

22nd August 2021

Dear Parents,

Following to the directives of the Abu Dhabi Emergency, Crisis, and Disasters Committee regarding the entry protocols for schools (Circular #PE/K12E2021/025), please find below the further clarifications concerning the PCR Testing and vaccination requirements.

First-entry and routine PCR testing requirements for students and staff		
Category	First-entry PCR testing requirements	Routine PCR testing requirements
Students 12+ and staff, and third-party contractors who are vaccinated	96-hour valid negative PCR test prior to the first day of physically attending school	Every 30 days
12-15 year-old students who are not vaccinated		Every 14 days
Students 16+ and staff, and third-party contractors with vaccination exemptions		Every 7 days
Students 6+ (including Students of Determination), staff, and third-party contractors returning from international travel during the academic year	96-hour valid negative PCR test prior to the first day of physically attending school post-travel*	According to the above categories, if applicable

Entry for individuals with incomplete vaccination journeys

We understand that many staff and students aged 16+ are facing challenges completing their vaccination journeys prior to the first day of school, therefore we have arranged for temporary entry allowances for the following categories:

- All students aged 16 and above who, for any reason (travel, unable to get an appointment, being previously exempt), will have started but not completed their vaccination journey before their first day of physically returning to school (completed dose 1, dose 2, or both doses but not the required 28 days).

Schools are allowed to approve physical return for this category.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

School Covid-19 Task Force Team