



The Ancona School is an institution committed to deepening the lives of our students through the creation of meaningful learning experiences, powerful bonds of community, and empathy. We are a community of people with a shared purpose rooted in our mission.

We believe that Ancona educates students to become creative problem solvers, confident risk takers and independent, lifelong learners. Rooted in the Montessori tradition, our child-centered school stimulates the joy of learning and builds a strong academic foundation. We inspire children to nourish their inner lives, find the power in their own voices and strive for justice and peace. In a community of cultural and economic diversity, Ancona cultivates understanding, care and respect for others.

Community is central to our mission; we acknowledge that each individual is responsible for maintaining the health and safety of our entire community. Whether you are in-person learner (a student returning to the physical school), a remote learner (a student in Preprimary who will learn in a remote pod), or a parallel learner (a student in grades 1-8 who will learn from home and alongside their in-person peers) we are asking that you read through the following agreements and sign.

The Ancona School Commitment

To keep our community safe, **the Ancona School promises to:**

1. **Within the building/shared outdoor space:** Require that masks be worn at all times-inside and outside; provide plentiful sanitizer stations and opportunities to wash hands; frequent cleaning and sanitation, especially of high-touch surfaces; staggered start times and a schedule that will reduce density.
2. **In the classroom:** Set up space to accommodate distanced seating areas; teach and reinforce proper masking, distancing, and hygiene techniques; maintain adequate ventilation and air purifiers; place plexi barriers where necessary; use our beautiful outdoor learning environment in every way logistically possible.
3. **Within the community:** Continue our ongoing consultation with public health officials regarding community transmission; Stay up-to-date with CDC, IDPH, and CDPH guidelines for maintaining a safe school; Communicate changes as relevant with our families.
4. **In case of a COVID-19 Case at the school:** Report any confirmed case at the school to our families; To provide timely contact tracing and encourage self-isolation for any individual who may have been exposed.

5. **In the learning environment:** To continually strive to provide an outstanding and joyful education for all of our students. Provide students with a blended learning model to support their independence and respective development. Invest in more robust technology infrastructure and professional development of faculty and staff to aid in meaningful learning for students.
6. **Communications:** We will continue to commit to sending all COVID-19 related emails as standalone communications in order to better help our parents stay abreast of important information.

This is our commitment as a team of dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators, to each family in our community.

Family Commitment

As a family in our community, we are also asking you to make a commitment to the community. This will help protect our dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators, as well as other Ancona families.

To keep our community safe, **before returning to the Ancona School, I promise to:**

1. Complete and submit through [My Ancona](#) all required medical forms and provide any relevant doctor's notes on medical conditions my child has.
2. Carefully monitor the health of my child(ren) and family prior to coming to campus, and submit the CrisisGo Symptom Check for at least 10 days before coming to campus.
3. Quarantine for 14 days before coming to campus if coming from any high risk state or other [high risk areas](#). I acknowledge that this list may have states added or removed during the school year.
4. Keep my child home if they are experiencing any [COVID-19 symptoms](#). I will further consult with my physician to determine whether COVID-19 testing is advised and when travel is permitted.

To keep our community safe, **while outside of the Ancona School, I promise to:**

1. Limit our family's exposure as much as possible by masking when appropriate, physically distancing, and limiting travel to hotspots.
2. Be aware of, and adhere to [CDC](#) and [CDPH](#) guidance on health and safety.
3. Adhere to the [travel order](#) and follow the below guidelines:
 - a. Report to the school travel to high risk areas and quarantine for 14 days before returning.
4. Keep the school informed about any individual in our household experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
5. Cooperate with the school's contact tracing efforts.

6. Do our best to limit social interactions of my child(ren) while outside of school. We know this will be difficult, but we ask that parents consider interactions outside of school carefully because the more we extend those actions, the greater the risk to ourselves and the school community at large.

To keep our community safe, **while in the Ancona School, I promise to:**

1. Wear a mask at all times.
2. Make every effort to maintain appropriate physical distance from other individuals in the building.
3. Wash my hands immediately after entering the building, and wash my hands frequently throughout the day.
4. Make arrangements for picking-up my child immediately if they are determined to have any symptoms of illness in order to better protect our students, faculty, and staff.
5. Provide lunch and snacks to my child(ren) that do not require the use of a microwave.

[Signature & Date](#)