MARCH 18, 2022 UPDATES

As anticipated, the COVID Response Team met this morning, and we have updates! We reviewed our school and local community data, as well as new state recommendations. We checked in with some students, the Family Engagement Committee, and staff. We then determined that OSS can take the following steps to ease restrictions and still maintain a healthy campus. As we have learned over the last two years, we have to remain nimble and responsive – everything is subject to change!

★ When will masks be optional indoors at OSS?

Masks indoors for symptom-free people will be optional starting Tuesday, March 22. We recognize that this shift will be a welcome change for some, and a bit jarring for others. At Monday’s Community Meeting, we will practice the tool Communicate Clearly, Listen to Learn and prepare ourselves to Uphold Emotional Safety for all.

It is likely that regular cold viruses and spring allergies may cause an uptick in COVID-like sniffles. Anyone with sniffles or other light symptoms will need to wear a mask indoors.

★ Should families still screen for symptoms before sending a Sister Sailor to school?

Yes! If a student has a fever, definitely continue to keep them home. If your student presents 2+ other COVID symptoms, please administer an at-home test and share with results with Ms. Wohl. If that is not possible, tell us and we can provide a test at school. If ever in doubt, just contact us directly.

★ Will masks be required after April vacation?

Yes! Masks will be required for all indoors again from April 25-29 to curb possible post-vacation spread. If all goes well and no new variants are posing a serious risk, we’ll go mask-optional again on May 1.

★ Will COVID tests be required after April vacation?

Like after February vacation, COVID tests will be required for students who are unvaccinated or who have not been infected within 90 days. A change is that we will accept at-home or lab test results to return to school after the April break.

★ Protocols for travel, close contact, and positive cases remain the same - no changes.