

BLUE OAK SCHOOL

COVID-19 PREVENTION AND IN-PERSON LEARNING OPERATIONS PLAN

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From Our Head of School



Dear Blue Oak Community,

Despite the many challenges we all face during this COVID-19 Pandemic, we can't wait for school to start! This summer at Blue Oak we have been busy planning both for an outstanding, dynamic and engaging distance-learning program, and for the day when we will be able to shift to in-person learning.

There are myriad details to both approaches, and we want to share as many details as we can at this time, knowing that the situation is fluid and we will have to adjust accordingly. Here we share how things will work in the new school year, under our current Health Department mandates.

Our task force teams have been hard at work and we are looking forward to sharing this comprehensive plan with you.

While we are trying to anticipate unexpected changes in cases, and conditions in the School and Community the situation is constantly evolving and we will be in immediate contact should significant changes occur. The primary communication will be done through the weekly Blue Oak Bulletin (BOB) and emails from the Head of School; virtual community meetings, parent meetings, our new learning management system, Canvas. We are also finalizing a dedicated COVID-19 page on [our website](#) that should be referred frequently for up to date information.

The strength of a community can in part be measured by its response to a crisis. During this challenging period, Blue Oak – students, faculty, staff, and parents – modeled compassion, resilience, and flexibility. What a positive message in a world in which uncertainty can undercut the joy of learning and hope for the future. **Blue Oak Strong!**

Be safe and be well,

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Health and Safety Framework

To help mitigate the spread of any infectious disease, our broad response plan includes these changes to our usual practices on campus:

- Grouping students into small, stable groups, with dedicated indoor and outdoor teaching spaces for each group to prevent group mixing
- Classroom redesign for social distancing, with students and teachers maintaining six feet of personal space, complete with a virtual learning option
- Designated outdoor classroom space for each grade
- Face coverings are required for all students (K-8) and adults
- Daily symptom screening and monitoring
- Staggered schedule and designated pick-up and drop-off locations
- Additional indoor and outdoor hand sanitizing and handwashing stations
- Significantly increase cleaning and sanitizing with addition of full-time janitor/maintenance service
- Enhanced and rigorous cleaning/sanitizing procedures on all high-touch surfaces
- Improved ventilation filtration, upgraded HVAC system to ensure sufficient airflow in all indoor areas on campus.
- Creation of an isolation room, on each campus, for students or staff who develop signs or symptoms of illness.
- Relocation and/or removal of classroom furnishings to minimize potential spread of germs (removal of most fabric-covered furniture, pillows, blankets, stuffed animals, etc.) and ensure 6 feet distance
- Placement of signs and other visual reminders on campus to remind students, faculty, staff and visitors of the safety protocols that need to be followed.

Guiding Principles

We have synergistic goals as the 2020-21 school year begins:

- Keep faculty, staff and students safe
- Be nimble and ready to deliver instruction in any phase of opening (distance learning, blended/hybrid, in-person)
- Create high-quality, equitable learning environments for students
- Make data informed decisions, policies and procedures using guidance from public health and government authorities
- Involve community in solutions and implementation
- Focus on whole child education considering emotional well-being





1. Create Small and Stable Groups

To eliminate intermingling of large groups of students, each grade will remain in small, stable groups of approximately 12-20 students. Exclusive-use spaces will be assigned to groups allowing each student to adhere to the currently available California Department of Public Health Return to School guidelines and provide appropriate levels of social distancing in each space. Teams of administrators and teachers have collaborated closely to balance the groups and maintain as many of Blue Oak's unique programming options as possible.

- **Lower School**

- + Each class will stay as a stable group of approximately 12-20 students.
- + Teachers will travel between the groups, instead of students moving from classroom to classroom.
- + Specialist teachers will minimize contact with multiple groups by reducing the number of visits per week, teaching in a block schedule, focusing one grade at a time for a period of deeper curricular exploration, or conducting lessons via zoom.
- + Each group will have access to indoor and outdoor space with dedicated doorways and paths to avoid mixing.
- + Staggered start times, scheduled movements around campus and communication between teachers will ensure that groups do not mix with other stable classrooms.

- **Middle School**

- + Each group will stay as a stable group of approximately 12-20 students.
- + Groups will move to specialized classrooms for subjects that require equipment and curriculum that cannot be moved to their designated classroom; science, art, music.

- + Specialist teachers will minimize contact with multiple groups by reducing the number of visits per week, teaching in a block schedule, focusing one grade at a time for a period of deeper curricular exploration, or conducting lessons via zoom.
- + Ample time between group movement will be scheduled to allow for classroom sanitizing, airing out the classroom and hygiene routines for teachers and students.
- + Staggered start times, scheduled group movement and communication between teachers will ensure that groups do not mix.

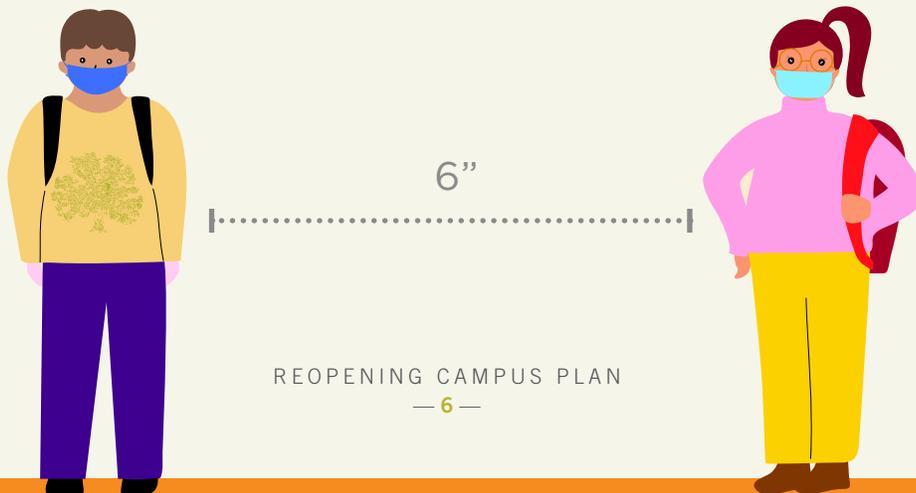
- All typical cross-grade level activities such as assemblies, advisories, lunch, recess, reading buddies, and athletics will take place within a specific group or be conducted virtually (e.g. reading buddies connecting with each other virtually through technology).
- Field trips requiring transportation or visiting an indoor facility will be suspended during this time.
- Aftercare and after school classes may be suspended depending on the level of risk within the community and the current phase of reopening.



2. Physical and Social Distancing

Social distancing is an important safety and health protocol for staff and students, which means staying 6 feet away from others at all times as a normal practice.

- Directional signage and markings on the floor will be placed in common areas, staircases and corridors.
- Maximize the use of outdoor spaces as much as practical and continue to maintain 6 feet distance while outdoors.
- Each group will have designated outdoor spaces for play and learning and a coordinated schedule and pathway to ensure there is no group mixing.
- Classroom furniture has been removed or rearranged to allow for sufficient physical distancing between individuals.
- Where it is feasible, desks will be placed 6 feet apart and arranged in a way to reduce face-to-face contact (a minimum of 4 feet is allowed under certain conditions).
- Non-essential visitors will not be allowed on campus to minimize the number of people on campus at any given time.
- Soft furnishings including bean bags, area rugs, cushions, etc. have been stored and replaced with furniture that can be easily sanitized.
- Signage and physical reminders will ensure people on-campus strive to stay a minimum of 6 feet away from other people at all times.
- Playground policies will minimize usage by implementing a maximum daily usage of two stable groups per day, with students wearing masks and washing hands before and after playground times. This means students will rotate weekly through playground areas, but, for the week, they are using a specific portion of the playground.
- Plexiglass barriers have been placed in classrooms between tables and desks in addition to physical distance.





3. PPE Face Coverings and Shields

All students, staff and visitors are required to wear appropriate face coverings.

- **Face Shields:** Teachers may use face shields (without a face covering) under certain circumstances, but the face shield must include a cloth drape attached across the bottom and tucked into their shirt. Students grades K-2 may use face shields instead of a face covering as long they can maintain physical distance from others, to the extent practicable.
- **Masks and or approved face coverings** are required at all times when in the presence of others and when moving throughout the building, unless eating and/ or drinking.
- For some students, required masks may be challenging, and the school will work with families who need exceptions. The school will maintain a supply of disposal masks should they be needed. It is strongly recommended that families work with their children to find what works best by reviewing the [CDC guidance](#) on face coverings for children and practicing at home..
- **Mask Protocols:**
 - + Parents are asked to bring two clean masks per day, labeled with their child's name. Two masks allow for a mask to be swapped out after lunch if it becomes dirty.
 - + Masks should fit snugly on the face while covering both the nose and mouth.
 - + Bandanas and neck gaiters are not acceptable options as masks.
 - + N95 masks are not recommended for general use on campus.
 - + Masks with valves attached to them are not permitted, as the valves increase the number of respiratory droplets released into the air.
 - + Masks should align with our current dress code ethic "not allowed to wear clothing that displays offensive or vulgar expressions or hurtful messages or that advocates for alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.



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4. Intensify Cleaning, Disinfection, and Ventilation

Blue Oak has expanded its cleaning and custodial bandwidth by hiring the school's first full-time janitor to achieve enhanced and rigorous daily cleaning procedures.

- “High Touch” areas will be disinfected multiple times each day. This includes table/desktops, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.
- Whenever possible, windows and interior doors in classrooms and offices will remain open for fresh air circulation.
- Improved central air filtration for HVAC systems with targeted filter rating of MERV 13
- New detailed protocols for campus cleaning and disinfecting -- throughout the school day as well as in the evening and/or over weekends -- have been developed and will be put into effect as soon as the campus reopens.
- The campus will be cleaned and sanitized in accordance with CDC guidelines at the end of each school day when children are not present.
- Teachers and students (where age appropriate) will maintain cleaning of their classroom area, desk, and any shared materials throughout the day.
- School supplies, toys, and play structures will be cleaned regularly throughout the day. Difficult to clean play areas may be closed.
- Drinking fountains and similar site resources will be closed/suspended.
- Disinfection products chosen will be approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - approved list “N” with product instructions strictly followed.
- To ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants, employees will be trained and products will be kept away from students.
- To ensure proper ventilation during cleaning and disinfecting, doors and windows will be opened and cleaning will occur during times when students are using outdoor classroom space for extended periods of time or before/after school.
- Middle School students have their own personal supplies they carry with them from class to class.





5. Pick-up/drop-off Procedures and Movement Within the School

To ensure physical and social distance, new procedures will take place during times of movement and potential group mixing.

- Blue Oak will have designated routes, staggered pick-up/drop-off times and procedures that reduce or eliminate the need for parents to enter past the gate for each campus.
- Drop-off/Pick-up will take place outside the school gates at a designated time with student screenings before entering the campus. If a parent is walking their student to the gate, a mask must be worn and 6 feet social distancing maintained.
- Each Blue Oak School building has multiple entrances/exits, each of which is in the direct path of a bathroom or wash station. Each grade will be assigned to their own entrance or an entrance that is not shared with more than one group of students. This permits students to wash hands immediately upon entering or re-entering the building.
- The class schedule has been adapted to regulate the movement of student groups such that class transitions and movement of classes/students to and from the bathrooms and wash stations do not coincide.
- Student groups will eat lunch outside, whenever practical or in their classroom, not in a common area. Outdoor play has been scheduled such that only one group at a time is in one play area at a time.
- A specific drop-area has been established at an outside location for the delivering of any missed items (i.e. forgotten lunch, school forms, etc) to eliminate non-essential visits.





6. Hygiene and Handwashing

Healthy hygiene practices are essential to the health and safety of our community. Blue Oak will teach and reinforce washing hands; avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth; and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.

Students and staff will wash their hands frequently throughout the day, including before and after eating; after coughing or sneezing; after handling shared items, (such as outside PE/recreation, art, or music); and before and after using the restroom. Hand washing and hand sanitizing regimens will also be built into the school day. For example, scheduled hand washing/hand sanitizer will take place:

- + arrival at school
- + entering and leaving classroom
- + in/out bathroom
- + before/after lunch
- Students and staff are reminded to use tissues to wipe their nose and to cough/sneeze inside a tissue or their elbow.
- Students and staff are required to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or with hand sanitizer, before eating, after going to the bathroom or after wiping their nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Hand hygiene stations are set up near the entrance for students and staff to use immediately after they arrive.
- New indoor and outdoor handwashing and hand sanitizing stations will be installed across campus for every group.
- Signage related to COVID-19 safety, including masks, physical distancing, directional traffic flow, handwashing, etc. will be visible around campus.

Sharing

- Blue Oak will teach and reinforce the strict limitations on the sharing of supplies, materials, clothing, equipment, and food. Limitations for sharing include but are not limited to:
 - + Each child's personal belongings will be kept separate from others.
 - + Blue Oak will ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible.
 - + Protocols will be in place for cleaning and disinfecting necessary shared equipment between each use.





7. Communication and Training

Communication is essential for mitigating the risk of COVID-19. Communication protocols have been established to ensure clear, consistent, and empathetic communication in place for all COVID-19 related issues. Reporting potential Covid-19 symptoms, exposures and hazards should be directed to the COVID-19 Health Coordinator, strict confidentiality will be observed.

The primary tools Blue Oak School uses to communicate with families are the weekly Blue Oak Bulletin (BOB) and emails from the Head of School; virtual community meetings, parent meetings, a new learning management system, Canvas, and a dedicated COVID-19 page that is currently in development on the Blue Oak School website (blueoakschool.org). Blue Oak also has the ability to send group text messages to the community, which will only be used for brief urgent communications. Please add our dedicated emergency text number “888-356-3464” to your contacts so you can quickly identify urgent messages from the School. Although you will be able to reply to an emergency message, this number isn’t intended as an ongoing message exchange. Parents and employees are asked to add this number to their cell phone contacts as BOS Communications.

Training

- All faculty and staff will receive training in new protocols for preventing the spread of COVID-19, including what to do if a student shows signs of illness while on campus.
- Families and students will receive frequent communication and training in these protocols as well.
- Provide staff training and educational materials to families including but not limited to:
 - + Physical distancing guidelines
 - + Proper use, removal, and washing of face coverings
 - + Screening practices
 - + Enhanced hygiene and sanitation practices
 - + How COVID-19 is spread
 - + COVID-19 specific symptom identification and when to seek medical attention
 - + Plan and procedures for staff to follow when children or adults become sick at school.
 - + Plan and procedure to protect employees and students from COVID-19 illness.
 - + Changes in and expectations for shifting learning models.
 - + Educating the community about health and safety policies and protocols.





8. Health Screenings for Students and Staff

Students: Students/families are required to self-screen at home. On a daily basis, prior to arrival on campus, parents will need to fill out a health screening form via the a health safety app (AUXS safety app) downloaded by each parent, to confirm the self-screening has been completed. MUST ANSWER NO to the following questions to come to school:

1. Is your child experiencing, or have experienced in the last 24 hours, any of these ongoing symptoms:
 - cough/shortness of breath
 - fever > 100.4
 - sore throat
 - headache
 - chills/body aches
 - runny nose
 - nausea, vomiting
 - diarrhea
 - loss of taste or smell that have not been cleared by the COVID coordinator?
2. Is someone in your home experiencing any of these ongoing symptoms that have not been cleared by the covid coordinator: cough/shortness of breath, fever > 100.4, sore throat, headache, chills/body aches, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell?
3. Has anyone in your home been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has your child had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
4. My child's temperature is below 100.4 F?

Students will also be screened before entry to school.

- + Each student's temperature will be taken with a touchless thermometer
- + We will ask them the same two questions listed above.
- + All students are required to use a squirt of hand sanitizer on their hands before entering the building





8. Health Screenings for Students and Staff, continued

Faculty and Staff: Faculty and staff will be required to complete the health screening form before leaving home and arriving at school. An employee **MUST ANSWER NO** to these following questions to come to school:

1. Are you experiencing, or have experienced in the last 24 hours, any of these ongoing symptoms:
 - cough/shortness of breath
 - fever > 100.4
 - sore throat
 - headache
 - chills/body aches
 - runny nose
 - nausea, vomiting
 - diarrhea
 - loss of taste or smell that have not been cleared by the COVID coordinator?
2. Is someone in your home experiencing any of these ongoing symptoms that have not been cleared by the covid coordinator: cough/shortness of breath, fever > 100.4, sore throat, headache, chills/body aches, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell?
3. Have you or anyone in your home been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has your child had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
4. My temperature is below 100.4 F?

Faculty/staff will be screened before entry to school.

- + Employee temperature will be taken with a touchless thermometer
- + Employees will display GREEN AUXS pass
- + Employees will be required all to use hand sanitizer before entering the building

Caution is imperative in order to keep everyone safe and keep school open.

If you are not feeling 100% - do not come to school. ie. fever, cough, runny nose, Nausea, diarrhea, loss of smell/taste, headache, body aches, or even if you just feel "off." Covid symptoms can be nonspecific.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>



9. Illness and Reporting

As many children with Covid-19 may have mild symptoms, for communities with high rates of disease, distinguishing between Covid-19 illness and a non Covid-19 illness is very difficult. In an effort to keep our rates of disease below the 5% of total population threshold for closing the school, this year, children and staff with any illness with COVID-19 like symptoms must either provide a negative test or wait out the minimum 10 days + 1 day without symptoms before returning to school.

Suspected/Possible Case

- If a child has runny nose, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell, they must be kept home a MINIMUM of 10 days + 1 day symptom free. Unless a negative Covid-19 test is presented, assuring the school that the child's illness is not Covid-19. If test is negative, then the child may return sooner if they have been 24 hours without temperature >100.4.
- If a child is sick with symptoms of illness that is suspicious for COVID-19, their sibling(s) will also be asked to stay at home until cleared by their doctor. This will prevent an asymptomatic sibling unknowingly shedding the virus at school.
- Students who begin to experience symptoms after their arrival at school will be immediately escorted to the designated isolation room to describe their symptoms for documentation. Anyone interacting with the student must wear a mask, gloves, and other PPE as appropriate. A Blue Oak Health Coordinator will provide a reassuring atmosphere for the student and notify their family immediately so that the student may be picked up. Custodial staff must wait 24 hours before cleaning the isolation room.

Confirmed Positive Case

- Students who test positive for COVID-19, or have a member of their household test positive for COVID-19, will need to remain off-campus until isolation or quarantine time is complete, as directed by local health authorities. If a child lives in a household with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the child may be required to procure a negative test for COVID-19 before returning to campus.
- Any positive COVID-19 tests in the school community must immediately be reported to Blue Oak School so that thorough contact tracing can be conducted and individuals who were in close contact with the person who has received a positive test can be notified without disclosing personal identifiable information of students or staff.
- Blue Oak will work closely with the Napa County Public Health Department to determine through contact tracing if the affected child's group and additional individuals will need to be quarantined. For students who need to quarantine, Blue Oak will provide remote learning opportunities for the duration of the quarantine.

9. Illness and Reporting, continued

- Any affected classrooms or common areas or the entire school must be properly cleaned before areas are reopened.
- The school will follow Napa County protocols for a student diagnosed with COVID-19 to return to school.
- Sick students/faculty/staff are not to return to campus until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation.
- We strongly recommend that all students and staff be immunized each autumn against influenza unless contraindicated by personal medical conditions. This will help protect the school community, reduce demands on health care facilities, decrease illnesses that cannot be readily distinguished from COVID-19 thereby reducing the likelihood of triggering extensive measures from the school and public health authorities.

Testing

- Teachers and staff will be tested every two months as testing capacity allows.
- Families are encouraged to test on a regular basis as capacity allows.



10. Identification and Contact Tracing

Per Napa County Department of Public Health guidelines, Blue Oak School will document incidents of possible exposure and notify Public Health officials, staff, and families immediately of any exposure to a positive case of COVID-19 at school while maintaining confidentiality, as required under FERPA and state law related to privacy of educational records. Specific tracing steps include:

- + Creation of a Pandemic Response Team and designated staff liaisons, and a COVID-19 Health Coordinator, to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns.
- + Daily attendance records of students, faculty and staff are maintained which can aid in tracing of contacts.
- + The School schedule can aid in determining the movement of students throughout the school day to aid in the tracing of contacts.
- + COVID-19 Health Coordinator will be trained in contact tracing, tracking and documentation of possible exposure, and will contact local health officials, staff, and families in a prompt and responsible manner when appropriate.





11. Considerations for Partial or Total Closures

In consultation with the Napa County Public Health Officer, Blue Oak will determine if/when to enact a partial or full closure. School campus closure may be appropriate when there are multiple cases in multiple cohorts or when at least 5 percent of the total number of teachers/student/staff are cases within a 14-day period. The Local Health Officer may also determine school closure is warranted for other reasons, including results from public health investigation or other local epidemiological data.

If student/staff member has symptoms, they will be sent home and it is recommended they be tested. The school/classroom remains open until a case is confirmed positive. If the test returns positive, refer to graph below.

Napa County Public Health COVID-19 Notification Requirements for Schools

	Scenario	Action	Communication
1	A student or staff member either exhibits Covid-19 symptoms, answers YES to a health screening question, or has a temperature of 100.4 or above.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send student or staff home until they can answer NO to all self-checker questions. If the student or staff member was symptomatic, they must not return until at least 24 hours has passed since the last fever, defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications and improvement in symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Group OPEN 	No action is needed.
2	A family member or someone in close contact with a student or staff member test positive for Covid-19. Student or staff member is currently not symptomatic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send student or staff home until they can answer NO to all self-checker questions. Student or staff should be quarantined at home for 14 days after the last known close contact with the case. Group OPEN 	To: Student families and Staff Template letter: Household Member or contact with COVID-19
3	A student or staff member has exposure to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test. The student or staff member is symptomatic but has delayed test results.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The symptomatic student or staff member must not return until at least 24 hours has passed since last fever, defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications and improvement in symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Group CLOSED for 14 days from last exposure 	To: Student families and Staff Template letter: Probable COVID-19 in Group
4	A student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The symptomatic student or staff member must not return until at least 24 hours has passed since last fever, defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications and improvement in symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Group CLOSED for 14 days from last exposure 	To: Student families and Staff Template letter: Confirmed COVID-19 in Group

Four Stages of Opening

Level	Action
1 LEVEL 1 LOW RISK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campuses open for normal in-person learning • Guidance from Napa County, state of CA, and other trusted authorities indicates low risk • Government guidance encourages reopening • Infection rates are declining and traceable • BOS is confident in its ability to mitigate risk when school is fully open
2 LEVEL 2 MODERATE RISK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrid/Blended learning schedules with in-person learning • Prioritizing lower grades return to in-person learning • Guidance from Napa County, the State of CA, and other trusted authorities indicates risk exists • Infection and community transmission rates locally are confined and/or traceable • BOS can mitigate risk with enhanced measures and reduced numbers on campus • After-school programs modified
3 LEVEL 3 ELEVATED RISK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some in-person learning with a hybrid/blended learning schedule • Guidance from Napa County, the state of CA, and other trusted authorities indicates elevated risk • Government guidance allows reopening but is inconclusive or vague • BOS can mitigate risk with enhanced measures and reduced numbers on campus • After-school programs suspended
4 LEVEL 4 HIGH RISK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance Learning: Students are not on campus • Social Distance and Shelter in Place measures set by Public Health • Infection and community transmission rates locally are rising and/or remaining at concerning levels • Known outbreaks within the BOS community • BOS does not believe it can effectively mitigate risk and ensure safety





12. Ensure Teacher and Staff Safety

Blue Oak School is committed to ensuring the safety of our teachers and staff members. The following COVID-19 prevention policies and practices will be implemented, monitored, and adjusted as new information and guidelines become available.

Blue Oak School will:

- Ensure staff maintain physical distancing from each other because this is critical to reducing transmission between adults.
- Ensure that all staff use face coverings in accordance with CDPH guidelines and Cal/OSHA standards.
- Support staff who are at higher risk for severe illness or who cannot safely distance from household contacts at higher risk, by providing options such as telework, where appropriate, or teaching in a virtual learning or independent study context.
- Conduct all staff meetings, professional development training and education, and other activities involving staff with physical distancing measures in place, or virtually, where physical distancing is a challenge.
- Minimize the use of and congregation of adults in staff rooms, break rooms, and other settings.
- Implement procedures for daily symptom monitoring for staff.





13. Community Responsibility

Blue Oak School will actively work to articulate, explain, and encourage healthy behavior among students, employees, and families, both in and out of school. We will strive to foster a collective spirit in which we take care of ourselves, our Blue Oak community members, and people in the wider community. Our ability to mitigate risk for our community relies heavily on all of us committing to maintaining and enhancing a culture of health, safety, and shared responsibility. More than ever, our personal behaviors will affect the health of our entire community.

- **Practice at home with your child:** washing hands, wearing a mask, and social distancing when around people outside of your immediate household.
- **Reporting Illness or Exposure:** It is the duty of parents and guardians to disclose to Blue Oak if they, their children attending Blue Oak, or anyone else with whom the child cohabitates have tested positive for COVID-19 or if their child attending Blue Oak is a primary close contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. It is also the duty of employees to disclose to Blue Oak if they or anyone else with whom they cohabitate have tested positive for COVID-19 or if they are a primary close contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- **Prior to our Return:** We ask all families to please stay current on Napa County guidance and stay-at-home orders, particularly in the two weeks leading up to the return to campus. Every family's adherence to virus mitigation best practice, as detailed by the county, is crucial to a consistent on-campus educational experience for our students.
- **Testing:** Data shows that consistent community testing is especially effective at reducing virus clusters and transmission. Families are encouraged to test on a regular basis as capacity allows.
- We expect everyone in our community to follow CDC and state/county guidelines at school and at home. Without adherence to these ordinances, virus mitigation becomes far more difficult. Most recent local mandates and information can be found at [Napa County Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) webpage](#).





Thank You

We know that these are difficult times to navigate, as parents, family members, friends, and workers. We appreciate your support and insight. Please know that we are working diligently and thoughtfully as we move forward. I want to specially our entire faculty and staff who have spent many summer hours on committees, task forces, and faculty meetings to well prepare Blue Oak for the months ahead. Their commitment to the children we serve is admirable. Be well and stay safe.

References and Resources

[Napa County Office of Education: Considerations for Reopening Schools During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[COVID-19 INDUSTRY GUIDANCE: Schools and SchoolBased Programs](#)

[COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools](#)

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Considerations for Schools](#)

[Cal/OSHA COVID-19 General Checklist for Schools and School-Based Programs](#)

[Napa Country Information on Coronavirus \(Novel Coronavirus 2019\)](#)

[Napa County and Public Health COVID 19 and Youth FAQs](#)

[CDC guidance on face coverings for children](#)

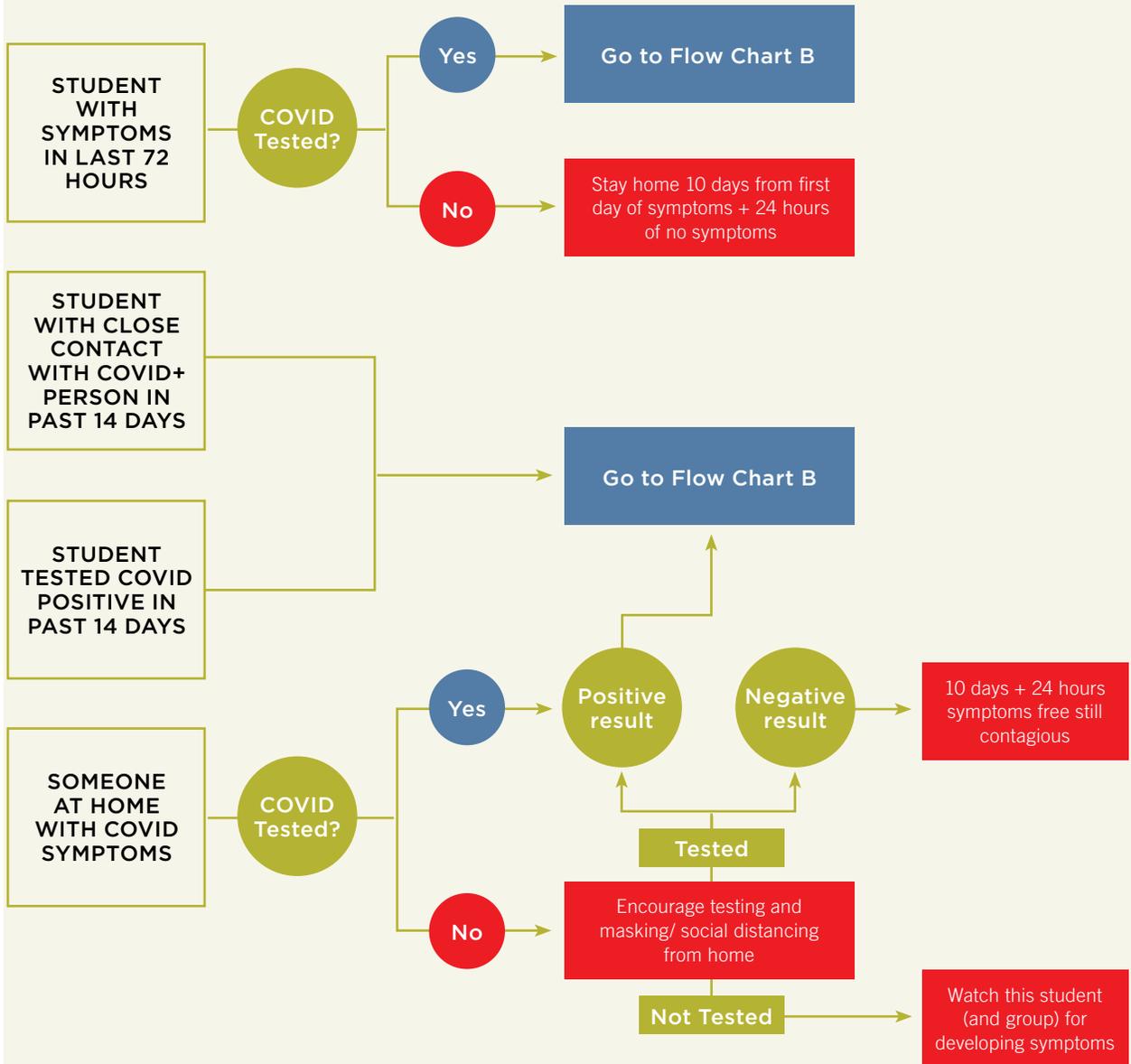
[CDC: COVID-19 and Children](#)

[Blue Oak School's 2020-21 Calendar of Major Dates](#)

[2020-21 BOS Website Calendar](#)



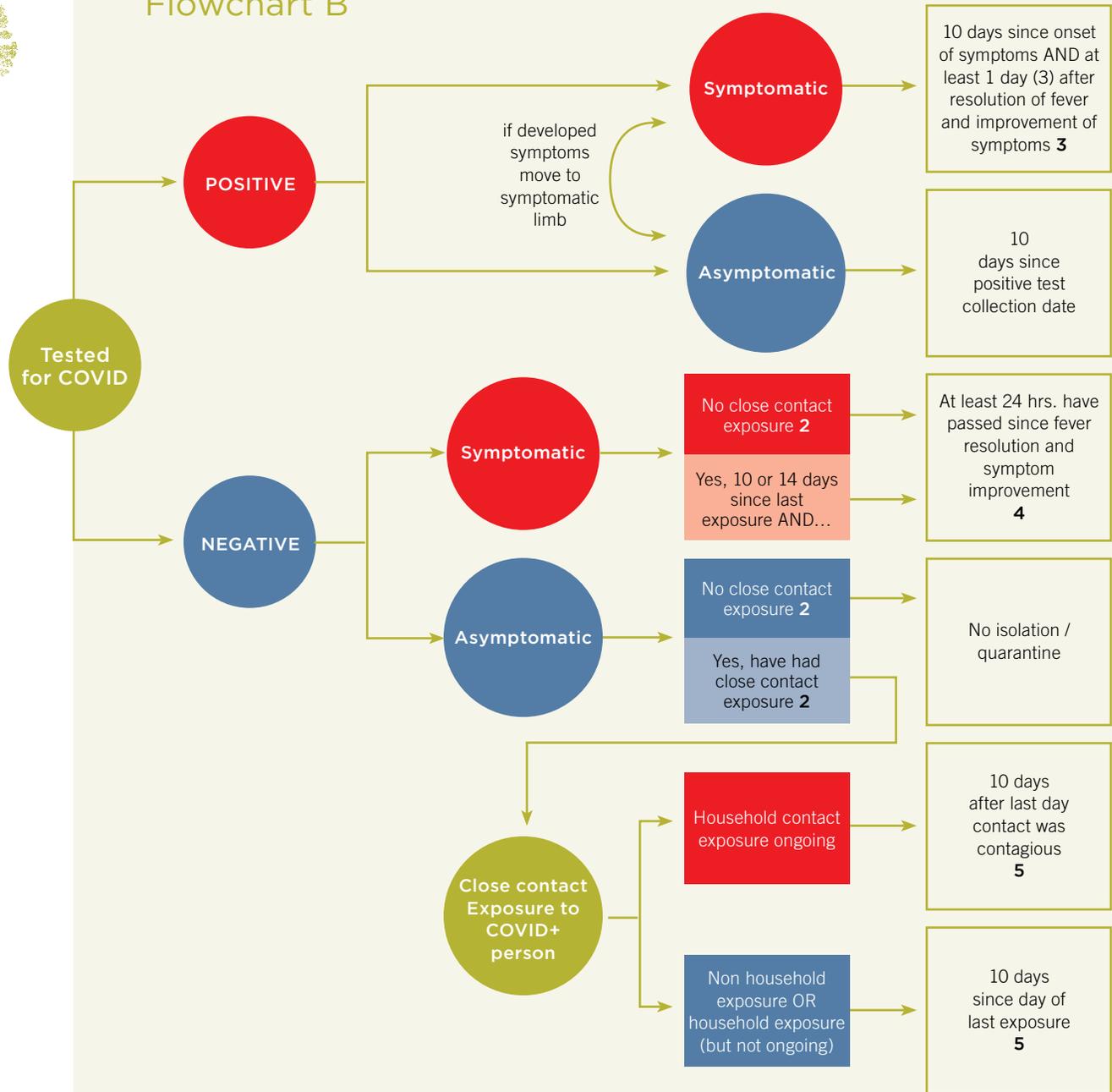
Flowchart A



- * Any student who tests positive for COVID must bring a doctor's note to verify date of safe return to campus
- * Any student who has a household member testing positive for COVID-19 must bring a doctor's note to verify date of safe return to campus
- * All students with any symptoms of illness listed in the symptoms screener must stay home 10 days from onset of symptoms + 24 hour 100% symptom free without medication (unless COVID tested and negative, whereas they can potentially return to campus sooner, at 72 hours since complete symptoms resolution)



Flowchart B



1 Children who were not tested but have symptoms, considered presumed positive and should isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms.

2 Close Contact is defined as being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a person with COVID 19 for a total duration of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period.

3 CDC updated their guidance on July 20. CDPH and most of counties in NCAL have adopted the CDC guidance. Please refer to your county specific recommendations.

4 Return to school and end of quarantine for symptomatic COVID negative children may vary by public health department. Please check your specific county website for exact isolation recommendation.

5 The new CDC quarantine option is adopted by CDPH and increasing number of local counties. Please check your local county website. The 10 days option is with or without testing. CDC continues to recommend 14 days of quarantine if possible; if quarantine is shortened to 10 days, all infection measures including masking, social distancing, and self monitoring for symptoms must continue through the 14 days from date of last exposure.