



# COVID-19 Community Compact

In order to protect the health and safety of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic, High Meadow School (HMS) will implement the safety protocols and follow the adapted learning models and schedules detailed in our COVID-19 REOPENING PLAN 2020-21. Our success or failure in preventing the transmission of this virus hinges on every member of the HMS community behaving responsibly and with the utmost consideration for the health and safety of others. Now, more than ever, we must work together to ensure that school can open safely and remain open safely. Our commitment to providing a safe space for our students to grow and learn remains our top priority, but we cannot do this without your cooperation. As a valued member of the HMS community, we need you to affirm that you will comply with the guidelines and expectations detailed below.

## **I WILL...**

**MONITOR MY HEALTH DAILY AND HONESTLY REPORT SYMPTOMS** to the administration if I or anyone in my household is experiencing any of the following COVID-19 symptoms: fever of 100.0 or higher, chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

**ISOLATE AND SELF-QUARANTINE** for the prescribed period of time or as directed or instructed by the School before returning to school or after exposure to someone who is ill with an infectious disease or has tested positive for COVID-19.

**MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING WHEN APPROPRIATE** in all settings, both on- and off-campus.

**WEAR AN APPROPRIATE FACE COVERING** over my mouth and nose when indoors, in public spaces, and in any other setting where it is difficult to maintain physical distancing, both on- and off-campus.



**WASH MY HANDS FREQUENTLY** with soap and water (or hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available), and contribute to the cleaning of surfaces as requested.

**CAREFULLY OBSERVE AND FOLLOW** campus and building instructional signs and directions as well as appropriate interactions only within one's cohort when directed.

**PARTICIPATE IN COVID-19 TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING** if requested to preserve the wellness of the HMS community.

**BE POSITIVE AND GRACIOUS** when others provide safety reminders and suggestions.

**BE ATTENTIVE AND HELPFUL** to anyone around who may be in need of support.

**BE UNDERSTANDING** that the rules are implemented for a reason, and will treat others as I would want to be treated in the event that someone within the community tests positive for COVID-19.

**COMMUNICATE** known or potential exposures to COVID-19 to the HMS administrative team by calling and emailing [nurse@highmeadowschool.org](mailto:nurse@highmeadowschool.org) or calling the Nurses Office at (845) 687-4855 within 24 hours.

**AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL** and use of mass transportation. If I or anyone in my household has traveled to a COVID-19 hot spot (please see the updated list at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>) or has traveled outside the list of states exempt from quarantine. See current list at: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory#restricted-states>, I will notify the HMS COVID Coordinators immediately so they are aware of the potential risk and to receive instructions regarding how long I need to quarantine for and whether I must receive a negative COVID-19 test before I can return to campus.



## **FINAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COVID RISK AND OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

I acknowledge that HMS has implemented reasonable prevention protocols, policies, and procedures designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at school. Nonetheless, I know that despite all reasonable efforts by HMS, the health and safety risks posed by COVID-19 cannot be completely eliminated and I may be exposed to and contract COVID-19 and other infections. Likewise, I understand that I may expose the HMS community to COVID-19 or other infections if I am not careful in my daily activities and responsible in my interactions with others. Therefore, in order to reduce the risks of contracting or spreading the virus, I agree to adhere to the protocols outlined in this document. I understand that if I cannot comply with the protocols outlined in this community pledge, I agree that I/my child will be selecting the virtual learning option rather than the hybrid or fully in-person learning option in order to ensure the health of the rest of the community.

I will notify the HMS COVID Coordinator (Bill Brantmeyer) immediately so they are aware of the potential risk and to receive instructions regarding how long I need to quarantine for and whether I must receive a negative COVID-19 test before I can return to campus.

**Thank you for making this commitment  
to help keep our community safe!**