

Middlesex School

COVID-19 Notice and Assumption of Risk

A critical component of Middlesex Schools ability to open successfully and manage a residential community through COVID-19 is a series of expectations of how members of the community will live, work and learn together. Because COVID-19 infects individuals by spreading across and within close community networks, it is essential that every one of us in the community enter into a shared obligation and commitment to act prudently, safely, and in accordance with School and public health directives.

COVID-19 is a highly infectious, life-threatening disease declared by the World Health Organization to be a global pandemic. There is no current vaccine for COVID-19. COVID-19's highly contagious nature means that contact with others or contact with surfaces that have been exposed to the virus, can lead to infection. Additionally, individuals who may have been infected with COVID-19 may be symptomatic for a period of time, or may never become symptomatic at all. Because of its highly contagious and sometimes "hidden" nature, it is currently very difficult to control the spread of COVID-19 or to determine whether, where, or how a specific individual may be exposed to it. Infection of COVID-19 may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and/or even death. Middlesex School is following the safeguards recommended by federal, state and local public health authorities to minimize the risks due to COVID-19, but we cannot eliminate the risks entirely. Acknowledging these risks, students are returning voluntarily to the campus of Middlesex School and assuming full responsibility for their health and risk of injury arising from possible exposure to COVID-19.

Middlesex has implemented new safety rules and precautions to help protect students and others on campus. These rules and precautions are set forth in the COVID-19 Handbook Addendum, in the Handbook, in the Statement of Community Understanding, are posted on the School's website, and may be updated at any time.

Students who violate any of the School's safety measures and protocols place at risk the health and safety of themselves and others in the community, and these violations consequently could result in their removal from campus housing, in-person classes, or other non-disciplinary or disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the School.

It is acknowledged that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at Middlesex School may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of the individual themselves and others, including, but not limited to, Middlesex employees, agents, contractors, volunteers, and students. You recognize that Middlesex cannot eradicate all potential sources of COVID-19 infection on or outside the campus. You acknowledge that you have had the opportunity to ask for and/or have received information that you may need to determine the risks associated with returning to the Middlesex campus and to make an informed assumption of those risks.

This notice is being sent to parents for an online acknowledgement and students will be asked to sign the notice after arrival.

My signature below indicates that I am at least eighteen years of age and that I read, understand, and agree to the above statements.

STUDENT:

(signature)

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(date)