

# Model COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

With some exceptions, all employers and places of employment are required to establish and implement an effective written COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) pursuant to an Emergency Temporary Standard in place for COVID-19 (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 8, section 3205(c)). Cal/OSHA has developed this model program to assist employers with creating their own unique CPP tailored to their workplace.

Employers are not required to use this program. Employers may create their own program or use another CCP template. Employers can also create a written CCP by incorporating elements of this program into their existing Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP), if desired. Cal/OHA encourages employers to engage with employees in the design, implementation and evolution of their COVID-19 Prevention Program.

Using this model alone does not ensure compliance with the emergency temporary standard. To use this model program effectively, the person(s) responsible for implementing the CPP should carefully review:

- All of the elements that may be required in the following CCR, Title 8 sections:
  - 3205, COVID-19 Prevention
  - 3205.1, Multiple COVID-19 Infection and COVID-19 Outbreaks
  - 3205.2, Major COVID-19 Outbreaks
  - 3205.3, Prevention in Employer-Provided Housing
  - 3205.4, COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Transportation to and from Work
  - The four **Additional Considerations** provided at the end of this program to see if they are applicable to your workplace.
- The additional guidance materials available at [www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/)



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**COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) for**  
**The Academies Charter Management Organization**  
**Blue Oak Academy**  
**Sycamore Valley Academy**

This CPP is designed to control exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that may occur in our workplace.

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### **Authority and Responsibility**

**Superintendent, Donya Ball, Ed. D.** has overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace. In addition, all managers and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the CPP in their assigned work areas and for ensuring employees receive answers to questions about the program in a language they understand.

All employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies and procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

### **Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards**

We will implement the following in our workplace:

- Conduct workplace-specific evaluations using the **Appendix A: Identification of COVID-19 Hazards** form.
- Evaluate employees' potential workplace exposures to all persons at, or who may enter, our workplace.
- Review applicable orders and general and industry-specific guidance from the State of California, Cal/OSHA, and the local health department related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention.
- Evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls in our workplace and the need for different or additional controls.
- Conduct periodic inspections using the **Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections form** as needed to identify unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures related to COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

### **Employee participation**

Employees and their authorized employees' representatives are encouraged to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards by: **Employees are invited to participate in development of plans for how workspaces are used and are required to report any hazards in the workplace.**

### **Employee screening**

**Employees who report to work on campus are required to screen for symptoms following the designated symptom questions provided by TACMO and developed in accordance with CDPH guidelines. The symptoms are reported on a mobile app, Good2BeBack so that administration**

has an efficient way to track and determine symptomatic and exposed staff who can not report to work. Employees will be directly temperature screened using a non-contact thermometer at a single point of entry by designated staff when they come to work, or will self screen for temperature if entering the site while others are not present to provide screening. Face coverings must be worn during screening by both screeners and employees. All employees will sign in and out at the single point of entry when they enter and exit the site each day.

## Correction of COVID-19 Hazards

Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures will be documented on the **Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections** form, and corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards, as follows:

The severity of the hazard will be investigated and assessed by the Superintendent and/or her designee. After assessing the severity of the hazard, correction time frames will be assigned.

The Superintendent will designate Individuals responsible for timely correction of identified hazards. Re-inspection by the Superintendent will follow to ensure timely correction has occurred.

## Control of COVID-19 Hazards

### Physical Distancing

Physical distancing guidelines have been removed per California Department of Public Health.

“Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are implemented. This is consistent with CDC K-12 School Guidance.”

### Face Coverings

We provide clean, undamaged face coverings and ensure they are properly worn by employees over the nose and mouth when indoors, and when outdoors and less than six feet away from another person, including non-employees, and where required by orders from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) or local health department. **Employees may wear personally owned face coverings if they choose to do so. Face coverings are located in the administrative office of the worksite and are provided to all employees upon request. Employees are responsible for cleaning of reusable cloth face coverings and face shields whether they are personally owned or provided by the employer. If an employee encounters another person who is not wearing a face covering, they must report it to their supervisor immediately.**

The following are exceptions to the use of face coverings in our workplace:

- When an employee is alone in a room.
- While eating and drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and outside air supply to the area, if indoors, has been maximized to the extent possible.
- Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person. Alternatives will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Any employee not wearing a face covering, face shield with a drape or other effective alternative, or respiratory protection, for any reason, shall be at least six feet apart from all other persons unless the unmasked employee is tested at least twice weekly for COVID-19.

### Engineering controls

We implement the following measures for situations where we cannot maintain at least six feet between individuals: **Solid partitions are installed in high traffic areas at the single points of entry to the site (reception areas). Classrooms and nurses areas are equipped with newly installed air purifiers.**

We maximize, to the extent feasible, the quantity of outside air for our buildings with mechanical or natural ventilation systems by:

- **Opening doors and operable windows when other hazards are not present (ie: heat, wildfire smoke, high levels of dust or other allergens).**
- **Filtration using the existing ventilation system is maximized by running the fan/filtration in “on” mode whenever rooms are occupied.**
- **The building ventilation systems will be maintained and adjusted by Visalia Unified School District according to their preventative maintenance schedules and whenever additional service is required.**

### **Cleaning and disinfecting**

We implement the following cleaning and disinfection measures for frequently touched surfaces:

- **Site facilities are cleaned and disinfected nightly through our Facility Use Agreement with Visalia Unified School District including sanitation of high touch surfaces.**
- **Additional cleaning and disinfection of restrooms, equipment, and high touch surfaces is provided by the Site Custodian during the normal work day.**
- **All classrooms and offices are equipped with adequate supplies for cleaning and disinfecting surfaces as needed (ie: sanitizing wipes, approved disinfectant spray and paper towels, disposable gloves).**
- **All employees are trained in proper cleaning and sanitation techniques and informed of the scope and frequency necessary to maintain a healthy workplace.**

Should we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will implement the following procedures: **Work areas used by a COVID-19 positive case during the high-risk exposure period will be closed until complete sanitation is completed. Thorough cleaning and disinfection will take place before reopening the work area. All materials, and equipment used by the positive case will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected by Visalia Unified School District custodians.**

### **Shared tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE)**

PPE must not be shared, e.g., gloves, goggles and face shields.

Items that employees come in regular physical contact with, such as phones, headsets, desks, keyboards, writing materials, instruments and tools must also not be shared, to the extent feasible. Where there must be sharing, the items will be disinfected between uses by **Employees who are required to share materials and equipment are provided supplies for cleaning and disinfection. When an employee is finished using the shared equipment, materials, or area they must sanitize the equipment, materials, and work area before vacating the space. Additionally, all work areas are cleaned and sanitized nightly by Visalia Unified School District.**

### **Hand sanitizing**

In order to implement effective hand sanitizing procedures, we:

- **Evaluate handwashing facilities.**
- **Determining the need for additional facilities.**

- **Encourage and allow time for employee handwashing.**
- **Providing employees with an effective hand sanitizer, and prohibit hand sanitizers that contain methanol (i.e. methyl alcohol).**
- **Encourage employees to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds each time.**
- **Provide visual cues with proper hand washing technique near hand washing facilities.**

### **Personal protective equipment (PPE) used to control employees' exposure to COVID-19**

We evaluate the need for PPE (such as gloves, goggles, and face shields) as required by CCR Title 8, section 3380, and provide such PPE as needed.

When it comes to respiratory protection, we evaluate the need in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 5144 when the physical distancing requirements are not feasible or maintained.

## **Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases**

This will be accomplished by using the **Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases** form.

Employees who had potential COVID-19 exposure in our workplace will be:

- **Offered COVID-19 testing at no cost during their working hours. Employer will provide employees with information regarding no-cost testing locations in the local area and provide time off to be tested if needed.**
- **The information on benefits described in Training and Instruction, and Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases, below, will be provided to them.**

## **System for Communicating**

Our goal is to ensure that we have effective two-way communication with our employees, in a form they can readily understand, and that it includes the following information:

- **Employees should report COVID-19 symptoms and possible hazards to their immediate supervisor, the school site health aide, and the HR and Admin Manager.**
- **Employees can report symptoms and hazards confidentially and without fear of reprisal.**

Our procedures or policies for accommodating employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness. **Employees at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness are working remotely to avoid contact and exposure to the virus.**

- Where testing is not required, how employees can access COVID-19 testing: **Employees have the information needed to get tested when they have symptoms to reduce the likelihood of bringing the virus to work, Employees are informed of local testing sites for low or no cost voluntary testing. All employees with SISC medical insurance are encouraged to use Healthwise Medical Clinic for COVID-19 testing.**
- In the event we are required to provide testing because of a workplace exposure or outbreak, we will communicate the plan for providing testing and inform affected employees of the reason for the testing and the possible consequences of a positive test. **In the event of workplace exposure or outbreak consisting of 3 or more positive employees, all employees of the workplace will undergo required COVID-19 testing at no cost to the employee. Testing will then be repeated one week following the first testing to ensure compliance with updated testing requirements.**
  - 1. The site nurse aid is responsible for all contact tracing to determine when the workplace qualifies as an outbreak situation.**
  - 2. The site nurse aid contacts the HR manager to communicate the exact employees who are COVID-19 positive.**



### 3. The HR Manager informs all staff at the workplace of required, no cost testing that must be completed during working hours.

- Information about COVID-19 hazards employees (including other employers and individuals in contact with our workplace) may be exposed to, what is being done to control those hazards, and our COVID-19 policies and procedures. **We decreased the hazards of COVID-19 exposure through a phased reopening plan. TK-2 students returned to school for in person instruction on March 9, 2021 and grades 3-6 on March 16, 2021. Grades 7-8 returned on April 7, 2021. On August 11, 2021, grades TK-8 returned for the 2021-2022 school year for in person instruction for full day.**
- Describe other aspects of your system of COVID-19 related communication being implemented in your workplace: **A standard form letter has been developed and being used to communicate with employees and parents if there is an exposure.**

## Training and Instruction

We will provide effective training and instruction that includes:

- Our COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards.
- Information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws.
- The fact that:
  - COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air.
  - COVID-19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.
  - An infectious person may have no symptoms.
- Methods of physical distancing of at least six feet and the importance of combining physical distancing with the wearing of face coverings.
- The fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing must be combined with other controls, including face coverings and hand hygiene, to be effective.
- The importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or hand washing facility, and that hand sanitizer does not work if the hands are soiled.
- Proper use of face coverings and the fact that face coverings are not respiratory protective equipment - face coverings are intended to primarily protect other individuals from the wearer of the face covering.
- COVID-19 symptoms, and the importance of obtaining a COVID-19 test and not coming to work if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.
- **Proper disinfection and sanitation techniques.**

**Appendix D: COVID-19 Training Roster** will be used to document this training.

## Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases

Where we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will limit transmission by:

- Ensuring that COVID-19 cases are excluded from the workplace until our return-to-work requirements are met.
- Excluding employees with COVID-19 exposure from the workplace for 14 days after the last known COVID-19 exposure to a COVID-19 case.
- Continuing and maintaining an employee's earnings, seniority, and all other employee rights and benefits whenever we've demonstrated that the COVID-19 exposure is work related. This will be accomplished by **ensuring that all classified, certificated and administrative staff are**

**compensated their agreed upon hourly or salary rate even when the working environment conditions are changed. No changes to health benefits have been made in order to ensure consistency of compensation during the pandemic.**

- Providing employees at the time of exclusion with information on available benefits.

## **Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Access**

It is our policy to:

- Report information about COVID-19 cases at our workplace to the local health department whenever required by law, and provide any related information requested by the local health department.
- Report immediately to Cal/OSHA any COVID-19-related serious illnesses or death, as defined under CCR Title 8 section 330(h), of an employee occurring in our place of employment or in connection with any employment.
- Maintain records of the steps taken to implement our written COVID-19 Prevention Program in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 3203(b).
- Make our written COVID-19 Prevention Program available at the workplace to employees, authorized employee representatives, and to representatives of Cal/OSHA immediately upon request.
- Use the **Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases** form to keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases. The information will be made available to employees, authorized employee representatives, or as otherwise required by law, with personal identifying information removed.

## **Return-to-Work Criteria**

- COVID-19 cases with COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until all the following have occurred:
    - At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications.
    - COVID-19 symptoms have improved.
    - At least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared.
  - COVID-19 cases who tested positive but never developed COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until a minimum of 10 days have passed since the date of specimen collection of their first positive COVID-19 test.
  - A negative COVID-19 test will not be required for an employee to return to work.
  - If an order to isolate or quarantine an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee will not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted. If no period was specified, then the period will be 10 days from the time the order to isolate was effective, or 14 days from the time the order to quarantine was effective.
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**Donya Ball, Ed. D**

**7/15/21**  
**Date**





## Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections

Date: **[enter date]**

Name of person conducting the inspection: **[enter names]**

Work location evaluated: **[enter information]**

Exposure Controls	Status	Person Assigned to Correct	Date Corrected
<b>Engineering</b>			
Barriers/partitions			
Ventilation (amount of fresh air and filtration maximized)			
Additional room air filtration from existing system			
<b>Additional room air filtration from additional device</b>			
<b>Administrative</b>			
Physical distancing			
Surface cleaning and disinfection (frequently enough and adequate supplies)			
Hand washing facilities (adequate numbers and supplies)			
Disinfecting and hand sanitizing solutions being used according to manufacturer instructions			
<b>PPE (not shared, available and being worn)</b>			
Face coverings (cleaned sufficiently often)			

Gloves			
Face shields/goggles			
Respiratory protection			

## Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases

All personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or symptoms will be kept confidential. All COVID-19 testing or related medical services provided by us will be provided in a manner that ensures the confidentiality of employees, with the exception of unredacted information on COVID-19 cases that will be provided immediately upon request to the local health department, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), or as otherwise required by law.

All employees' medical records will also be kept confidential and not disclosed or reported without the employee's express written consent to any person within or outside the workplace, with the following exceptions: (1) Unredacted medical records provided to the local health department, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, NIOSH, or as otherwise required by law immediately upon request; and (2) Records that do not contain individually identifiable medical information or from which individually identifiable medical information has been removed.

**Date:** [enter date]

**Name of person conducting the investigation:** [enter name(s)]

<b>Employee (or non-employee*) name:</b>		<b>Occupation (if non-employee, why they were in the workplace):</b>	
<b>Location where employee worked (or non-employee was present in the workplace):</b>		<b>Date investigation was initiated:</b>	
<b>Was COVID-19 test offered?</b>		<b>Name(s) of staff involved in the investigation:</b>	
<b>Date and time the COVID-19 case was last present in the workplace:</b>		<b>Date of the positive or negative test and/or diagnosis:</b>	
<b>Date the case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms:</b>		<b>Information received regarding COVID-19 test results and onset of symptoms (attach documentation):</b>	

**Results of the evaluation of the COVID-19 case and all locations at the workplace that may have been visited by the COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period, and who may have been exposed (attach additional information):**

<b>Notice given (within one business day, in a way that does not reveal any personal identifying information of the COVID-19 case) of the potential COVID-19 exposure to:</b>			
<b>All employees who may have had COVID-19 exposure and their authorized representatives.</b>	<b>Date:</b>		
	<b>Names of employees that were notified:</b>		
<b>Independent contractors and other employers present at the workplace during the high-risk exposure period.</b>	<b>Date:</b>		
	<b>Names of individuals that were notified:</b>		
<b>What were the workplace conditions that could have contributed to the risk of COVID-19 exposure?</b>		<b>What could be done to reduce exposure to COVID-19?</b>	
<b>Was local health department notified?</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

\*Should an employer be made aware of a non-employee infection source COVID-19 status.



## Appendix D: COVID-19 Training Roster

Date: **[enter date]**

Person that conducted the training: **[enter name(s)]**

Employee Name	Signature

## Additional Consideration #1

### Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks

**[This section will need to be added to your CPP if your workplace is identified by a local health department as the location of a COVID-19 outbreak, or there are three or more COVID-19 cases in your workplace within a 14-day period. Reference section 3205.1 for details.]**

This section of CPP will stay in effect until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.

#### COVID-19 testing

- We will provide COVID-19 testing to all employees in our exposed workplace except for employees who were not present during the period of an outbreak identified by a local health department or the relevant 14-day period. COVID-19 testing will be provided at no cost to employees during employees' working hours.
- COVID-19 testing consists of the following:
  - All employees in our exposed workplace will be immediately tested and then tested again one week later. Negative COVID-19 test results of employees with COVID-19 exposure will not impact the duration of any quarantine period required by, or orders issued by, the local health department.
  - After the first two COVID-19 tests, we will continue to provide COVID-19 testing of employees who remain at the workplace at least once per week, or more frequently if recommended by the local health department, until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.
  - We will provide additional testing when deemed necessary by Cal/OSHA.

#### Exclusion of COVID-19 cases

We will ensure COVID-19 cases and employees who had COVID-19 exposure are excluded from the workplace in accordance with our CPP **Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases and Return to Work Criteria** requirements, and local health officer orders if applicable.

#### Investigation of workplace COVID-19 illness

We will immediately investigate and determine possible workplace-related factors that contributed to the COVID-19 outbreak in accordance with our CPP **Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases**.

#### COVID-19 investigation, review and hazard correction

In addition to our CPP **Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards and Correction of COVID-19 Hazards**, we will immediately perform a review of potentially relevant COVID-19 policies, procedures, and controls and implement changes as needed to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

The investigation and review will be documented and include:

- Investigation of new or unabated COVID-19 hazards including:
  - Our leave policies and practices and whether employees are discouraged from remaining home when sick.
  - Our COVID-19 testing policies.
  - Insufficient outdoor air.
  - Insufficient air filtration.
  - Lack of physical distancing.
- Updating the review:
  - Every thirty days that the outbreak continues.
  - In response to new information or to new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards.

- When otherwise necessary.
- Implementing changes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the investigation and review. We will consider:
  - Moving indoor tasks outdoors or having them performed remotely.
  - Increasing outdoor air supply when work is done indoors.
  - Improving air filtration.
  - Increasing physical distancing as much as possible.
  - Respiratory protection.
  - [describe other applicable controls].

#### **Notifications to the local health department**

- Immediately, but no longer than 48 hours after learning of three or more COVID-19 cases in our workplace, we will contact the local health department for guidance on preventing the further spread of COVID-19 within the workplace.
- We will provide to the local health department the total number of COVID-19 cases and for each COVID-19 case, the name, contact information, occupation, workplace location, business address, the hospitalization and/or fatality status, and North American Industry Classification System code of the workplace of the COVID-19 case, and any other information requested by the local health department. We will continue to give notice to the local health department of any subsequent COVID-19 cases at our workplace.

## **Additional Consideration #2**

### **Major COVID-19 Outbreaks**

**[This section will need to be added to your CPP should your workplace experience 20 or more COVID-19 cases within a 30-day period. Reference section 3205.2 for details.]**

This section of CPP will stay in effect until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.

#### **COVID-19 testing**

We will provide twice a week COVID-19 testing, or more frequently if recommended by the local health department, to all employees present at our exposed workplace during the relevant 30-day period(s) and who remain at the workplace. COVID-19 testing will be provided at no cost to employees during employees' working hours.

#### **Exclusion of COVID-19 cases**

We will ensure COVID-19 cases and employees with COVID-19 exposure are excluded from the workplace in accordance with our CPP **Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases and Return to Work Criteria**, and any relevant local health department orders.

#### **Investigation of workplace COVID-19 illnesses**

We will comply with the requirements of our CPP **Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases**.

#### **COVID-19 hazard correction**

In addition to the requirements of our CPP **Correction of COVID-19 Hazards**, we will take the following actions:

- In buildings or structures with mechanical ventilation, we will filter recirculated air with Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) 13 or higher efficiency filters if compatible with the ventilation system. If MERV-13 or higher filters are not compatible with the ventilation system, we will use filters with the highest compatible filtering efficiency. We will also evaluate whether portable or mounted High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units, or other air cleaning systems would reduce the risk of transmission and implement their use to the degree feasible.
- We will determine the need for a respiratory protection program or changes to an existing respiratory protection program under CCR Title 8 section 5144 to address COVID-19 hazards.
- We will evaluate whether to halt some or all operations at our workplace until COVID-19 hazards have been corrected
- Implement any other control measures deemed necessary by Cal/OSHA.

#### **Notifications to the local health department**

We will comply with the requirements of our **Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks-Notifications to the Local Health Department**.

## Additional Consideration #3

### COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Housing

[This section will need to be added to your CPP if you have workers in employer-provided housing. Reference section 3205.3 for details. Employer-provided housing is any place or area of land, any portion of any housing accommodation, or property upon which a housing accommodation is located, consisting of: living quarters, dwelling, boardinghouse, tent, bunkhouse, maintenance-of-way car, mobile home, manufactured home, recreational vehicle, travel trailer, or other housing accommodations. Employer-provided housing includes a “labor camp” as that term is used in title 8 of the California Code of Regulations or other regulations or codes. The employer-provided housing may be maintained in one or more buildings or one or more sites, including hotels and motels, and the premises upon which they are situated, or the area set aside and provided for parking of mobile homes or camping. Employer-provided housing is housing that is arranged for or provided by an employer, other person, or entity to workers, and in some cases to workers and persons in their households, in connection with the worker’s employment, whether or not rent or fees are paid or collected.

- This section does not apply to housing provided for the purpose of emergency response, including firefighting, rescue, and evacuation, and support activities directly aiding response such as utilities, communications, and medical operations, if:
  - The employer is a government entity; or
  - The housing is provided temporarily by a private employer and is necessary to conduct the emergency response operations.
- The requirements below for Physical distancing and controls, Face coverings, Cleaning and disinfecting, Screening, and Isolation of COVID-19 cases and persons with COVID-19 exposure do not apply to occupants, such as family members, who maintained a household together prior to residing in employer-provided housing, but only when no other persons outside the household are present.]

#### Assignment of housing units

We will ensure that shared housing unit assignments are prioritized in the following order:

- Residents who usually maintain a household together outside of work, such as family members, will be housed in the same housing unit without other persons.
- Residents who work in the same crew or work together at the same worksite will be housed in the same housing unit without other persons.
- Employees who do not usually maintain a common household, work crew, or worksite will be housed in the same housing unit only when no other housing alternatives are possible.

#### Physical distancing and controls

We will ensure:

- The premises are of sufficient size and layout to permit at least six feet of physical distancing between residents in housing units, common areas, and other areas of the premises.
- Beds are spaced at least six feet apart in all directions and positioned to maximize the distance between sleepers’ heads. For beds positioned next to each other, i.e., side by side, the beds will be arranged so that the head of one bed is next to the foot of the next bed. For beds positioned across from each other, i.e., end to end, the beds will be arranged so that the foot of one bed is closest to the foot of the next bed. Bunk beds will not be used.
- Maximization of the quantity and supply of outdoor air and increase filtration efficiency to the highest level compatible with the existing ventilation system in housing units.



## Face coverings

We will provide face coverings to all residents and provide information to residents on when they should be used in accordance with state or local health officer orders or guidance.

## Cleaning and disinfection

We will ensure that:

- Housing units, kitchens, bathrooms, and common areas are effectively cleaned and disinfected at least once a day to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Cleaning and disinfecting shall be done in a manner that protects the privacy of residents.
- Unwashed dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, and similar items are not shared.

## Screening

We will encourage residents to report COVID-19 symptoms to **[enter name of individual, position, or office]**.

## COVID-19 testing

We will establish, implement, and maintain effective policies and procedures for COVID-19 testing of occupants who had a COVID-19 exposure, who have COVID-19 symptoms, or as recommended by the local health department.

## Isolation of COVID-19 cases and persons with COVID-19 exposure

We will:

- Effectively isolate COVID-19 exposed residents from all other occupants. Effective isolation will include providing COVID-19 exposed residents with a private bathroom, sleeping area, and cooking and eating facility.
- Effectively isolate COVID-19 cases from all occupants who are not COVID-19 cases. Effective isolation will include housing COVID-19 cases only with other COVID-19 cases, and providing COVID-19 case occupants with a sleeping area, bathroom, and cooking and eating facility that is not shared by non-COVID-19-case occupants.
- Keep confidential any personal identifying information regarding COVID-19 cases and persons with COVID-19 symptoms, in accordance with our **CPP Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases**.
- End isolation in accordance with our **CPP Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases and Return to Work Criteria**, and any applicable local or state health officer orders.

## Additional Consideration #4

### COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Transportation to and from Work

[This section will need to be added to your CPP if there is employer-provided motor vehicle transportation to and from work, which is any transportation of an employee, during the course and scope of employment, provided, arranged for, or secured by an employer including ride-share vans or shuttle vehicles, car-pools, and private charter buses, regardless of the travel distance or duration involved. Reference section 3205.4 for details.]

This section does not apply:

- If the driver and all passengers are from the same household outside of work, such as family members.
- To employer-provided transportation when necessary for emergency response, including firefighting, rescue, and evacuation, and support activities directly aiding response such as utilities, communications and medical operations.]

#### Assignment of transportation

We will prioritize shared transportation assignments in the following order:

- Employees residing in the same housing unit will be transported in the same vehicle.
- Employees working in the same crew or worksite will be transported in the same vehicle.
- Employees who do not share the same household, work crew or worksite will be transported in the same vehicle only when no other transportation alternatives are possible.

#### Physical distancing and face coverings

We will ensure that the:

- Physical distancing and face covering requirements of our CPP **Physical Distancing and Face Coverings** are followed for employees waiting for transportation.
- Vehicle operator and any passengers are separated by at least three feet in all directions during the operation of the vehicle, regardless of the vehicle's normal capacity. Vehicle operator and any passengers are provided and wear a face covering in the vehicle as required by our CPP **Face Coverings**.

#### Screening

We will develop, implement, and maintain effective procedures for screening and excluding drivers and riders with COVID-19 symptoms prior to boarding shared transportation.

#### Cleaning and disinfecting

We will ensure that:

- All high-contact surfaces (door handles, seatbelt buckles, armrests, etc.) used by passengers are cleaned and disinfected before each trip.
- All high-contact surfaces used by drivers, such as the steering wheel, armrests, seatbelt buckles, door handles and shifter, are cleaned and disinfected between different drivers.
- We provide sanitizing materials, training on how to use them properly, and ensure they are kept in adequate supply.

#### Ventilation

We will ensure that vehicle windows are kept open, and the ventilation system set to maximize outdoor air and not set to recirculate air. Windows do not have to be kept open if one or more of the following

conditions exist:

- The vehicle has functioning air conditioning in use and the outside temperature is greater than 90 degrees Fahrenheit.
- The vehicle has functioning heating in use and the outside temperature is less than 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Protection is needed from weather conditions, such as rain or snow.
- The vehicle has a cabin air filter in use and the U.S. EPA Air Quality Index for any pollutant is greater than 100.

### **Hand hygiene**

We will provide hand sanitizer in each vehicle and ensure that all drivers and riders sanitize their hands before entering and exiting the vehicle. Hand sanitizers with methyl alcohol are prohibited.

# COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist

January 14, 2021

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Date: 2/19/2022

## 2021 COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist

Name of Local Educational Agency or Equivalent: \_\_\_\_\_ The Academies Charter Management Organization

Number of schools: 2

Enrollment: 680

Superintendent (or equivalent) Name: Donya Ball, Ed.D.

Address: PO Box 1189  
Visalia, CA 93279

Phone Number: 559-730-7422

Email: dball@theacademiescharters

Date of proposed reopening:  
3/9/2021-TK-2    3/16/2021-3-6

County: Tulare

Current Tier: Purple  
*(please indicate Purple, Red, Orange or Yellow)*

Type of LEA: Charter Schools

Grade Level: (check all that apply)

TK    2nd    5th    8th    11th

K    3rd    6th    9th    12th

1st    4th    7th    10th

**This form and any applicable attachments should be posted publicly on the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent) prior to reopening or if an LEA or equivalent has already opened for in-person instruction. For those in the Purple Tier and not yet open, materials must additionally be submitted to your local health officer (LHO) and the State School Safety Team prior to reopening, per the [Guidance on Schools](#).**

The email address for submission to the State School Safety for All Team for LEAs in Purple Tier is:

[K12csp@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:K12csp@cdph.ca.gov)

**LEAs or equivalent in Counties with a case rate  $\geq 25/100,000$  individuals can submit materials but cannot re-open a school until the county is below 25 cases per 100,000 (adjusted rate) for 5 consecutive days.**

### For Local Educational Agencies (LEAs or equivalent) in ALL TIERS:

I, Donya Ball, post to the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent) the COVID Safety Plan, which consists of two elements: the **COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)**, pursuant to CalOSHA requirements, and this **CDPH COVID-19 Guidance Checklist** and accompanying documents,



which satisfies requirements for the safe reopening of schools per CDPH [Guidance on Schools](#). For those seeking to open while in the Purple Tier, these plans have also been submitted to the local health officer (LHO) and the State School Safety Team.

I confirm that reopening plan(s) address the following, consistent with guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the local health department:

**Stable group structures (where applicable):** How students and staff will be kept in stable groups with fixed membership that stay together for all activities (e.g., instruction, lunch, recess) and minimize/avoid contact with other groups or individuals who are not part of the stable group.

Please provide specific information regarding:

How many students and staff will be in each planned stable, group structure? (If planning more than one type of group, what is the minimum and maximum number of students and staff in the groups?)

10-14 students per 1 teacher

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If you have departmentalized classes, how will you organize staff and students in stable groups?

N/A

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If you have electives, how will you prevent or minimize in-person contact for members of different stable groups?

N/A

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**Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School:** How movement of students, staff, and parents will be managed to avoid close contact and/or mixing of cohorts.

**Face Coverings and Other Essential Protective Gear:** How CDPH's face covering requirements will be satisfied and enforced for staff and students.

**Health Screenings for Students and Staff:** How students and staff will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and how ill students or staff will be separated from others and sent home immediately.

**Healthy Hygiene Practices:** The availability of handwashing stations and hand sanitizer, and how their safe and appropriate use will be promoted and incorporated into routines for staff and students.

**☒ Identification and Tracing of Contacts:** Actions that staff will take when there is a confirmed case. Confirm that the school(s) have designated staff persons to support contact tracing, such as creation and submission of lists of exposed students and staff to the local health department and notification of exposed persons. Each school must designate a person for the local health department to contact about COVID-19.

**☒ Physical Distancing:** How space and routines will be arranged to allow for physical distancing of students and staff.

Please provide the planned maximum and minimum distance between students in classrooms.

Maximum: <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ feet

Minimum: <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ feet. If this is less than 6 feet, please explain why it is not possible to maintain a minimum of at least 6 feet.

Some classrooms are smaller in which cohorts are attending, therefore we have glass barriers on those desks if we can not meet the 6 feet threshold.

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**☒ Staff Training and Family Education:** How staff will be trained and families will be educated on the application and enforcement of the plan.

**☒ Testing of Staff:** How school officials will ensure that students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be rapidly tested and what instructions they will be given while waiting for test results. Below, please describe any planned periodic asymptomatic staff testing cadence.

Staff asymptomatic testing cadence. Please note if testing cadence will differ by tier:

We will provide COVID-19 testing to all employees in our exposed workplace except for employees who were not present during the period of an outbreak identified by a local health department or the relevant 14-day period. COVID-19 testing will be provided at no cost to employees during employees' working hours. We are currently meeting with a variety of testing agencies to determine which we will contract with to provide periodic asymptomatic staff testing.

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**☒ Testing of Students:** How school officials will ensure that students who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be rapidly tested and what instructions they will be given while waiting for test results. Below, please describe any planned periodic asymptomatic student testing cadence.

Planned student testing cadence. Please note if testing cadence will differ by tier:

We will provide COVID-19 testing to all students in exposed classrooms except for employees who were not present during the period of an outbreak identified by a local health department or the relevant 14-day period. We are currently meeting with a variety of testing agencies to determine which we will contract with to provide periodic asymptomatic staff testing.

**Identification and Reporting of Cases:** At all times, reporting of confirmed positive and suspected cases in students, staff and employees will be consistent with [Reporting Requirements](#).

**Communication Plans:** How the superintendent will communicate with students, staff, and parents about cases and exposures at the school, consistent with privacy requirements such as FERPA and HIPAA.

**Consultation: (For schools not previously open)** Please confirm consultation with the following groups

Labor Organization

Name of Organization(s) and Date(s) Consulted:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent and Community Organizations

Name of Organization(s) and Date(s) Consulted:

Name: The Academies' Parent Forums

Date: 10/6/20, 11/2/20, 12/15/20, 1/19/21

*If no labor organization represents staff at the school, please describe the process for consultation with school staff:*

Site administration has met with school staff at least two-three planning meetings to discuss schedule development and receive feedback pertaining reopening of schools. The Superintendent consulted with schools staff through multiple surveys to determine staff priorities and comfort level with returning to school.

### **For Local Educational Agencies (LEAs or equivalent) in PURPLE:**

**Local Health Officer Approval:** The Local Health Officer, for (state Local Health Jurisdiction ) \_\_\_\_\_, Local Health Jurisdiction has certified and approved the CSP on this date:

\_\_\_\_\_. If more than 7 business days have passed since the submission without input from the LHO, the CSP shall be deemed approved.

### **Additional Resources:**

[Guidance on Schools](#)

[Safe Schools for All Hub](#)

Note: This checklist was amended on January 29th to delete language regarding the need to submit this checklist to a County Office of Education. The CSP does not need to be submitted to the County Office of Education as part of the public health guidance, though the County Office of Education may request the CSP as part of other processes.