatment, so long as the student remains asymptomatic; or



- ii. Quarantine the student for a period not to exceed seven (7) days from the date of last direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19.
6. If a student or team member produces a positive test result for COVID-19, he or she will need to remain quarantined for a minimum of five (5) calendar days AND produce a negative COVID-19 test result or a minimum of seven (7) calendar days without a test result. For both the 5 or 7-day quarantine options, the student or team member must have 2 consecutive days of not experiencing any symptoms.
7. If a parent decides to quarantine their student due to COVID-19, he or she will have the option to request that their student participate in eLearning via Zoom without attendance penalty or loss of State Scholarship funding. **Parents must contact LiFT to notify and request.**
8. Should a student test positive for COVID-19, he or she has the option of having an excused absence for the school date(s) missed provided that the student makes up the work missed on the days he or she was absent.
9. Per the guidance from FLDOE and SUFS, students may only participate in eLearning options (via Zoom) under the following conditions:
  - a. A student has tested positive for COVID-19 or is opting to quarantine due to direct or indirect exposure or is kept home due to other illness.
  - b. The eLearning option via Zoom cannot be the student(s)' primary source of instruction for the duration of the school year and regular "brick and mortar" attendance and contact with the school is still required.**
  - c. Attendance will be taken each class while a student is participating on Zoom. Regular attendance (i.e., cameras turned "ON", Volume turned "ON", and response/participation while attending virtually) is required.

**RESOLUTION:** The above policy changes are hereby approved on **February 24, 2022**, by the LiFT Board of Directors to go into effect beginning **Monday, February 28, 2022**, and will remain in effect until further notice.