

COVID-19 Safety Protocols

Student & Staff Health Tracking

Parents are asked to report any student illness or diagnosis of/exposure to a COVID-19 positive case to the school so that school health personnel can follow-up appropriately to confirm any next steps. Similarly, staff members are required to report any symptoms related to their absence to their principal or direct supervisor.

Face Coverings

BCS provides single-use face masks for students and staff who desire to wear and need them. It is strongly recommended that anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or been exposed to a positive case wear a mask while indoors for at least 10 days following diagnosis or exposure. This is a requirement for staff per CalOSHA.

Ventilation

We maximize the quantity of outside air for all classrooms/offices with mechanical or natural ventilation systems by evaluating and optimizing all HVAC systems. Teachers and staff ensure that the HVAC fan is set to run at all times throughout the day and cross-ventilation is maintained in classrooms. Additionally, all instructional and public spaces are provided with HEPA-based air purifiers.

Hand Hygiene

All classrooms and restrooms are equipped with sinks containing touchless soap and paper towel dispensers. Outdoor sinks are also dispersed throughout campus to help expedite more frequent hand washing for all students. Automatic hand sanitizer machines are provided at the entry to each classroom as well as in key high traffic areas. Bottles of hand sanitizer are also provided in high traffic areas and available for staff to use as needed. Staff and students follow regular daily washing (with soap and water for 20 seconds) regimens.

Vaccination

Per current [public health order](#), vaccination of all school workers is required. As such, all staff are required to either present a proof of their vaccination status to human resources or submit a negative test result weekly. Additionally, any parents who wish to volunteer onsite (i.e. hot lunch) are also required to be vaccinated in order to be on campus and volunteer.

Responding to COVID-19 Exposures

In alignment with the [Santa Clara County Public Health Department \(SCCPHD\) guidelines](#), all potential cases or close contact cases are investigated thoroughly by school administration and health personnel. In the event of a reported positive case or close contact, the following guidelines are followed to inform the necessary individuals and support those affected.

In the case of an COVID-19 exposure onsite:

- The positive individual will be isolated (if onsite) and instructed to isolate for at least 5 days from positive test collection.
- Close contacts to the positive case* will be notified and provided with appropriate quarantine information.**
- An email with information regarding the exposure will be sent to all families and staff identified as possible close contacts of the positive individual(s).
- Custodial staff will be notified to ensure that appropriate cleaning and disinfection of the space occupied takes place.
- Staff will report the positive case and any close contacts as required to our insurance provider (CharterSafe) and to the Santa Clara County Public Health Department.

A student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 will be allowed back on site only if:

- 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications and COVID-19 symptoms have improved; **AND**
- They are asymptomatic or symptoms improving; **AND**
- They provide a negative test result (antigen preferred) from on/after day 5 after positive test collection; **OR**
- At least 10 days have passed since the date of specimen collection of their first positive COVID-19 test.

* Consistent with [CDPH Group-Tracing guidance](#), BCS defines someone who spent more than a cumulative total of 15 minutes (within a 24-hour time period) in a shared indoor airspace (e.g., classroom, office) with a positive COVID-19 case during their period of infectiousness (48-hours) as a close contact.

** Vaccinated students and staff identified as close contacts may remain in school/onsite. If unvaccinated, a 5-day quarantine will be required with the opportunity to return on Day 6 if a negative test result can be provided. Consistent with [SCCPHD exposure guidelines](#), all students (regardless of vaccination status) are recommended to test 3-5 days following the exposure and strongly recommended to wear a mask while indoors for at least 10 days following exposure. This is a requirement for staff per CalOSHA.