

COVID-19 Safety Protocols & Testing Framework

Student & Staff Health Tracking

Parents are asked to report any student symptoms consistent with or diagnosis of a COVID-19 positive case to the school so that school health personnel can track and follow-up appropriately. Similarly, staff are required to report any symptoms related to their absence to their principal or direct supervisor.

Testing

BCS follows current recommendations regarding testing as set forth by the California Department of Public Health in their [testing framework](#). Antigen tests are accepted as the preferred method when students or staff report symptoms consistent with COVID-19. An inventory of over-the-counter (OTC) tests is available to students and staff at all times in the case of symptoms and/or exposure.

COVID-19 Exposures

In alignment with the [Santa Clara County Public Health Department \(SCCPHD\) guidelines](#), any positive individual identified will be isolated (if onsite) and instructed to isolate for at least 5 days from onset of symptoms or positive test collection (if asymptomatic). Positive staff cases will be reported as required to our insurance provider (CharterSafe). Additionally, cases will be reported to the Santa Clara County Public Health Department in the event that the threshold of onsite cases is reached.

Any student or staff who tests positive for COVID-19 will be allowed back on site only if they:

- Have completed the required 5-day isolation period; **AND**
- Have been without fever (100.4+) for at least 24 hours without medication; **AND**
- Are asymptomatic or symptoms improving; **OR**
- At least 10 days have passed since the date of symptom onset or specimen collection of their first positive COVID-19 test (if asymptomatic).

BCS defines someone who spent more than a cumulative total of 15 minutes within a 24-hour time period in a shared indoor airspace with a positive COVID-19 case during their period of infectiousness (48-hours) as a close contact. Students and staff identified as close contacts may remain in school/onsite if they remain asymptomatic. Consistent with [SCCPHD guidelines](#), all students are recommended to test 3-5 days following the exposure and strongly recommended to wear a mask while indoors for at least 10 days following exposure. This is a requirement for staff per CalOSHA.

Face Coverings

BCS provides single-use face masks for students and staff who desire to wear them.

Ventilation

We maximize the quantity and flow of outside air for all classrooms/offices with mechanical or natural ventilation systems by evaluating and optimizing all HVAC systems. Additionally, all instructional and public spaces are provided with HEPA-based air purifiers.

Hand Hygiene

All classrooms and restrooms are equipped with sinks containing touchless soap and paper towel dispensers and staff and students follow regular daily washing regimens. Automatic hand sanitizer machines are provided at the entry to each classroom as well as in key high traffic areas.