

# COVID-19 (updated August 2021)

## STUDENTS GUIDE

Allíance Française de Detroit/French Institute of Michigan Team Members.

We developed this Students Guide to help you learn about the steps we are taking to keep everyone safe in your learning environment. Our goal is to ensure confidence in your return to our facility, knowing that COVID-19 safety protocols are in place. During these uncertain times, everyone needs to continue to take appropriate safety actions to create an environment where we can work without stress. As the COVID-19 situation evolves, we will adapt and make any changes to our policies in accordance with relevant health and safety protocols issued by authorities.

This guide concerns students and candidates to tests

AFD/FIM safety committee

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## We Are In This Together

TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM THE COVID-19 VIRUS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW OUR SAFETY PROTOCOLS

## PROTECTING YOURSELF AND OTHERS

- We encourage all eligible person to get COVID-19 vaccine
- Monitor your health you are the first level of defense in preventing COVID-19
- Follow our procedures
- Wear a face mask
- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently
- Maintain physical distancing
- Help keep our facilities clean
- Do not come to class if you are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms



#### ENTERING THE FACILITY

#### **Entrance Procedures:**

Before coming to the office, please pay attention to how you're feeling. Your safety and the safety of those around you depends on a personal self-assessment of any symptoms.

Have you received the two covid-19 vaccine?

- If YES, we will ask you to show a proof. You will be able to attend an in-person group class or a private class.
- If NO, you will be able to attend an online group or private class but you won't be able to attend an in-person group class or private class.

If you have or haven't been vaccinated against COVID-19 and if you answer YES to any of these questions:

- Have you tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
- Have you had any of these symptoms in the last 14 days?

Fever greater than 100 degrees

Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath

Cough

Chills

Muscle pain

Sore throat

New loss of taste or smell

- Are you experiencing fever, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, a cough, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell?
- Have you been in close contact with someone displaying these known symptoms of COVID-19?
- Have you been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 or who has tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
- Have you traveled outside the country or to any high-risk locations in the last 14 days or been in close contact with someone who traveled to high-risk locations in the past 14 days?

Please DO NOT COME TO CLASS.

Every time you enter the facility, we will ask you to sign a document to support that you have responded "No" to all the above statements.

If someone in your household happened to have COVID-19, inform the office, so we can take measures on our side. If you have COVID-19, please self-isolate for 10 days or show proof of a negative COVID test before retuning to class.

If you are fully vaccinated and show no symptoms of COVID-19, you do not need to quarantine, but you need to wear a mask, keep your distances and get tested 3-5 days after close contact.

#### ENTERING THE FACILITY

### **UPON ARRIVAL**

- Maintain a physical distance of six feet (two meters) from other people, some visual cues are in place.
- Sanitize your hands (there is a touch-less hand sanitizer dispenser in the building entrance next to elevator and, also on the counter at our facility and in each classroom.)
- Wear a face mask.
- Sign the COVID-19 questionnaire. (Please bring your personal pen.)

#### NOTE on FACE MASKS

**What to wear?** A facial covering is cloth material that covers the nose and mouth. Facial coverings may be secured to the head or simply wrapped around the lower face. They can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton or linen, and may be factory-made or made by hand.

Do not wear neck gaiters, bandanas, or face mask with vents.

Be sure your mask covers your mouth and nose.

**Don't** touch the mask, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect.



#### PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND VENTILATION

## **Doors Open Strategy**

Propping doors open can increase airflow and eliminate touchpoints. Classrooms will operate with the door open if the class is longer than 1hour 30 minutes.

#### PUSHING TO OPEN A DOOR

• Use another part of your body (hip, shoulder or elbow) to open the door without using your hand • If you need to turn a handle, use a towel/wipe on handle or wash/sanitize hands after opening.

#### **PULLING A DOOR OPEN**

Use a towel/wipe to grab the handle or wash/sanitize hands after opening

#### **Fans**

We must also be aware that high-speed fans can propel airborne droplets carrying the COVID-19 virus much further than the six-feet (two-meter) distance previously mentioned.



Our ventilation systems are required to maintain effective airflow and comfort in our facilities.

No additional fan of any kind will be permitted in the facility.

#### **OPERATIONAL FAQS**

## What should students do to assist in keeping a safe learning environment?

Until further notice, we ask students to wear masks and to keep maintain a distance of 3 feet from each other <u>at all time</u> while in the facility and in the hallway/bathroom area.

Students will be asked to have their own materials and not share books.

#### Will teachers wear a mask?

Yes, teachers will wear a mask and will be vaccinated against COVOD-19.

## If I forgot my mask, will I be able to enter?

Disposable masks are available in the office.

## How many students in a class? Will we be able to maintain safe distances?

We will accept a very limited number of students in the facility at the same time:

Only one class at a time with a maximum of four /five students. To facilitate air flow, the classroom door will remain open if the session is longer than 1 hour 30 minutes.

## Will you still accept cash?

Yes, but preferably handed in an envelope.

### What are the cleaning processes in place?

High touch points like door handles or knobs, table surfaces, and chairs will be cleaned before each class. arrival.

For your convenience, touchless sanitizer dispensers are in every classroom.

## Will I be able to bring food to share?

No food is allowed.

Kitchen area will not be open to students.

#### Is it safe to use the bathroom which is located outside the suite?

The bathroom remains a shared environment in the building. We remind you to wash your hands as frequently as possible and to use hand sanitizer.

## Bathroom keys

Bathroom keys will be available at the front desk only. Everyone, students and teachers, will be responsible for cleaning the key with disinfectant wipes before returning it.