

UWC East Africa COVID-19 Guidelines

Introduction

UWC East Africa COVID-19 Guidelines are based on research and school best practice including input from UWC International meetings and expert personnel and have been adapted to best fit our climate and campuses here in Tanzania.

All stakeholders are reminded that as the pandemic persists and we learn to live with this virus, the responsibilities of individuals and their own precautions take on greater relevance. Individual responsibility to mitigate risk becomes more and more important. Whilst we will continue to put the following measures in place, parents must be clear that we cannot guarantee non-exposure to the virus.

General guidelines

1. Students and staff who are well (healthy) should attend school every day.
2. The symptom self-screening checklist for secondary residential students (residential parent screening for primary students) and parental screening for day students, should be carried out before school every day. A checklist will be provided for all students.
3. Students and staff with underlying health issues should report these. For staff, to the Head of Campus. For students, parents need to update the medical forms with this information.
4. If any students, parents or staff - or anyone they live with - develop coronavirus symptoms, they will be asked to stay away from school until they experience four symptom-free days.
5. Facemasks are permitted but not required.

School and classroom setup guidelines

6. Hand washing stations at the entrance and across the campuses for the community as they enter.
7. Classroom doors and windows will be kept open to encourage air flow.
8. Students and staff are reminded to respect appropriate social distancing where possible.
9. As much outdoor teaching will be practised as possible.
10. Whole school assemblies to be held outdoors where possible.
11. Hand sanitizer/soap and water are available in classrooms.
12. Staggered mealtimes are continued, making use of indoor and outdoor spaces.
13. Housekeeping to disinfect classroom surfaces and door handles regularly, at least twice a day.

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Activity guidelines

14. Excursions/OP to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis after risk assessment.
15. External CAS partnerships to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis after risk assessment.
16. Sporting events and PE to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis after risk assessment.
17. Class trips will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis after risk assessment.

Guidelines for visitors

18. Hand washing stations at the entrance of the school for all visitors.
19. All visitors and parents are encouraged to wear a facemask when they enter buildings on campus.
20. Visitors should only enter school buildings by appointment or accompanied by a member of staff.

These Health Guidelines were updated by the Senior Leadership Team on 28th October 2021.

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