

Health Testing Protocols

- Brilla will consult with their assigned NYCDOH nurse to determine which staff and students presenting symptoms should be referred for COVID-19 tests. COVID-19 testing is available across New York City and unless determined otherwise by NYCDOH, students and staff will continue to use their own doctors or clinics/hospitals of their choice.

Prevention

- The CDC outlines the ways in which COVID-19 is spread; mainly through person-to-person contact.
 - Brilla staff will be trained on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 listed here
 - Individuals who are in close contact with one another for an extended period of time (15 minutes or longer, within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - Droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - Individuals without symptoms may be able to spread COVID-19.
 - Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.
 - Most importantly all stakeholders who are sick or not feeling well, are advised to stay home
- All Brilla Schools will be trained and reinforce the following practices to help reduce the spread of infection

Building Disinfecting

- Brilla will ensure surfaces that are frequently touched will be cleaned and disinfected routinely and frequently throughout the day. This will include cleaning objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily such as doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, countertops, toys and equipment or any items/surfaces expressly identified as in need of cleaning. All cleaning products are approved for use in schools.

Hand Washing

- Students and staff will be expected to wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after being in a shared place, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol will be provided. When using hand sanitizer, be sure to cover all surfaces of your hands (front and back) and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth and face with unwashed hands.
- Wash/sanitize your hands upon arrival to school, when leaving/transitioning from a classroom for any reason, and when prompted to do so by an adult.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classroom cohorts, where applicable, will be assigned specific washing stations, and/or hand sanitizer dispensers. <p>Coughing and Sneezing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mouth and nose covered with a tissue when coughing or sneezing or using the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in the trash and immediately wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol. <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff will minimize the need to have multiple students sharing high touch materials. Staff will plan in advance to determine if additional materials or supplies are necessary to support instruction. Materials include, but are not limited to books, computers, calculators, writing utensils, computer keyboards/headphones, and art supplies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Staff will clean, disinfect, or sanitize materials at the end of each school day, consistent with CDC guidelines and procedures outlined further in this reopening
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<p>Health Testing Responsibility and Early Warning Signs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any member of the Brilla community who suspects or shows symptoms of COVID-19 are urged to get tested for COVID-19 prior to returning to the school building. It is the goal of Brilla Schools to provide a safe and secure environment for our students, staff, and visitors. In the event a staff or student are exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19, please implement the following: <p>Symptomatic Individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cough ○ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing ○ Fever ○ Chills ○ Muscle pain ○ Sore throat ○ New loss of taste or smell ● Symptomatic before reporting to work or school the following procedures will be in place for all staff or students exhibiting <u>symptoms of COVID 19</u>:
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- Staff and students are encouraged to stay home if they are sick or not feeling well.
- Staff and students with recent international travel or travel within a state with widespread transmission of COVID-19 as designated through the New York State Travel Advisory, should adhere to quarantine guidance before returning in-person to the school. [here](#)
- Consult the CDC self checker [here](#).
- Any staff or students that have been exposed to a known case of COVID 19 should consult with their healthcare provider and practice self quarantining guidance as recommended by the [CDC](#).
- Any person with a temperature over 100.0 degrees should stay home and consult with their health care provider.
 - Staff or students should be fever free for a period of 24 hours before returning to work or school
 - Staff or students looking for a testing site should visit this [Testing site page](#) for the nearest location.
- If staff or students become symptomatic at school they should immediately report their symptoms to the school nurse and building administrator then do the following:
 - After reporting the concern to nurse and building administrator;
 - Maintain social distancing at all times and wear your PPE;
 - Secure your personal effects and report to designated isolation area;
 - Upon arrival at the designated isolation area, staff or student will be further screened by nurse or other healthcare provider (a secondary area will be identified for cases of overflow);
 - Pending outcome of screening, staff or student will be released to their parent, guardian or responsible adult;
 - Release to parent/guardian will be facilitated by nurse, health aide or designee. PPE (mask and gloves) will be required.
 - Parent/guardian will arrive at designated location and call or text health or main office
 - Student will be escorted to main entrance
 - Staff will return to building, discard gloves, wash hands per CDC guidelines, and resume operations
 - The location will be appropriately cleaned utilizing CDC guidelines
 - Maintain a log of student and staff names that may have been exposed by date and location.
 - Staff or students exhibiting symptoms may be required to complete additional assessment by a healthcare provider and are encouraged to share the results with their employer or appropriate school personnel.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Upon verification of positive COVID-19 status, Principal, Operations leader, Chief of Schools and Chief Operating Officer will be notified and appropriate measures regarding collaboration with contact tracing professionals will commence.○ The appropriate cleaning and disinfecting measures will be taken in accordance with the CDC <u>School Considerations</u> .○ If students and staff need access to large-scale testing, Brilla will follow directions from NYCDOH regarding where testing should happen and communication to the school community.○ Brila will follow all metrics as set by NYCDOH if cases in NYC are increasing beyond an appropriate level and modify in-person instruction as necessary.
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