

# NORTH HILLS Church • K-12 • Preschool

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

(as of 3/12/2022 and is subject to change)

This plan follows COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-2022 School Year dated March 12, 2022. <a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx</a>

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.

Supervisors responsible for implementing the COVID-19 Health & Safety Plan are K-12 Superintendent, Florence Wright (<a href="mailto:fwright@nhcsvallejo.org">fwright@nhcsvallejo.org</a>), and Senior Executive Pastor, Daniel Barrett (<a href="mailto:dbarrett@nhcsvallejo.org">dbarrett@nhcsvallejo.org</a>). These onsite supervisors will spot-check and make corrections as well as receive employee communication regarding noticed deficiencies.

Plan Item	Protocols
Case Reporting CDPH Guidance for K-12 2021-2022 (August 2, 2021)	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>The K-12 Superintendent acts as the COVID-19 liaison and will utilize Group-Tracing.</li> </ul>
Communication Plans	Parents and staff will use email or telephone communication to self-report symptoms. North Hills 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 or local alternative sites 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 CPDH 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:  • 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.

#### No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of Face Coverings participation in an activity or entry into school, unless wearing a mask would pose a safety hazard (e.g., watersports). CDPH Guidance for K-12 While the CDPH strongly recommends that all persons wear masks in K-2021-2022 (March 12, 2022). 12 indoor settings, it is not required. North Hills allows families and staff to make these decisions based on their personal assessment of risk. North Hills will provide disposable masks upon request by students or staff. **Facility** All classroom space includes windows that are opened as much as recommendations possible to allow ventilation and airflow. Adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behavior including soap, CDPH Guidance for K-12 tissues, no-touch trash cans, hand sanitizer (60% ethyl alcohol), etc. are 2021-2022 (March 12, 2022) available to students and staff. In general, cleaning once a day is usually enough to sufficiently remove potential viruses 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 and disinfected after Drinking fountains may be open and used by students and staff. Routine cleaning will be provided. Additionally, North Hills has installed a water bottle filling station in Dodson Hall for use by students, staff, and visitors. Given the very low risk of transmission from surfaces and shared objects, there is Food no need to limit food service approaches to single-use items and packaged meals. CDPH Guidance for K-12 Weather permitting, student lunches are eaten outdoors. 2021-2022 (March 12, 2022) 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.

# Hand Hygiene recommendations

CDPH Guidance for K-12 2021-2022 (March 12, 2022) Teach and reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.

- Promote handwashing throughout the day, especially before and after eating, after using the toilet, 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.

#### **On-Campus Sickness**

CDPH Guidance for K-12 2021-2022 (March 12, 2022) Any student or staff member who exhibits one or more symptoms of COVID-19 while on campus will be directed to the office and kept isolated from others until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility. North Hills will take the Group-Tracing Approach to Students Exposed to COVID-19 in a K-12 setting as recommended by the CDPH.

The measures taken should a student, teacher, or staff member have symptoms, has had contact with someone infected, or is diagnosed with COVID-19:

- 1) Notification will be provided to all individuals in "groups" considered exposed (spent more than a cumulative total of 15 minutes within a 24-hour time period in shared indoor airspace with someone with COVID-19 during infectious period).
- 2) Exposed students, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, should get tested for COVID-19 within 3-5 days after last exposure, unless they had COVID-19 within the last 90 days. A limited number of rapid tests are currently available in the school office.
- 3) Exposed students may continue to take part in all aspects of K-12 schooling, including sports and extracurricular activities, unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.
- 4) If COVID-19 symptoms are present:
  - Send home and testing is recommended.
  - School/classroom remain open.
- 5) If symptomatic person tests negative or a healthcare provider documents that symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition:
  - May return to school after 24 hours have passed without fever and symptoms have started improving.
  - School/classroom remain open.

#### **Parents and Guests**

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.

# Physical Distancing

CDPH Guidance for K-12 2021-2022 (March 12, 2022) 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 <u>CDC K-12 School Guidance</u>.

#### Drop Off:

- **Middle/High student** drop off at red tables at the north end of the campus beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- **Elementary student** drop off at car lanes in front of the Preschool Playground beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- Students arriving after start time must report to the school office.

#### Dismissal:

- Supervised pick up until 15 minutes after school dismissal times at the designated areas. Designated pick up areas are:
  - 1) **Kindergarten, 3rd, and 4th grades**: car lanes in front of the Preschool 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

#### Classroom:

- Upon entering the classroom students sanitize/wash their hands.
- Students are instructed not to share items with their classmates.

#### Recess:

 Classrooms have dedicated equipment used only by students in that classroom.

# Staying home when sick

CDPH Guidance for K-12 2021-2022 (March 12, 2022) 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:

- 1. At least 24 hours have passed since the resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and
- 2. Other symptoms have improved;
- 3. A negative test for SARS-CoV-2 (recommended but not required), OR a healthcare provider 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 and Coxsackie virus).

#### **Technology**

- In K-8th grade, 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 the Computer Lab is maintained with a protocol of surface cleaning between every use.

Transportation	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 the driver and students.
Water	Water fountains are operational. Students may continue to bring water bottles labeled with their name. Parents should consider the need for extra water on hot days. A water bottle filling station is installed in Dodson Hall for student and staff use throughout the day.
School Closure Determinations	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.  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.