

Hello Families,

This plan was created using guidelines and resources from CDC, California Department of Public Health, Santa Barbara County Public Health, Licensing, Joffe Emergency Services, California Association of Independent Schools and other professional organizations and publications. The school staff has participated in a plethora of webinars and training.

Having students on campus for in-person learning is a priority for the school and to our families. Each family's choices impact the entire school community and the larger Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Barbara County.

Structure of classes:

Green Door:

- Split into 3 groups with one teacher per group
- 4th teacher will be the 'cleaner/floater'
- Groups will rotate use of their building and outside area
- Students in each group will remain with that group
 - May mix up groups mid year
- 5th teacher will be available for illness, extra support, etc.
- Samala/language room will be used as back up space due to weather or other need for an extra room.

Upper Campus:

- Each Door will be their own cohort/group
- Students stay in their respective Door and play area

Specialties:

- Teachers will teach their lessons outside as much as possible. On rare occasions, either due to weather or need for technology access, class may occur inside

Playground:

- Split the yard into sections. Classes will have a specific section for the day and rotate every week

Entry into school

- Three entrances:
 - Green Door through back 'Green Door' gate
 - Blue Door through back gate by tire swing
 - Red and Purple Door through front gate
 - Families with multi kids will be assigned a gate that works best for their family
- Staff will take own temperature and health check each day
- Daily health check with each student (may include temperature check)

Face coverings

- Students and Staff will wear a mask inside at all times. Masks are optional outside except in rare instances of close grouping activities.

Cleaning:

- Professional cleaning will occur every afternoon or early morning prior to school

Hygiene:

- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and outdoor areas
- Students will wash hands upon arrival, before snack and lunch, at transitions from outside to inside, etc.
- An isolation space will be designated for staff or a student that needs to be isolated due to possible illness while at school

Illness protocols:

- We are observing a 48 hour symptom free illness protocol which means a child needs to be symptom free for 48 hours or provide dr. note before returning to school.
- We ask all student exhibiting covid symptoms to also provide a negative test to return.
- See below for specific COVID protocols:

STUDENTS

- When a **student has a confirmed case** of COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status), they may:
 - Return to school on **Day 11 and** are fever-free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication **and** symptoms have improved **OR**
 - Return to school as early as **Day 6** with a negative test (on or after day 5; antigen test preferred) **and** are fever-free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication **and** symptoms have improved

Quarantine

- When an **unvaccinated student has had close contact* inside of school** with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19 and **both individuals were masked** at the time of the close contact:
 - **Standard quarantine** at home and return to school as early as **Day 11** if symptoms are improving **OR**
 - **Modified quarantine** at school (excluded from sports, extracurricular activities and school activities) **and** are symptom-free **and** test twice weekly (recommend immediate and again between days 5-7). Modified quarantine may end as early as **Day 8** with negative test (on or after day 5) **OR**
 - **Shortened quarantine** at home and return to school as early as **Day 8** with a negative test (on or after day 5) **and** are symptom-free
- When an **unvaccinated student has had close contact* inside of school** with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19 and **both parties were unmasked** at the time of the close contact:
 - **Standard quarantine** at home and return to school as early as **Day 11** if symptoms are improving **OR**
 - **Shortened quarantine** at home and return to school as early as **Day 8** with a negative test (on or after day 5) **and** are symptom-free
- When an **unvaccinated student has had close contact outside of school** with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19, they may:
 - Return to school on **Day 11** if symptom-free **OR**
 - Return to school on **Day 8** if they test negative (on or after day 5) **and** are symptom-free
 - For 14 days, wear mask, continue self monitoring, handwash, and avoid crowds
- When a **vaccinated** student has had close contact inside or outside of school** with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19:
 - Return to school provided there are no symptoms

- Recommend to test between days 5-7 from close contact (antigen preferred), monitor symptoms; SBCPHD recommends testing days 3-5 from close contact
- For 14 days, wear mask, continue self monitoring, handwash, and avoid crowds
- When a **student previously infected with COVID-19 within the last 90 days has had close contact inside or outside of school** with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19:
 - Return to school provided there are no symptoms: OR
 - If symptoms develop, they should test and remain home

RETURNING TO SCHOOL AND WORK: SYMPTOMATIC STUDENTS

Before returning to school or work, symptomatic students and employees:

- Must remain out of school or work for 10 days **unless**:
- they test negative and have improving symptoms,
- **OR** have an alternative diagnosis from a doctor,
- **OR** have a doctor provide documentation of a chronic condition.

***close contact** is defined within 6 feet from someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more within a 24-hours period

**CDPH has confirmed fully vaccinated includes a booster vaccine only for those 18 and over. Per the CDC, vaccinations are considered effective 14 days after the second dose (or first dose if J&J).