

## PROTOCOL AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF COVID-19 IN THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF ALICANTE

### Introduction

The objective of this document is to update, in the EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF ALICANTE, the protection and prevention measures against SARS-CoV.2 for the **2021-2022** academic year, in continuity with those implemented during the school year 2020-21 and in line with the present level of alert and updated protocol.

This protocol has been updated to comply with the communication received on April 25<sup>th</sup> from the Conselleria de Educaci3n, essentially changing measures as for obligation on wearing a mask in the schools of the Comunidad Valenciana.

### Basic principles of prevention, hygiene and health promotion against COVID-19 at Escuela Europea de Alicante

Fundamental measures are listed below:

#### 1. *Limitation of contacts:*

- ✓ Face-to-face attendance of all students will be privileged.
- ✓ In Primary and Nursery arrangements for the exit of the pupils from the School and from the classes at the end of the day are maintained.
- ✓ Communication with families by telephone, mail, messages or ordinary mail will be given priority and telematics procedures will be facilitated. Families may enter the school building if the management team so consider it, always complying with the prevention and hygiene measures.

#### 2. *Personal prevention measures:*

- ✓ Students should wash their hands frequently with soap and water for 40 seconds or with a disinfectant or hydro-alcoholic gel for 20 seconds whenever a sink would not be easily accessible.
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth, or mask.
- ✓ When coughing or sneezing, please cover your mouth and nose with the bend of the elbow.
- ✓ The use of the mask is not any longer mandatory inside school premises, without prejudice to the exemptions provided for in the legal frame.
- ✓ Wearing a mask is yet recommended in enclosed spaces, "when a safety distance of 1,5 meters cannot be maintained and the ventilation would not be guaranteed".

- ✓ Attention of the pupils in the last years of secondary cycle and of their parents/guardian is called on the importance to take all possible preventive measures to limit the risk of infection during the end of year exams period.

### 3. *Cleaning, disinfection and ventilation of the School:*

- ✓ Cleaning and disinfection of the facilities at least once a day is guaranteed and reinforced in those spaces that need it, because of the intensity of use, such as bathrooms and surfaces of greater use.
- ✓ As far as possible, the tables and desks will be kept free of papers or other objects to facilitate their daily cleaning.
- ✓ The cleaning of the air filters has been reinforced and the ventilation of the air conditioning systems has been increased. The use of fans remains not recommended.
- ✓ Natural ventilation is the preferred option. Cross ventilation is recommended, if possible permanently, with opening doors and / or windows opposite or at least on different sides of the room, to promote air circulation and ensure efficient sweeping throughout the space. It is more advisable to distribute the opening points of doors and windows, than to concentrate the opening in a single point. The facilities of the center must be ventilated frequently, if possible permanently, or at least 15 minutes at the beginning and at the end of the day, during recess, and whenever possible between classes, also guaranteeing good ventilation in the hallways. The mentioned ventilation time of 15 minutes is only indicative and has to be adapted to the conditions and characteristics of each classroom.
- ✓ If natural ventilation is not sufficient, forced (mechanical) ventilation is used, the supply of outside air has been increased and the fraction of recirculated air has been reduced, in order to obtain adequate air renewal.
- ✓ If a professional assists in the same space with different students in a consecutive (physiotherapist, speech therapist, nurse ...), the surfaces used will be disinfected and the room will be ventilated at least 5 minutes after each session or according to the parameters mentioned that guarantee adequate ventilation.
- ✓ In the case of programming activities that increase the emission of aerosols such as shouting or singing, it is recommended to carry them out outside whenever possible and, if not, ensure adequate ventilation and maintain distance. Since physical exercise also increases the emission of aerosols, physical education classes will be promoted in outdoor spaces. When they are carried out indoors, it is especially important to increase the distance and guarantee ventilation.

### 4. *Case management:*

- ✓ **Students, teachers and other workers** who are in any of the following circumstances will be requested to wear a surgical mask UNE-EN-14386 inside the school premises:
  - Present symptoms compatible with COVID-19.
  - Having tested positive for COVID-19
  - **Close contacts.**

- ✓ In these circumstances, the person, or a guardian in case of minors, should contact the health center of reference and follow their advice.
- ✓ The School will employ any effort to guarantee distance education to positive pupils who will not attend school in presence
- ✓ Faced with a student who begins to develop symptoms compatible with COVID-19 in the School, the action protocol provided for in the School will be followed (Action Guide for the management of cases, contacts and Covid-19 outbreaks in EEA, ANNEX II)

The **COVID-19 managers** designated in the School are, for their respective stages:

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#### 5. *Cross cutting actions:*

- ✓ Through the occupational risk prevention service agreed with QUIRON, a "Guide to Preventive Action against COVID-19" has been implemented at the School.
- ✓ The management team has reorganized the spaces of the School in order to make the most of the available spaces and comply with the sanitary recommendations.
- ✓ The School has equipped itself with the protective equipment and material necessary for the established prevention and hygiene measures.
- ✓ The European School of Alicante has enabled channels to implement proper coordination with the competent administrations. In particular, through the School's medical service and the Security and Safety Officer, a fluid communication channel is maintained with Primary Care and Public Health.
- ✓ In addition, **the cooperation** with AMPA has been promoted to facilitate the transmission of information and the necessary alliances in the adequate implementation of the measures.

#### 6. *Extracurricular and complementary activities:*

- ✓ Attention of the responsables for the **extracurricular and complementary activities** that are organised in the School premises has been called on the need to respect the Protocol for the Protection and Prevention in force mitigating the risk of transmission and contagion of SARS-CoV-2 for educational centers in the Valencian Region.