

**Cate School COVID-19  
Prevention Program  
(CPP)**

# I. Purpose

The purpose of the School's COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) is to provide employees a healthy and safe workplace as required under the California Occupational Safety and Health Act (Labor Code §§ 6300, *et seq.*) and associated regulations (8 C.C.R. § 3205).

Nothing in this CPP precludes the School from complying with federal, state, or local laws or guidance that recommends or requires measures that are more prescriptive and/or restrictive than are provided herein.

Cate School is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all employees, students, families and visitors to campus. People are our most important asset and having a safe and healthy workplace is of primary importance. Employee involvement is essential in developing and implementing a successful COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. All employees are responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to safely operate the school while seeking to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our workplace and community, and that requires the full cooperation of everyone. While no protocol can eliminate all risk, through this cooperative effort we can establish and maintain the safety and health of our community.

# II. Scope

This CPP applies to all School employees, including those who are vaccinated, except for employees who are teleworking and employees who perform services covered by the Aerosol Transmissible Diseases ("ATD") regulation may be exempted during the actual performance of such services.

Our plan follows the guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)), Federal OSHA standards, State of California, and Santa Barbara County Department of Public Health (SBCPHD) related to COVID-19. These orders are reviewed regularly and any changes will be reflected in updated versions of this document. The County guidelines incorporate the information from the CDC, and the State of California, and are specific to the needs of Santa Barbara County. Each County will be different.

These guidelines are based in science and research, and we believe they are best practices under the current circumstances. These guidelines represent the expectation for all Cate employees.

### III. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of the CPP, the following definitions shall apply:

“COVID-19” means coronavirus disease, an infectious disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

“COVID-19 case” means a person who either: (1) Has a positive “COVID-19 test” as defined in this section; (2) Is subject to COVID-19-related order to isolate issued by a local or state health official; or (3) Has died due to COVID-19, in the determination of a local health department or per inclusion in the COVID-19 statistics of a county. A person is no longer a “COVID-19 case” when a licensed health care professional determines that the person does not have COVID-19, in accordance with recommendations made by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) or the local health department pursuant to authority granted under the Health and Safety Code or title 17, California Code of Regulations to CDPH or the local health department.

“Close contact COVID-19 exposure” means being within six (6) feet of a COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or greater in any 24-hour period within or overlapping with the “high-risk exposure period” as defined here. This definition applies regardless of the use of face coverings.

“COVID-19 hazard” means exposure to potentially infectious material that may contain SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Potentially infectious materials include airborne droplets, small particle aerosols, and airborne droplet nuclei, which most commonly result from a person or persons exhaling, talking or vocalizing, coughing, sneezing, or procedures performed on persons which may aerosolize saliva or respiratory tract fluids, among other things. This also includes objects or surfaces that may be contaminated with SARS-CoV-2.

“COVID-19 symptoms” means one of the following: (1) fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher or chills; (2) cough; (3) shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; (4) fatigue; (5) muscle or body aches; (6) headache; (7) new loss of taste or smell; (8) sore throat; (9) congestion; (10) nausea or vomiting; or (11) diarrhea, unless a licensed health care professional determines the person’s symptoms were caused by a known condition other than COVID-19.

“COVID-19 test” means a viral test for SARS-CoV-2 that is both: (1) Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or has an Emergency Use Authorization (“EUA”) from the FDA to diagnose current infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and (2) Administered in accordance with the FDA approval or the FDA EUA as applicable.

“Exposed workplace” means any work location, working area, or common area at work used or accessed by a COVID-19 case during the high-risk period, including bathrooms, walkways, hallways, aisles, break or eating areas, and waiting areas.

The exposed workplace does not include buildings or facilities not entered by a COVID-19 case. Effective January 1, 2021, the “exposed workplace” also includes but is not limited to the “worksite” of the COVID-19 case as defined by Labor Code section 6409.6(d)(5).

“Face covering” means a tightly woven fabric or non-woven material with no visible holes or openings, which covers the nose and mouth.

“High-risk exposure period” means the following time period: (1) For persons who develop COVID-19 symptoms: from two (2) days before they first develop symptoms until ten (10) days after symptoms first appeared, and 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and symptoms have improved; or (2) For persons who test positive who never develop COVID-19 symptoms: from two (2) days before until ten (10) days after the specimen for their first positive test for COVID-19 was collected.

## **IV. Program**

### **A. System for Communicating with School Employees**

#### **1. Reporting COVID-19 Symptoms, Possible COVID-19 Close Contact Exposures, and Possible COVID-19 Hazards at School Worksites and Facilities**

Cate utilizes a survey texted through the Healthy Roster SAFER Play platform (HIPPA-compliant, private and secure) that supports daily check-ins by each employee and student. Healthy Roster SAFER Play is a symptom tracking and alert platform. The results of the survey are seen only by our Health Services staff, and steps are taken to ensure individual privacy in any required follow-up.

The survey is simple and easy to use; it sends out a COVID-19 symptom survey via text at the same time each morning for each employee to answer before the start of the work day and also asks the employee to self report temperature. If all is well when answering the questions, the employee gets a “green light” text message response and can continue on to work.

If there is some further follow up needed the employee gets a “red light” text message response and is instructed to remain home until a member of Health Services gives them further instruction. In that event, our medical staff is notified and a registered nurse follows up, which may include a teladoc appointment with Cate’s medical director, Dr. Susan Zapalac, or the employee’s primary care clinic, for further instruction. The employee does not come to work until whatever was causing the “red light” is addressed with a medical professional. Because each situation is different, it is up to the medical professional to determine the best next steps in each case.

Should one experience symptoms or other COVID related issue during the work day, the School's policy requires that employees immediately report to their supervisor or to the Health Center any of the following: (1) the employee's presentation of COVID-19 symptoms; (2) the employee's possible COVID-19 close contact exposures; (3) possible COVID-19 hazards at the School's worksites or facilities.

The School will not discriminate or retaliate against any employee who makes such a report.

## **2. Accommodations Process for Employees at Increased Risk of Severe COVID-19 Illness**

The School's policy is to provide an accommodation process for employees who can demonstrate that they are or may be at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

The CDC identifies the following individuals as being at an increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness, as set forth in the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>.

School employees are encouraged to review the list of medical conditions and other conditions and factors identified by the CDC as placing an individual at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

To request an accommodation under the School's policy, employees may make a request with their supervisor or Sandi Pierce, Assistant Head for Finance and Operations..

## **3. COVID-19 Testing**

The School may require that employees who report to work at School worksites or facilities be tested for COVID-19.

Where the School requires that employees be tested, the School will inform employees of the reason that testing is required.

The School will also inform employees of the possible consequences of a positive COVID-19 test, which may include, but is not limited to, a requirement that the employee not report for work at the School during the high-risk exposure period and satisfying the minimum criteria to return to work, as defined in Section IV.K.

Where the School requires testing, the School has adopted policies and procedures that ensure the confidentiality of employees and comply with the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act ("CMIA").[1] Specifically, the School will keep confidential all personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or persons with COVID-19 symptoms unless expressly authorized by the employee to disclose such information or as other permitted or required under the law.

Cate undertakes weekly testing for all employees (or semi-weekly if using rapid antigen testing). The school has made no decisions yet about relaxing this standard should we

reach a different tier. Employees who are symptomatic or have exposure are instructed to remain home. The period of quarantine will be dictated by individual circumstance and directed by a medical professional in accordance with CDC, CDPH and County guidance. The school conducts responsive testing when appropriate.

#### **4. COVID-19 Hazards**

The School will notify employees and employers of subcontracted employees of any potential COVID-19 exposure at a School worksite or facility where a COVID-19 case and employee were present on the same day.

The School will notify employees of such potential exposures within one (1) business day, in a way that does not reveal any personal identifying information of the COVID-19 case.

The School will also notify employees of cleaning and disinfecting measures the School is undertaking in order to ensure the health and safety of the worksite or facility where the potential exposure occurred.

## **B. Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards at School Worksites and Facilities**

### **1. Screening Employees for COVID-19 Symptoms**

The School has adopted screening protocols, which include and require that employee self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms.

School policy provides that the employees will self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to reporting to any worksite or facility as noted above in Section IV (A)(1).

### **2. Responding to Employees with COVID-19 Symptoms**

Should an employee present COVID-19 symptoms during the daily self screen the School will instruct the employee to remain at or return to their home or place of residence and not report to work until such time as the employee satisfies the minimum criteria to return to work, as set forth in Section IV.K.

The School will advise the employee of any leaves to which they may be entitled during this self-quarantine period.

Further, the School has adopted policies and procedures that ensure the confidentiality of employees and compliance with the CMIA. Specifically, the School will not disclose to other employees, except for those who need to know, the fact that the employee is experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19.

### **3. The School's Response to COVID-19 Cases**

In the event that a School employee tests positive for COVID-19 or is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a health care provider, the School will instruct the employee to remain at or return to their home or place of residence and not report to work until such time as the employee satisfies the minimum criteria to return to work set forth in Section IV.K.

The School will advise the employee of any leaves to which they may be entitled during this self-isolation period.

The School will comply with all reporting and recording obligations as required under the law, including, but not limited to, reporting the COVID-19 case to the following individuals and institutions as required based on the individual circumstances: (1) the local health department; (2) Cal/OSHA; (3) employees who were present on the School's worksite or facility when the COVID-19 case was present; (4) the employers of subcontracted employees who were present at the School's worksite or facility; and (5) the School's workers' compensation plan administrator.

If possible, the School will interview the COVID-19 case in order to ascertain the nature and circumstances of any contact that the employee may have had with other employees during the high-risk exposure period. If the School determines that there were any close contact COVID-19 exposures, the School will instruct those employees to remain at their home or place of residence and not report to work until such time as the employees satisfy the minimum criteria to return to work set forth in Section IV.K.

The School has adopted policies and procedures that ensure the confidentiality of employees and compliance with the CMIA. Specifically, the School will not disclose to other employees, except for those who need to know, the fact that the employee tested positive for or was diagnosed with COVID-19. Further, the School will keep confidential all personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or persons unless expressly authorized by the employee to disclose such information or as other permitted or required under the law.

### **4. Workplace-Specific Identification of COVID-19 Hazards**

The School conducted a workplace-specific assessment of all interactions, areas, activities, processes, equipment, and materials that could potentially expose employees to COVID-19 hazards.

As part of this process, the School identified places and times when employees and individuals congregate or come in contact with one another, regardless of whether employees are performing an assigned work task or not, including, for example, during meetings or trainings, in and around entrances, bathrooms, hallways, aisles, walkways, elevators, break or eating areas, cool-down areas, and waiting areas.

As part of this process, the School identified potential workplace exposure to all persons at School worksites and facilities, including employees, employees of other entities, members of the public, customers or clients, and independent contractors. The School considered how employees and other persons enter, leave, and travel through School worksites and facilities, in addition to addressing employees' fixed workspaces or workstations.

As part of this process, the School treated all persons, regardless of symptoms or negative COVID-19 test results, as potentially infectious

## **5. Maximization of Outdoor Air and Air Filtration**

For indoor areas of the School's worksites and facilities, the School evaluated how to maximize the quantity of outdoor air and whether it is possible to increase filtration efficiency to the highest level compatible with the worksites and facilities' existing ventilation systems.

The School created 27 outdoor classroom spaces as primary locations for instruction. In addition, the School upgraded HVAC systems to include MERV 13 filters and UV disinfection in educational buildings. A schedule was developed to clean and maintain all filters in all areas on an ongoing basis.

Rooms that are shared were supplied BlueAir filters as were all rooms in the Health Center, Medical Trailers, and many offices. Additional BlueAir machines were stationed in offices and hallways where appropriate.

## **6. Compliance with Applicable State and Local Health Orders**

The School monitors applicable orders and guidance from the State of California and the Santa Barbara County health department related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention, including information of general application and information specific to the School's location and operations.

The School fully and faithfully complies with all applicable orders and guidance from the State of California and the Santa Barbara County health department.

## **7. Evaluation of Existing COVID-19 Prevention Controls and Adoption of Additional Controls**

Periodically, the School will evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls at the workplace and assess whether there is a need for different and/or additional controls.

This includes evaluation of controls related to the correction of COVID-19 hazards, physical distancing, face coverings, engineering controls, administrative controls, and personal protective equipment ("PPE").

## **8. Periodic Inspections**

The School will conduct periodic inspections of its worksites and facilities as needed to identify unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures related to COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with the School's COVID-19 policies and procedures.

## **C. Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases at School Worksites and Facilities**

### **1. Procedure to Investigate COVID-19 Cases**

The School has a procedure for investigating COVID-19 cases in the workplace. As provided below, the procedure provides for the following: (1) the verification of COVID-19 case status; (2) receiving information regarding COVID-19 test results; (3) receiving information regarding the presentation of COVID-19 symptoms; and (4) identifying and recording all COVID-19 cases.

### **2. Response to COVID-19 Cases**

As provided above at Section IV.B.3., in the event that an employee tests positive for COVID-19 or is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a health care provider, the School will instruct the employee to remain at or return to their home or place of residence and not report to work until such time as the employee satisfies the minimum criteria to return to work set forth in Section IV.K.

#### **a. Contact Tracing**

When there is a confirmed case, the School's contact tracing team immediately responds and conducts tracing, notifying exposed persons as part of this process. Each member of that team has completed the Johns Hopkins University contact tracing course. We submit a line list to Santa Barbara County Disease Control that includes all required information, including the names of close contacts.

The Contact Tracer will interview the COVID-19 case in order to ascertain the following information: (1) the date on which the employee tested positive, if asymptomatic, or the date on which the employee first presented COVID-19 symptoms, if symptomatic; (2) the COVID-19 cases recent work history, including the day they were last present at a School worksite or facility; and (3) the nature and circumstances of the COVID-19 case's contact with other employees during the high-risk exposure period, including whether there was any close contact COVID-19 exposure.

If the School determines that there were any close contact COVID-19 exposures, the School will instruct those employees to remain at their home or place of residence and not report to work until such time as the employees satisfy the minimum criteria to return to work set forth in Section IV.K.

**b. Reporting the Potential Exposure to Other Employees**

The School will comply with all reporting and recording obligations as required under the law, including, but not limited to, reporting the COVID-19 case to the following individuals and institutions as required based on the individual circumstances: (1) employees who were present at a School worksite or facility when the COVID-19 case was present; and (2) subcontracted employees who were present at the School worksite or facility.

**c. Free COVID-19 Testing for Close Contact Exposures**

The School will provide COVID-19 testing at no cost to employees during their working hours to all employees who had potential close contact COVID-19 exposure at a School worksite or facility.

**d. Leave and Compensation Benefits for Close Contact Exposures**

The School will provide these employees with information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws. This includes any benefits available under workers' compensation law, Labor Code sections 3212.86 through 3212.88, local governmental requirements, the School's voluntary extension of the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act ("FFCRA") leave through March 31, 2021, and the School's own leave policies.

The School will continue to provide and will maintain these employees' earnings, seniority, and all other employee rights and benefits, including the employee's right to their former job status, as if the employee had not been removed from their job.

The School may require that these employees use employer-provided employee sick leave benefits for this purpose and consider benefit payments from public sources in determining how to maintain earnings, rights and benefits, where permitted by law and when not covered by workers' compensation.

**e. Investigation to Determine Whether Workplace Conditions Contributed to COVID-19 Exposure**

The School will conduct an investigation in order to determine whether any workplace conditions could have contributed to the risk of COVID-19 exposure and what could be done to reduce exposure to COVID-19 hazards.

**3. Confidential Medical Information**

The School will protect the confidentiality of the COVID-19 case, and will not disclose to other employees, except for those who need to know, the fact that the employee tested positive for or was diagnosed with COVID-19.

The School will keep confidential all personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases unless expressly authorized by the employee to disclose such information or as other permitted or required under the law.

**D. Correction of COVID-19 Hazards at School Worksites and Facilities**

The School will implement effective policies and/or procedures for correcting unsafe or unhealthy conditions, work practices, policies and procedures in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazard.

This includes, but is not limited to, implementing controls and/or policies and procedures in response to the evaluations conducted related to the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards and investigating and responding to COVID-19 cases in the workplace. This also includes implementing controls related to physical distancing, face coverings, engineering controls, administrative controls, and personal protective equipment (PPE).

## **E. Training and Instruction of Employees**

### **1. COVID-19 Symptoms**

The School provided employees training and instruction on the COVID-19 symptoms, including advising employees of COVID-19 symptoms, which include the following: (1) fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher or chills; (2) cough; (3) shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; (4) fatigue; (5) muscle or body aches; (6) headache; (7) new loss of taste or smell; (8) sore throat; (9) congestion; (10) nausea or vomiting; or (11) diarrhea, unless a licensed health care professional determines the person's symptoms were caused by a known condition other than COVID-19.

The School monitors and adheres to guidance by the CDC concerning COVID-19 symptoms, including as provided at the following web address:

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

The School will advise employees in the event that the CDC makes any changes to its guidance concerning such symptoms.

The School provided employees instruction on the importance of not coming to work and obtaining a COVID-19 test if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.

### **2. School's COVID-19 Policies and Procedures**

The School provides regular updates to employees on the School's policies and procedures to prevent COVID-19 hazards at School worksites and facilities and to protect School employees.

Since July of 2020, we have issued no fewer than 16 formal communications to employees, students, and parents about COVID-19 – most having to do with our preparations and mitigations to promote in-person learning. Many of these have been accompanied by Zoom Q&A sessions for various constituents – parents, employees, or students – depending on the intent of the communication.

Our Employee Handbook has a COVID-19 addendum to inform employees of changes to our normal operating protocols. The document has been updated frequently to respond to employee

questions and suggestions. Additionally, our Health & Safety team has published 12 updates so far for our employees. These updates address changes to operating procedures, modified policies, increased mitigations, acquisition of resources, etc.

### **3. COVID-19 Related Benefits**

The School advised employees of the leaves to which they may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws. This includes any benefits available under workers' compensation law, Labor Code sections 3212.86 through 3212.88, any applicable local leave requirements, the School's voluntary extension of FFCRA leave through March 31, 2021, the School's own leave policies.

Further, when an employee requires leave or is directed not to report to work by the School, the School will advise the employee of the leaves to which the employee may be entitled for that specific reason.

### **4. Spread and Transmission of the Virus that Causes COVID-19**

The School advised employees that COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air when an infectious person talks or vocalizes, sneezes, coughs, or exhales; that COVID-19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth, although that is less common; and that an infectious person may have no symptoms.

The School further advised employees of the fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six (6) feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing must be combined with other controls, including face coverings and hand hygiene, including handwashing, in order to be effective.

### **5. Methods and Importance of Physical Distancing, Face Coverings, and Hand Hygiene**

The School advised employees of the methods and importance of physical distancing, face coverings, and hand hygiene, including hand washing.

Specifically, the School trained and instructed employees on the importance of frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or handwashing facility, and that hand sanitizer does not work if the hands are soiled.

Further, the School trained and instructed employees on the proper use of face coverings and the fact that face coverings are not respiratory protective equipment.

Washing hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently throughout the day is a key to maintaining community health. Employees are asked to wash hands at the beginning and end of the work day, prior to and after any mealtimes, and after using the restroom. Cate has added additional handwashing stations at various locations throughout the campus.

In addition to handwashing stations, hands-free hand sanitizers are located at the entrance to all public buildings, and individual hand sanitizer bottles will be placed in each shared office, at outside dining tables and in outdoor and indoor classrooms. The facilities staff will check supply levels and employees are encouraged to use hand sanitizers when handwashing is not practical, and at any additional time throughout the day.

Sanitizing wipes will be located in all public buildings, offices and classrooms, and outdoor dining tables. Employees are encouraged to use them to wipe down high touch areas. This includes doorknobs, keyboards, desktops and any other surface that may occur in the workspace. This will be in addition to the enhanced and more frequent cleaning by the Facilities staff.

There are many reasons one may cough or sneeze that are unrelated to COVID-19. Employees are expected to cover their mouths and nose with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and to avoid touching one's face, nose, mouth and eyes. If you cough or sneeze, you should wash or sanitize your hands immediately afterwards.

## **F. Physical Distancing**

The School requires that all employees be separated from other persons by at least six (6) feet, except where the School can demonstrate that six (6) feet of separation is not possible and where there is momentary exposure while persons are in movement.

The School has adopted several methods by which it increases physical distancing including, but not limited to, the following: (1) providing employees the opportunity to telework or engage in other remote work arrangements; (2) reducing the number of persons in an area at one time, including visitors; (3) posting visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate where employees and others should be located or their direction and path of travel; (4) adopting staggered arrival, departure, work, and break times; and (5) adjusting work processes or procedures, to allow greater distance between employees.

When it is not possible for employees to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet, the School requires individuals to be as far apart as possible

Room measurements throughout the campus were taken and all seating, desks, and standing areas were spaced at least six feet apart with extraneous furniture removed. Floors were marked with these locations so there was clarity as to where seating should occur. Path of travel indicators were also added to clarify how individuals should most effectively flow through the buildings in order to maintain distance.

To the greatest extent practicable, social distancing will be implemented between employees and will include the following guidelines:

- Desks and seating will be located at least 6 feet apart,
- Directional signage to guide traffic flow will be noted where needed in locations when 6 ft distancing is not possible.

- Sharing pens, pencils, phones, computers, etc. is discouraged. There will be disinfection wipes and gloves next to any public computer such as the faculty room or library for those spaces where individual computers are not an option.
- Each person should monitor their travel on campus and try to keep 6 ft separation whenever practicable.

## **G. Face Coverings**

### **1. Face Covering Requirement**

The School provides face coverings to employees and requires that such face coverings are worn by employees and individuals at School worksites and facilities.

School policy adheres to orders and guidance provided by the CDPH and the local health department, including as provided at the following web address:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

The School's policy on the use of face coverings ensures that they are worn over the nose and mouth when indoors, when outdoors and less than six (6) feet away from another person, and where required by orders from the CDPH or local health department.

The School's policy requires that face coverings are clean and undamaged. The School's policy allows for face shields to be used to supplement, and not supplant face coverings.

The School's policy provides for the following exceptions to the face coverings requirement:

1. When an employee is alone in a room.
2. While eating and drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six (6) feet apart and outside air supply to the area, if indoors, has been maximized to the extent possible.
3. Employees wearing respiratory protection in accordance with section 5144 or other title 8 safety orders (8 C.C.R. 5144 is available at the following web address: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5144.html>).
4. Specific tasks which cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering. This exception is limited to the time period in which such tasks are actually being performed, and the unmasked employee shall be at least six (6) feet away from all other persons unless unmasked employees are tested at least twice weekly for COVID-19.

## **2. Required Use of Effective Non-Restrictive Alternative for Employees Exempted from Face Covering Requirement**

The School's policy requires that employees who are exempted from wearing face coverings due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability wear an effective non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom, if their condition or disability permits it.

## **3. Prohibition on Preventing Employees from Wearing Face Covering**

The School does not prevent any employee from wearing a face covering when wearing a face covering is not required by this section, unless not wearing a face covering would create a safety hazard, such as interfering with the safe operation of equipment.

## **4. Communication to Non-Employees Regarding Face Covering Requirement**

The School posts signage to inform non-employees that the School requires the use of face coverings at School worksites and facilities.

## **5. Policies to Reduce COVID-19 Hazards Originating from Persons Not Wearing Face Coverings**

The School has developed COVID-19 policies and procedures to minimize employee exposure to COVID-19 hazards originating from any person not wearing a face covering, including a member of the public.

These policies include requiring that employees and non-employees wear face coverings at School worksites and facilities, employees wear face coverings at other times, providing face coverings on site all times, maintain physical distance from persons, and observe proper hand hygiene.

# **H. Other Engineering Controls, Administrative Controls and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

## **1. Installation of Solid Partitions Between Workstations Where Physical Distancing is Not Possible**

At fixed work locations where it is not possible to maintain the physical distancing requirement at all times, the employer shall install cleanable solid partitions that effectively reduce aerosol transmission between the employee and other persons.

Plexiglass barriers were added in all public and dormitory restrooms, health center, student store, and in the classrooms and library where they were needed.

## **2. Maximization of Outdoor Air**

As provided above at Section IV.B.5., for indoor School worksites and facilities, the School evaluated how to maximize the quantity of outdoor air.

Further, for School worksites and facilities with mechanical or natural ventilation, or both, the School has maximized the quantity of outside air provided to the extent feasible, except when the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Air Quality Index is greater than 100 for any pollutant or if opening windows or letting in outdoor air by other means would cause a hazard to employees, for instance from excessive heat or cold.

### **3. Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures**

The School’s cleaning and disinfecting policy requires the following:

1. Identifying and regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs, elevator buttons, equipment, tools, handrails, handles, controls, bathroom surfaces, and steering wheels. The School will inform employees and authorized employee representatives of cleaning and disinfection protocols, including the planned frequency and scope of regular cleaning and disinfection.
2. Prohibiting the sharing of personal protective equipment and to the extent feasible, items that employees come in regular physical contact with such as phones, headsets, desks, keyboards, writing materials, instruments, and tools. When it is not feasible to prevent sharing, sharing will be minimized and such items and equipment shall be disinfected between uses by different people. Sharing of School vehicles will be minimized to the extent feasible, and high touch points (steering wheel, door handles, seatbelt buckles, armrests, shifter, etc.) shall be disinfected.
3. Cleaning and disinfection of areas, material, and equipment used by a COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period.

Further, the School requires that cleaning and disinfecting must be done in a manner that does not create a hazard to employees or subcontracted employees.

### **4. Evaluation of Handwashing Facilities**

In order to protect employees, the School evaluated its handwashing facilities in order to determine the need for additional facilities, encourage and allow time for employee handwashing, and provide employees with an effective hand sanitizer. The School added handwashing facilities at key locations on the campus.

The School encourages employees to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds each time.

The School does not provide hand sanitizers with methyl alcohol.

## **5. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

The School's policy provides for PPE.

The School evaluates the need for PPE, such as gloves, goggles, and face shields, to prevent exposure to COVID-19 hazards and provides such PPE as needed.

In accordance with applicable law, the School evaluates the need for respiratory protection when the physical distancing requirements, as provided herein, are not feasible or are not maintained.

In accordance with applicable law, the School will provide and ensure use of respirators in accordance when deemed necessary by Cal/OSHA through the Issuance of Order to Take Special Action.

In accordance with applicable law, the School will provide and ensure use of eye protection and respiratory protection when employees are exposed to procedures that may aerosolize potentially infectious material such as saliva or respiratory tract fluids.

## **I. Reporting, Recordkeeping and Access**

### **1. Reporting COVID-19 Cases to the Local Health Department**

In accordance with applicable law, the School will report information about COVID-19 cases at the workplace to the local health department.

Further, the School will provide any related information requested by the local health department.

### **2. Reporting Serious COVID-19 Illnesses and Deaths to Cal/OSHA**

In accordance with applicable law, the School will immediately report to Cal/OSHA any serious COVID-19-related illnesses or deaths of employees occurring at a School worksite or facility or in connection with any employment.

Further, in accordance with applicable law, the school will record any serious work-related COVID-19-related illnesses or deaths.

### **3. Maintenance of Records Related to the Adoption of the CPP**

In accordance with applicable law, the School will maintain records of the steps taken to implement this CPP.

### **4. Availability of the CPP for Inspection**

The School will make this written CPP available to employees and employee organizations at School worksites or facilities.

Further, the School will make this written CPP available to Cal/OSHA representatives immediately upon request.

## **5. Records Related to COVID-19 Cases**

The School will keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases with the following information: (1) employee's name; (2) contact information; (3) occupation; (4) location where the employee worked; (5) the date of the last day at the workplace; and (6) the date of a positive COVID-19 test.

In accordance with the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act ("CMIA") and applicable law, the School will keep the employees' medical information confidential.

In accordance with the CMIA and applicable law, the School will make this information available to employees and employee organizations[4] with personal identifying information removed. The School will also make this information available as otherwise required by law.

## **J. Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases**

### **1. Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases from School Worksites and Facilities**

The School will ensure that COVID-19 cases are excluded from the workplace until the individual satisfies the minimum return to work criteria provided for in Section IV.K.

### **2. Exclusion of Employees with Close Contact COVID-19 Exposures from School Worksites and Facilities**

The School will exclude employees with close contact COVID-19 exposure from the workplace for 10 days after the last known close contact COVID-19 exposure. Should the employee become symptomatic during the 10 day period additional quarantine time may be required per direction of a medical professional.

### **3. Provision of Benefits to Excluded from Work as a Result of a Positive COVID-19 Test or Diagnosis or a Close Contact COVID-19 Exposure**

#### **a. Employees Who Are Able to Telework During Isolation or Quarantine Period**

The School will allow employees who are able to telework, and are able and available to work, to telework during the isolation or quarantine period. The School will provide these employees their normal compensation for the work that they perform for the School during the isolation or quarantine period.

#### **b. Employees Who Are Unable to Telework During Isolation or Quarantine Period**

The provision of benefits described below does not apply to either: (1) School employees who the School can demonstrate that the close contact COVID-19 exposure was not work-related; and (2) School employees who are unable to work for reasons other than protecting employees and non-employees at School worksites and facilities from possible COVID-19 transmission.

Such employees may still use paid sick leave for the purpose of receiving compensation during the isolation or quarantine period if they elect to do so.

For other employees, the School will require that employees who are unable to telework, but are otherwise able and available to work, use paid sick leave in order to receive compensation during the isolation or quarantine period. School employees retain their entitlement to elect not to use other earned or accrued paid leave during this time.

For all employees who are subject to an isolation or quarantine because of a COVID-19 case or a close contact COVID-19 exposure, the School will maintain the employee's seniority and all other employee rights and benefits, including the employee's right to their former job status, during the isolation or quarantine period.

The School may consider benefit payments from public sources in determining how to maintain earnings, rights and benefits, where permitted by law and when not covered by workers' compensation. This includes any benefits available under Labor Code sections 3212.86 through 3212.88, any applicable local requirements, the School's voluntary extension of FFCRA leave through March 31, 2021, and the School's own leave policies.

#### **4. Adherence with Laws, Policies, and/or Agreements Providing Excluded Employees Greater Protections**

The obligations set forth in this section do not limit any other applicable law, or School policy, that provides employees with greater protections or benefits.

#### **5. Provision of Information Concerning Benefits to Excluded Employees**

At the time of exclusion, the School will provide the excluded employee the information on benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws.

This includes any benefits available under workers' compensation law, Labor Code sections 3212.86 through 3212.88, any applicable local requirements, the School's voluntary extension of FFCRA leave through March 31, 2021, and the School's own leave policies.

### **K. Return to Work Criteria**

#### **1. Minimum Criteria to Return to Work for Symptomatic COVID-19 Cases**

School policy requires that COVID-19 positive cases with COVID-19 symptoms remain at their home or place of residence and not report to any School worksite or facility until they satisfy each of the following conditions:

1. At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications;
2. COVID-19 symptoms have improved; and

3. At least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared.

If a patient is symptomatic at 10 days after testing positive for covid, we are using an antigen test to confirm they are no longer contagious.

## **2. Minimum Criteria to Return to Work for Asymptomatic COVID-19 Cases**

School policy requires that COVID-19 cases who tested positive but never developed COVID-19 symptoms not report to any School worksite or facility until a minimum of 10 days have passed since the date of specimen collection of their first positive COVID-19 test.

## **3. COVID-19 Testing Not Required in Order to Return to Work**

In accordance with CDC guidance concerning symptom-based strategies for the discontinuation of isolation, the School does not require employees submit to a COVID-19 test, or produce a negative COVID-19 test result, in order to return to work.

## **4. Minimum Criteria to Return to Work for Employees Directed to Self-Quarantine or Isolate by a State or Local Health Official**

If an employee is subject to an isolation or quarantine order issued by a state or local health official, School policy requires that the employee not report to any School worksite or facility until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted.

If the order did not specify a definite isolation or quarantine period, then the period shall be 10 days from the time the order to isolate or quarantine was effective.

## **5. Allowance by Cal/OSHA for an Employee to Return to Work**

If there are no violations of state or local health officer orders related to the employee's isolation or quarantine, the School may request that Cal/OSHA waive the quarantine or isolation requirement for essential employees and allow such employees to return to work on the basis that the removal of an employee would create undue risk to a community's health and safety.

Where the absence of an essential employee from the School's worksite would cause a staffing shortage that would have an adverse effect on a community's health and safety and pose an undue risk to the community's health and safety as a result, Cal/OSHA may grant such waiver.

In order to request a waiver under such circumstances, the School shall submit the written request to [rs@dir.ca.gov](mailto:rs@dir.ca.gov). In the event of an emergency, the School may request a provisional waiver by contacting the local Cal/OSHA office while the School prepares the written waiver request.

The written waiver request must provide for the following information:

1. Employer name and business or service;
2. Employer point-of-contact name, address, email and phone number;

3. Statement that there are no local or state health officer orders for isolation or quarantine of the excluded employees;
4. Statement describing the way(s) in which excluding the exposed or COVID-19 positive employees from the workplace impacts the employer's operation in a way that creates an undue risk to the community's health and safety;
5. Number of employees required to be quarantined under the Cal/OSHA regulation, and whether each was exposed to COVID-19 or tested positive for COVID-19; and

The employer's control measures to prevent transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace if the employee(s) return or continue to work in the workplace, including the prevention of further exposures. These measures may include, but are not limited to, preventative steps such as isolating the returned employee(s) at the workplace and requiring that other employees use respiratory protection in the workplace.

In addition to submitting a request for a Cal/OSHA waiver, the School will develop, implement, and maintain effective control measures to prevent transmission in the workplace including providing isolation for the employee at the School worksite or facility and, if isolation is not possible, the use of respiratory protection in the workplace.

## **J. School Contacts**

The primary contact for questions or additional follow-up related to COVID-19 at the School is Peter Mack, Assistant Head for Students or Sandi Pierce, Assistant Head for Finance and Operations. Contact information:

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