

**ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS DUE TO COVID-19
2022-2023**

COVID-19 continues to be highly infectious and can be a life-threatening disease. COVID-19's highly contagious nature, particularly with new strains of the virus 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 best way to protect yourself and your students is by receiving a COVID-19 vaccine and boosters.

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 Laboratory School students, faculty associates, staff, and members of the community, the Laboratory School continues to maintain COVID-19 safety mitigation measures on the University's [COVID-19 website](#). 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, and 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.

- Students may be required to participate in diagnostic testing for those exhibiting symptoms with COVID-19, regardless of student's vaccination status. Students may also be required to participate in diagnostic testing if there is an outbreak in school.
- 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 acknowledge that when not required by applicable orders, students, faculty, staff and guests are welcome and encouraged to wear face coverings. It is especially important that we support each other, regardless of individual choices that are made regarding face coverings.

_____ 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://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/school-guidance/covid-19-interim-exclusion-guidance-for-schools.html>

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

Name of Parent

Signature of Parent

Date

Name of Student

Signature of Student (if over 18)

Date