

BLUE OAK SCHOOL

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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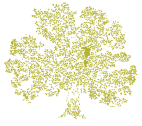


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We are pleased to share that the school will reopen fully in-person this year. We continue to monitor [CDPH](#) and [CDC](#) guidelines, and work closely with NCOE and NCPH to align our plans with current recommendations and scientific research. Dr. Karen Relucio (Napa County Health Officer and Deputy Director of HHSA) plans to closely follow CDPH guidelines and not issue Napa specific guidance.

Accordingly, here are some of the highlights of our Covid safety plan for the 2021-2022 year. **Please note that these guidelines are subject to review and will change as the Covid situation changes.**

Masking

- Masking/face coverings are required indoors for all children and adults, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, except A. in their own residence solely with members of their own household; or B. when working in a closed room or office; or C. when actively performing an activity that cannot be done while wearing a face covering, such as actively eating or drinking, swimming, showering in a fitness facility, or obtaining a medical or cosmetic service requiring temporary removal of a face covering to perform the service; or D. as specifically exempted from use of face coverings under the guidance of CDPH such as to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired or where a face covering poses a safety risk.
- Masking outdoors will be optional, though strongly recommended for those who remain unvaccinated.





Distancing

Physical distancing will not be required. Therefore:

- Field trips will be allowed, including those involving travel and over-nights.

For trips requiring parent drives, parents will need to provide proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test within the week prior to the trip.

- Cross-cohort mixing will be allowed. Up and down staircase traffic patterns will be removed. Bathrooms will be open to all students, not limited to grade levels.
- Whole school/campus gatherings will be allowed
- Individual student desks will be removed and replaced with tables, as was previously the case.



Safety Mitigation Strategies

- **Ventilation** - we will continue to implement our ventilation and filtering procedures including HVAC/MERV 13 air filters; air purifiers; and opening windows and doors whenever possible to increase air flow.
- **Masking** (see above)
- **Temperature checks** will no longer be administered by the school. However, parents and staff will be required to conduct temperature checks at home when completing the AUXS safety app, as we did last year.
- We will continue to follow our hand-washing/sanitizing practices from this past year.
- Classrooms, common spaces and surfaces will be cleaned or sanitized daily.





Illness

- **When sick, stay home.**
- Students and staff with symptoms of COVID-19 infection will not be able to return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to school for those with symptoms:
 - + At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and
 - + Other symptoms have improved; and
 - + They have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2, OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus), OR at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.

Vaccines and Testing

Earlier this week, Governor Newsom issued [a new health order](#) requiring “all school staff (public and private) to either show proof of full vaccination or be tested at least once per week.” The CDPH provided [more context](#):

“The COVID-19 pandemic remains a significant challenge in California. COVID-19 vaccines are effective in reducing infection, serious disease, hospitalization, and death. At present, 63% of Californians 12 years of age and older are fully vaccinated with an additional 10% partially vaccinated. Children under the age of 12 are not currently eligible for any authorized vaccines.

California is currently experiencing the fastest increase in COVID-19 cases during the entire pandemic with 22.7 new cases per 100,000 people per day, with case rates increasing tenfold since early June. The Delta variant, which is two times more contagious than the original virus, is currently the most common variant causing new infections in California.

Unvaccinated persons are more likely to get infected and spread the virus, which is transmitted through the air. Most current hospitalizations and deaths are among unvaccinated adults. Almost all K-6th graders are unvaccinated and will not be eligible for vaccines at the outset of the 2021-22 school year. Additionally, although some 7-12th grade students will be fully vaccinated by the start of the school year, many will not. As of August 10, 2021, less than 41% of Californians 12 to 17 years old were fully vaccinated.

Vaccination against COVID-19 is the most effective means of preventing infection with the COVID-19 virus, and subsequent transmission and outbreaks. Current CDPH K-12 guidance strongly recommends vaccination for all eligible individuals, thereby reducing COVID-19 rates throughout the community, including in schools, and creating a wrap-around safety layer for unvaccinated students. This Order, consistent with this recommendation, requires verification of vaccination status among eligible K-12 school workers, and establishes diagnostic screening testing of unvaccinated workers to minimize the risk that they will transmit while on K-12 school campuses, where a majority of students are not vaccinated and younger students are not yet eligible for vaccines.”



Travel

We will follow current [CDPH travel guidance](#)

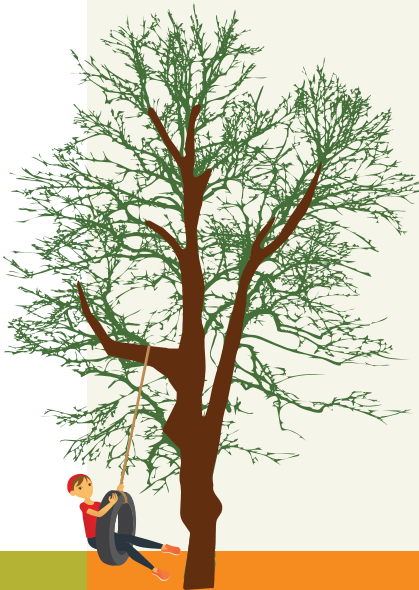
Quarantining

In schools, fully vaccinated people can:

- Spend time with other fully vaccinated people outdoors without wearing masks, except when attending crowded outdoor events, such as live performances, parades, fairs, festivals, sports events, or other similar settings.
- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic.
- Following a known exposure at school, fully vaccinated people do not need to quarantine if asymptomatic

In schools, when exposed to Covid, unvaccinated people must follow the following protocols:

- If both parties were wearing a mask in the indoor classroom setting, unvaccinated students who are close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet indoors) may undergo a modified 10-day quarantine as follows. They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:
 1. Are asymptomatic;
 2. Continue to appropriately mask, as required;
 3. Undergo at least twice weekly testing during the 10-day quarantine; and
 4. Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.





Quarantining, cont'd.

- **Quarantine recommendations for:** unvaccinated [close contacts](#) who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the indoor exposure; or unvaccinated students as described above. For these contacts, those who remain asymptomatic, meaning they have NOT had any symptoms, may discontinue self-quarantine under the following conditions:
 1. Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing;
OR
 2. Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative.
- To discontinue quarantine before 14 days following last known exposure, asymptomatic close contacts must:
 1. Continue daily self-monitoring for symptoms through Day 14 from last known exposure; AND
 2. Follow all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., wearing a mask when around others, hand washing, avoiding crowds) through Day 14 from last known exposure. If any symptoms develop during this 14-day period, the exposed person must immediately isolate, get tested and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care.

Visitors on Campus: Visitors are allowed on campus, both children and adults. All visitors must follow the school's relevant safety protocols.