

North County Christian School

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Health and Safety Plan

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Introduction:

The following plan is subject to change in response to new guidelines that may occur at any time. The goal of the school's "Health and Safety Plan" is to keep in place protocols that best support instructional quality without compromising student safety.

General Information:

It is imperative that all parents and employees adhere to the requirement that only healthy individuals enter the school campus. Additionally, school facilities will receive necessary levels of cleaning and sanitizing with an aim toward minimizing disruption of usual classroom functions. The above is dependent on students and school employees remaining at home when exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms.

The following plans are in consideration of current state health department guidelines in response to the COVID-19 as well as other seasonal illnesses.

The goal of North County Christian School is to maintain a safe and healthy environment for school families including students and staff without onsite interruption of classroom learning and extra-curricular activities.

Face Coverings: Parents may choose to have their child(ren) wear face masks at school, but face coverings are not required on campus or at school programs for school or staff.

COVID-19 Vaccination: Although the CDC has recommended Covid-19 vaccinations for students attending school, no such requirement currently exists in the state of California. North County Christian School has no plans to require students or staff to be vaccinated for Covid-19.

Health Screening:

School staff should self-screen and parents are expected to screen students each morning before school arrival with the following areas of consideration:

- Fever—Elevated temperature (especially above 100 ° F)
- New cough unrelated to typical allergy symptoms
- Shortness of Breath
- Chills
- Fatigue, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

Consultation with professional health care is always recommended for the primary standard of student wellness, including the prevention and treatment of student illness.

Currently, those presenting the above listed symptoms as well as those exposed to another individual who have tested positive for COVID-19 should be tested using a home Antigen test. It is currently recommended by the health department that testing be completed no sooner than three days after exposure to a known positive case of COVID-19.

After testing positive for COVID-19, return to school guidelines will apply as follows:

- At least five days since the individual first had symptoms
- Continuous resolution of symptoms (cough and shortness of breath), including the absence of fever for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medications

Sanitation of Facilities:

- Designated trained staff will sanitize classrooms, restrooms, offices, on a regular basis.
- Students will wash hands thoroughly after using the restroom and will be required to regularly wash hands. Hand washing stations have been strategically located on campus. Additionally, hand sanitizer will be provided inside each classroom, and office area.
- To enhance classroom air circulation, doors and windows will be opened weather permitting or filtered air conditioner fans utilized throughout the school day.

Health and Safety Coordinator:

Ken Hutchinson, Director of Operations, is designated as NCCS's Health and Safety Coordinator and county health department's school contact person with the following responsibilities in conjunction with office staff:

- Isolating a student, staff member, or visitor who develops symptoms of illness while on campus
- Notification of necessary family members for school pick-up when needed
- Following up on students and staff who are affected by the Health Screening restrictions to ensure that testing (in the case of Covid-19) and return protocols are followed
- Review all screening, sanitation, and screening protocols to be sure they are being optimally implemented
- Coordinate with school administration and staff the needed accommodations for students and staff at higher risk of infection
- Communicate health information to staff, school families and the county health department.

- Serve as the school's contact person in response to county health department requirements.

Faculty and Staff Safety Education:

As part of the school's new school year orientation, all faculty and staff will be trained in the areas of health and safety prior to the beginning of each school year. Care will be taken to be sure that all faculty and staff have a clear understanding of the practices outlined in this document with an emphasis on the protection of our employees who have a greater risk should they be exposed to a viruses including COVID-19. That emphasis includes continuous awareness of increased risks, student health monitoring, and prevention.

Communication:

Parents will be informed via regular email when health concerns arise within the school community or when changes in health and safety procedures have been made.