

**ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS DUE TO COVID-19
2021-2022**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, continues to be a highly infectious, life-threatening disease. COVID-19's highly contagious nature, particularly with new strains of the virus like the Delta variant, means that exposure, especially through contact with others, can lead to infection.

Illinois State University and the Laboratory Schools cannot guarantee a risk-free environment.

The risk of COVID-19 infection impacts all regular, daily activities of the Laboratory Schools (e.g. academic instruction, athletic events, extra-curricular activities, etc.), all Laboratory School facilities and all aspects of University operations.

While acknowledging that it is impossible to prevent or fully mitigate the risk of COVID-19 infection, in order to reduce risk for Illinois State University students, faculty and staff, and members of the community the University and Laboratory Schools have put in place the following COVID-19 safety mitigation measures. These measures may be updated or modified as circumstances evolve.

I acknowledge and understand the following potential risks with my child's attendance at the Laboratory Schools (initial next to each for acknowledgement):

_____ I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, the fact that it can be difficult to identify in another, and the inherent risks of exposure at the Laboratory Schools to those who may be infected with COVID-19. I acknowledge that exposure or infection to COVID-19 may result in injury, illness and other unforeseeable dangers to my child and others. I recognize that the Laboratory Schools cannot limit all potential sources of COVID-19 infection.

_____ I am voluntarily enrolling my child in the Laboratory Schools and acknowledge that my child must follow all Laboratory School health and safety guidelines including but not limited to:

- As of July 27, 2021, IDPH/CDC have required all students and staff in K-12 schools to wearing a face covering on school grounds as required by the Laboratory Schools and other applicable guidance unless covered by an exception.
- For students who have been vaccinated, parents/families are requested to provide proof of vaccination documentation by providing Metcalf/U-High with a copy of the student's COVID-19 vaccination card or a COVID-19 immunization record from a healthcare provider OR otherwise participate in the SHIELD Test program for Laboratory School students.
- Students who do not provide proof of vaccination (i.e. unvaccinated students and students under 12 who are not eligible for vaccination) will participate in regular on-site COVID-19 SHIELD Testing at both Metcalf and U-High or be required to provide proof of testing from an external medical provider. SHIELD Testing will be a COVID-19 prevention measure conducted in accordance with all recommended IDPH guidelines for testing in community settings.
- Observing appropriate physical distancing practices at all times and remain at least three (3) feet apart from others to the extent possible.
- Following good hygiene guidance such as regular hand washing and avoiding touching one's face;
- Following isolation and quarantine requirements as advised by a medical professional and/or the health department.

I understand I must timely report any exposures to COVID-19 of myself, my child or any individual living in the same household to the ISU Laboratory Schools. If I/my child develop symptoms of any, I understand that the child will not be permitted to attend school or school activities until they are cleared in accordance with current ISBE/IDPH Return to School guidance available here:
<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IDPH-COVID19-Exclusion-Decison-Tree.pdf>

I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions and provisions found within this document.

Signature of Parent

Date

Signature of Student (if over 18)

Date