

# **NPA High School**

## **COVID Health & Safety Plan**

**2021-2022**

*(as of 8/20/21)*

NPA's plans to help best ensure the health and safety of all students, staff and families are documented herein. This is considered a working document and may change as conditions shift or new information becomes available.

This plan is based off of guidance from the California Department of Public Health's "COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year" and the California Department of Education's publication, "Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California's Public Schools".

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## **1) Masking**

- a. Masks are optional outdoors.
- b. Students are required to mask indoors, with exemptions per [CDPH face mask guidance](#). Adults are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with students.
- c. 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.
- d. The school will provide a face covering to students who don't bring one to school.
- e. Students who won't wear a face covering cannot attend in person school but can engage in an independent study program.

## **2) Physical Distancing**

- a. Physical distancing of a minimum of 3 feet will be maintained in all indoor settings.

## **3) Vaccination Monitoring**

- a. NPA, in accordance with the CDC and the CDPH, recommends that all students age 12 and older be fully vaccinated.
- b. All faculty, staff and volunteers on campus are required to be fully vaccinated and to submit proof of vaccination before October, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- c. All students 12 and older will be asked to share their vaccination status. This information will be kept confidential.

#### **4) Quarantine & Communication**

**\*\*For quarantine recommendations and requirements we encourage staff, parents and students to refer to HCOE's "COVID-19 Screening Flow Chart" and "COVID-19 Positive Test in School" flow chart\*\***

##### **For everyone regardless of vaccination status:**

-If symptomatic for COVID-19, the student must quarantine for 10 days. The student should not return to in person school until a negative test result is reached.

-If positive for COVID-19 the student must quarantine until a negative test result is reached.

##### **For fully vaccinated students and staff:**

-If exposed to someone with COVID-19 but asymptomatic, the student does not need to quarantine but we recommend get tested 3-5 days after exposure.

##### **For unvaccinated students and staff:**

Quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated students for exposures when both parties were wearing a mask, as required in K-12 indoor settings. These are adapted from the CDC K-12 guidance and CDC definition of a close contact.

a. When both parties were wearing a mask in any school setting in which students are supervised by school staff, unvaccinated students who are close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet indoors) may undergo a modified quarantine as follows. They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:

- i. Are asymptomatic;
- ii. Continue to appropriately mask, as required;
- iii. Undergo at least twice weekly testing during the 10-day quarantine; and
- iv. Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.

##### **1. Communication Requirements**

- a. Any student or staff member, vaccinated or unvaccinated, who is symptomatic for or has tested positive for COVID-19 must report their status to the COVID liaison so contact tracing and quarantine of exposed

individuals can be initiated as needed. All positive COVID-19 cases must also be reported to public health.

- b. The identity of individuals who report being symptomatic or positive for COVID-19 will be kept strictly confidential unless the reporting party allows for identity to be shared openly.

## **5. Campus Access**

- a) Parents need to screen students before leaving for school (check temperature to ensure temperatures below 100 .4 degrees Fahrenheit, observe for symptoms outlined by public health officials) and to keep students at home if they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or if they have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19. Staff should self-screen at home before leaving for school.
- b) Active screening at school (temperature checks, well-being checks) will not occur on a regular basis but may be conducted by any staff member at any time if there is concern about a student's health.
- c) Any students, parents, staff, or visitors showing symptoms of COVID-19 should not attempt to access campus, and will be asked to leave if showing symptoms and not leaving on their own accord.
- d) All non-student visitors to campus, including parents, must be fully vaccinated and follow NPA's masking guidance

## **6. Hygiene**

- a) Hand sanitizer, of at least 60% alcohol content, is available in every room that is used by students and staff. No-touch dispensers are available in high traffic areas.
- b) Staff and students are encouraged to engage in proper handwashing techniques and PPE/EPG use, including the following:
  - i. Scrub with soap for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not accessible . Staff and students should use paper towels (or single use cloth towels) to dry hands thoroughly.

- ii. Wash hands when: arriving and leaving home; arriving at and leaving school; after playing outside; after having close contact with others; after using shared surfaces or tools; before and after using restroom; after blowing nose, coughing, and sneezing; and before and after eating and preparing foods.
- iii. Use tissue to wipe the nose and cough and sneeze inside the tissue.
- iv. Do not touch the face or face covering .

## **7. Cleaning/Disinfecting**

- a) Pit Stop Cleaning will clean and disinfect the high school facility on a daily basis and work in accordance with CDC and California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) guidance, including:
  - i. A safe and correct application of disinfectants using personal protective equipment and ventilation recommended for cleaning.
  - ii. Disinfecting surfaces daily, and at interim times throughout the day as needed, such as:  
Desks and tables, chairs, copy machines, door handles, water dispensers, sink handles, and restroom surfaces
  - iii. Disinfecting products used will be those approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 and product instructions will be followed.  
To reduce the risk of asthma related to disinfecting we will use disinfectant products on the EPA List N with asthma-safer ingredients (hydrogen peroxide, citric acid, or lactic acid).
  - iv. Spaces will be aired out before students arrive
  - v. Areas used by any sick person will be closed off immediately and we will wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting.