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COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP) for In-Person Instruction

(as of 8/16/2021 and is subject to change [via Solano County Public Health guidelines](#))

This plan follows the COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-2022 School Year dated August 2, 2021.

The Plan outline is based on a “Healthy Only” framework for the NHCS campus. This framework requires parents and employees to ensure that **only healthy individuals are entering the campus**. A “Healthy Only” framework provides the greatest level of “normalcy” but depends on students and employees to remain at home if they display any COVID-19 symptoms or have been in contact with others who are symptomatic.

Information in this Health & Safety Plan is in addition to and will supersede NHCS Student/Parent Handbook policies as long as the California Department of Public Health and Solano County Public Health guidelines are in effect.

Onsite supervisors responsible for implementing the COVID-19 Health & Safety Plan are K-12 Superintendent, Florence Wright (fwright@nhcsvallejo.org), and Administrator of Campus Operations, Paula Prentice (pprentice@nhcsvallejo.org). These supervisors will spot check and make corrections as well as receive employee communication regarding noticed deficiencies.

Plan Item	Protocols
Case Reporting <i>CDPH Guidance for K-12 2021-2022 (August 2, 2021)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Per AB 86 (2021) and California Code Title 17, section 2500, schools are required to report COVID-19 cases to the local public health department. ● The K-12 Superintendent acts as the COVID-19 liaison to assist the local health department with contact tracing and investigation.
Communication Plans	Parents and staff will use email or telephone communication to self-report symptoms. NH uses an emergency message system in the event notification is necessary, while maintaining confidentiality.
COVID-19 Testing	Employees are referred to their Primary Care Providers for COVID-19 testing. Testing of symptomatic students and employees can be accessed through the Solano County testing resources. Students and employees with symptoms of COVID-19 infection are advised not to return for in-person instruction/work until they have met CDPH criteria to discontinue home isolation.
Employee Training	All employees received COVID-19 training on their return to campus and before caring for children using the following resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● North Hills Cal/OSHA COVID-19 for Office/Employee Workspaces. ● CDPH COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year Training updates take place as soon as practicable when K-12 Guidance is revised.

<p>Face Coverings</p> <p><i>CDPH Guidance for K-12 2021-2022 (August 2, 2021).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks are optional outdoors for all in K-12 school settings. ● K-12 students are required to wear masks indoors (including transportation), with exemptions per CDPH face mask guidance. ● Adults in K-12 school settings are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces (including transportation) with students. ● Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it. ● Schools must develop and implement local protocols to provide a face covering to students who inadvertently fail to bring a face covering to school to prevent unnecessary exclusions. ● In limited situations where a face covering cannot be used for pedagogical or developmental reasons, (e.g., communicating or assisting young children or those with special needs) a face shield with a drape (per CDPH guidelines) can be used instead of a face covering while in the classroom as long as the wearer maintains physical distance from others. Staff must return to wearing a face covering outside of the classroom. ● North Hills will provide disposable masks to students who fail to bring a mask or misplace it during the day.
<p>Facility recommendations</p> <p><i>CDPH Guidance for K-12 2021-2022 (August 2, 2021)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All classroom space includes windows that are opened as much as possible to allow ventilation and airflow. ● Hand sanitizing stations are strategically placed throughout the campus. ● Adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behavior including soap, tissues, no-touch trash cans, hand sanitizer (60% ethyl alcohol), etc. are available to students and staff. ● In general, cleaning once a day is usually enough to sufficiently remove potential virus that may be on surfaces. Disinfecting (using disinfectants of the U.S. EPA COVID-19 list) removes any remaining germs on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection. ● Teachers are responsible for the regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces. ● If a person with COVID-19 has been in the facility, the spaces will be cleaned AND disinfected. ● An isolation room is designated in the school office to separate anyone who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 and is cleaned after use.
<p>Food</p> <p><i>CDPH Guidance for K-12 2021-2022 (August 2, 2021)</i></p>	<p>Given very low risk of transmission from surfaces and shared objects, there is no need to limit food service approaches to single use items and packaged meals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Weather permitting, student lunches are eaten outdoors. ● Maximize physical distance as much as possible while eating (especially indoors). ● Clean frequently touched surfaces. Surfaces that come in contact with food should be washed, rinsed, and sanitized before and after meals.

<p>Hand Hygiene recommendations</p> <p><i>CDPH Guidance for K-12 2021-2022 (August 2, 2021)</i></p>	<p>Teach and reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote hand washing throughout the day, especially before and after eating, after using the toilet, and after handling garbage, or removing gloves. ● Ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, tissues, no-touch trash cans, face coverings, and hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent ethyl alcohol for staff and children who can safely use hand sanitizer. ● Healthy hygiene signage is posted throughout the buildings. ● Hand sanitizing stations are strategically placed throughout the campus.
<p>On-Campus Sickness</p>	<p>Any student or staff member who exhibits 1 or more symptoms of COVID-19 while on campus are directed to the office, isolated from others until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility. The measures taken should a student, teacher, or staff member have symptoms, is a contact of someone infected, or is diagnosed with COVID-19:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>COVID-19 symptoms.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Send home and testing is recommended. ● School/classroom remain open. 2) <u>Close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Send home. ● Exclude from school for 10 days from last exposure, per CDPH quarantine recommendations. ● Recommend testing 5-7 days from last exposure (but will not shorten 10-day exclusion if negative). ● School/classroom remain open. 3) <u>Confirmed COVID-19 case infection.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Notify the local public health department while maintaining confidentiality as required by state and federal laws. ● Exclude from school for 10 days from symptom onset date or, if asymptomatic, for 10 days from specimen collection date. ● Identify school contacts, inform the local health department of identified contacts, and exclude contacts (possibly the entire stable group) from school for 10 days after the last date the case was present at school while infectious. ● Recommend testing asymptomatic contacts 5-7 days from last exposure and immediate testing of symptomatic contacts (negative test results will not shorten 10-day exclusion). ● Disinfection and cleaning of classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time. ● School remains open. 4) <u>Symptomatic person tests negative or a healthcare provider documents that symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May return to school after 24 hours have passed without fever and symptoms have started improving. ● School/classroom remain open.

<p>Parents and Guests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All parents and guests are required to wear a face covering indoors. • While we do not want to discourage volunteerism completely, parents who wish to volunteer will have to follow guidelines and must be pre-arranged as there are no drop-in visits. • School tours for prospective families are limited to outdoor space only.
<p>Physical Distancing</p> <p><i>CDPH Guidance for K-12 2021-2022 (August 2, 2021)</i></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Drop Off:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle/High student drop off at red tables at the north end of the campus beginning at 8:00 a.m. • K-5 student drop off at car lanes in front of PS playground beginning at 8:00 a.m. <p>Dismissal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised pick up until 15 minutes after school dismissal times at the designated areas. Designated pick up areas are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Kindergarten, 3rd, and 4th grades: car lanes in front of PS playground; 2) 1st, 2nd, and 5th grades: the ramp outside of E200 (near Worship Center) 3) 6th - 12th grades: red tables at the north end of the campus,; • Exterior doors remain open for 15 minutes after the start of school. Students arriving after this time must report to the school office. • Safety shields are installed at the school office front desk. <p>Classroom:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon entering the classroom students sanitize/wash their hands. • Students are instructed not to share items with their classmates. <p>Recess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms have dedicated equipment used only by students in that classroom.
<p>School Closure Determinations</p>	<p>In consultation with the local public health department, a closure may be recommended based on the number of cases and stable groups impacted. This may include a partial/temporary closure of the campus for cleaning and disinfection. The current automated message system is used to contact parents.</p> <p>To ensure a smooth transition at any time in the future that the school may need to shift from campus-based to home-based Remote Instruction.</p>

<p>Staying home when sick</p> <p><i>CDPH Guidance for K-12 2021-2022 (August 2, 2021)</i></p>	<p>Advise staff members and students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection not to return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to school for those with symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and ii. Other symptoms have improved; and iii. They have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2, OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus), OR at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.
<p>Technology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In grades K-8, Chromebooks and computer carts are assigned and include a protocol for continual surface cleaning. ● High School students participate in a one-to-one program in which every student will utilize a Chromebook. ● Shared equipment in computer labs is maintained with a protocol of surface cleaning between every use.
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>North Hills is offering transportation services for students residing off I-80 in Contra Costa County. All indoor protocols will be in place for both driver and students.</p>
<p>Water</p>	<p>Water fountains are not operational. Students must bring water bottles labeled with their name. Parents should consider the need for extra water on hot days.</p>