



School of the Epiphany

Mitigation Plan 2021-2022 School Year

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This safety plan was developed with the health and safety of the School of the Epiphany community in mind. Guidance of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, the Department of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and the State of California was followed in the creation of this plan. This safety plan is subject to change as guidance and directives are announced.

This Operations Plan has been updated to reflect the State of California's COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year issued on July 12, 2021.

As required, the school has posted a COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP) on the homepage of the school's website. The CSP includes the school's Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) and the COVID-19 School Guidance elements.

Face Coverings:

Students in all grade levels K-12 will be required to wear face coverings while indoors, while at school

All staff are required to wear face coverings when sharing indoor spaces with students.

- CPDH recommends disposable 3-ply surgical masks, which are more effective than cloth face coverings
- Bandanas, gaiters, and similar face coverings are no longer acceptable.
- Additional masks will be available to students who inadvertently fail to bring a face covering to school.
- Under CDPH guidelines, students who refuse to wear a face mask as required will be sent home.

Classroom Spaces

Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are implemented. Physical distancing will still be emphasized indoors when masks cannot be worn, e.g. indoor lunchroom.

Ventilation

Ventilation will be maximized within all occupied indoor spaces through some combination of operable windows, mechanical ventilation systems, and/or portable air cleaners in a manner that complies with county guidance.

Hand Hygiene

All classrooms, staff rooms, and dining areas are stocked with hand hygiene stations consisting of hand sanitizer. All individuals will be encouraged to practice regular hand hygiene.

Meals and Snacks

All students and staff will eat outdoors when space and weather allow. When eating indoors, students will be appropriately spaced, and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned before and after meals.

Stay Home When Sick

A list of COVID-19 symptoms will be given to staff, volunteers, students, and families. We will require symptomatic staff and students to stay home when sick, get tested, and consult with their health care provider. *Note for school: You are not required to confirm that these checks have been completed each day or conduct them onsite.*

Testing

We strongly encourage people with symptoms of COVID-19 to get tested, regardless of their vaccination status, as well as those who are unvaccinated and are close contacts of those with COVID-19. *Note for school: the CDPH recommends regular testing of staff, even those who are asymptomatic. SFDPH does not recommend routine testing of asymptomatic staff or students if they have no known exposures.*

Positive Cases

Individuals with symptoms or those who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be instructed to not return for in-person instruction until they meet all of the conditions outlined in <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/COVID-19/Schools-Returning.asp>.

Isolation of Cases

Individuals who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms while onsite will be required to be sent home. Students who become sick and are waiting to be picked up are required to wait in a designated isolation space.

Quarantine

All students and staff are required to adhere to the SFDPH guidelines for quarantine, located in [Quick Guide for Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 in Schools, Childcare, and Programs for Children and Youth](#). If students wore masks at all times that they were exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual within a classroom, these guidelines permit a 10-day modified quarantine in which they may still attend in-person

instruction if they are (1) asymptomatic, (2) do not participate in extracurricular activities during the 10-day period, and (3) get tested twice per week.

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- Parents and caregivers may enter campus for pick-up and drop-off, even if they are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19.
- All visitors to campus will fill out a Health Check Google Form.
- Festivals, performances and other events that involve families; tours; and open houses are allowed. If indoors, all participants must wear face masks. A log will be kept of those that attend, in the event a positive case later presents itself.
- Drinking fountains can be used.
- Students can share toys, computers, books, manipulatives, play areas and area rugs.
- All restrictions on field trips have been removed.
- Fire drills may resume.
- Sports, dance, exercise, wind-instruments, singing, and chatting are allowed--Masks must be worn indoors for all activities.