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Happy New Year! We have been working diligently during the break on protecting our students and families from the latest variant. We have discussed internally on different options and a gameplan going forward with Omicron.

As previously communicated (<https://www.andoveracademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Pandemic-Policy-2021.pdf>) our Pandemic Policy is revisited every 30 days. As you have probably noticed, Omicron is EXTREMELY contagious and it has QUICKLY escalated in Broward County in a very short period of time (<https://twitter.com/JasonSalemi/status/1474900890934906880>). We envision that the next few weeks will be even worse with Broward County Public Schools reopening on Monday (January 3rd) from a 2 week holiday break where there were families who traveled and went out. Considering this, we are TEMPORARILY requiring masks for our VPK and Preschool programs since we have had confirmed cases in those classrooms and this variant is currently peaking.

We will be instituting a color-coded system:

Code Black - Entire School is closed

Code Purple - Some Classrooms may be closed/quarantined. Masking is required for all parents/families picking up unless they remain in their vehicles and strongly encouraged for eligible students. Masking is REQUIRED for eligible students in identified classrooms until threat subsides. Students displaying mild symptoms will be isolated and sent to the office and parents/families will be called to pickup.

Code Red - Masking is required for parents entering building (appointment/tour) but is recommended for parents/families who are picking up/dropping off outside - during peak drop off/pick up times masking will be REQUIRED. Required masking for eligible students changes to strongly recommended (not required).

Code Yellow - Parents are allowed back in the building but ONLY if they are wearing a mask AND pass a temperature check.

Code Green - Normal operations.

We will update our Code status every Sunday or whenever there is a status change. We are trying to establish a metric where we can determine what measures need to be adhered to depending on the situation but using case numbers may be difficult (<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/30/us/at-home-rapid-covid-tests-cases.html>). We are trying our best to create a Pandemic Policy that is evergreen and consistent, but every pathogen is different and while some may be less contagious, they MAY be more severe, or affect young children more (Swine Flu); so our policy will be malleable and we will adjust accordingly. There were times in between Delta and Omicron that we were in a Code Yellow state, but we wanted to wait until January 2022 and plan out exactly how we would implement parents returning inside the building. Once we are in a Code Yellow state, we will allow a certain



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number of parents inside the Lobby area at a time to avoid crowding and adhere to 6ft social distancing. Parents will remain outside until temperature checked by an administrator. Parents/families can elect to stay outside and have their student brought to them, this is encouraged during peak pick up/drop off times to expedite dismissals and drop off and required if a parent/authorized pick up fails a temperature check and/or does not have a mask.

In an effort to minimize possible spread - our administrators will be signing-in/out parents who forget their mobile device or their battery is dead, our admins will also sign in/out authorized pickups manually in order to avoid cross-contamination with the tablets. We are also asking parents to no longer hand us Credit Cards - we will prompt you when to insert or tap your card if doing a Credit Card transaction.

Thank you for bearing with us...we hope in 2022 we can get to a Code Green!