

Returning to School For Students and Staff

Upon returning to school, students and staff will continue to abide by the California State Guidelines for K-12 schools. There will be protocols in place that encompass Tabernacle's philosophy of safety first.

Face Coverings

- All students JK-8th grade are required to wear face masks indoors, with exemptions per CDPH face mask guidance
 - o Students will be required to bring their own masks.
 - Students will be provided with a mask if they forget to bring one.
 - o Students who are 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.
- All adults are required to wear face masks or shields indoors when sharing spaces with students.

Limited Volunteers

While parent volunteers are vital in the classroom, to decrease the Covid-19 exposure, Tabernacle has suspended all volunteer opportunities until further notice. Our school will be limiting visitors to the front office and parking lot areas during regular school hours. When coming on campus, all guests, parents, and visitors are required to complete a health screening, wear a face covering, and comply with all restrictions. All visitors must follow the screening guidelines published on our website and complete the required document before entering the office.

Classroom Modifications

Students will be instructed not to share items with their classmates.

All classrooms will be equipped with cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting supplies. Students and teachers will share the responsibility of wiping down desks, chairs, door knobs, and other contact surfaces during the day.

Ventilation

Ventilation will be optimized including opening doors and windows as much as possible to provide air circulation.

Restroom Modifications

Restroom schedules and cleanings have been staggered and spaced out as much as possible. Tabernacle has restroom procedures in place to maintain social distancing and proper handwashing.

Hand Sanitation Stations

Each classroom will be provided with hand sanitation and cleaning supplies to encourage healthy hygiene practices, cleaning, and disinfection of surfaces. Surfaces will be cleaned daily. Hand sanitizer will be located in the back of all classrooms.

Handwashing

Hand-washing, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, covering coughs and sneezes will be taught at the lower grades and encouraged in all grades throughout the day. Students will be instructed to wash hands before and after eating, after using the restroom, and after playing outside. All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer and paper towels. Based on current findings by the FDA, Tabernacle has checked all hand sanitizers on campus to ensure that they are safe. Tabernacle school will be providing hand sanitizer to all staff for student use.

Lunch Modifications

Students will be eating lunch in designated areas of the lunch room or at scheduled outdoor locations set aside for just their class. Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected between classes.

Students will be encouraged to bring their own water bottle that is labeled with their name. Tabernacle has always had a no sharing food policy which decreases the threat of allergic reactions and the spread of germs.

Recess and Physical Education

Students will not be required to wear face masks during recess or PE as long as it is held outside. During rainy days or other instances when recess and PE are held inside, students and teachers will be required to wear masks.

Health Screening

Before students and staff come to school, they will need to conduct a self-check for signs and symptoms of Covid-19. Self- assessment forms are on the school website tabernacle.school

Staying Home When Sick

Absences due to Health Screening restrictions will be counted as excused school day absences.

- All individuals with a fever of 99.9 or other illness symptoms are required to stay home.
- Employees and students who exhibit or develop symptoms consistent with Covid-19 will be given an antigen rapid test. Students will not be given a test unless permission is first obtained from the parent.

- Students exposed to someone that is ill in the immediate family are required to stay home until the illness has been identified. If it is determined to be Covid-19, then all family members are required to stay off campus for 72 hours after symptoms have subsided.
- All individuals who experience symptoms of a Covid-19 infection may not return to school until they have met the CDPH criteria:
 - o At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
 - o Other symptoms have improved.
 - o A negative COVID test, OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that symptoms are typical due to an underlying chronic condition (ie. Asthma), OR a healthcare provider has provided a diagnosis (ie. Strep throat), OR at least 5 days have passed since symptoms started.

Positive Case Procedures

On-Campus Contact Tracing System:

Tabernacle is working with the Contra Costa Health Department to conduct contact tracing. When notified of a positive case on campus, the administrative team will contact the health department and begin to trace the person's movement on campus. All affected areas will be secured and sanitized following the deep sanitation protocol. All individuals that came into close contact with the infected person will be notified by phone and email as soon as possible.

Communication:

When there is a confirmation of a positive Covid-19 test result, a parent or staff member will notify the principal. The principal will notify the administrative team and one of the Covid designated team members will send an email to the class and alert anyone who has come into direct contact with the individual.

The identity of the person will not be communicated. CDC requirements will be followed in all cases. Tabernacle's priority is to keep students, families, and staff safe.

Any individual who tests positive for Covid-19 should follow the recommendations of their healthcare provider for isolation protocol.

Positive Case Protocol

If a student, teacher or staff member tests positive for Covid-19 and had exposed others at the school, Tabernacle will implement the following steps:

- Notify the local public health department
- Isolate the case and exclude from school for 5 days from symptom onset

- Identify close contacts (students who were in 0-3ft with the individual)
- Give antigen test to those students who were exposed (parental permission will be obtained first)
- Disinfect and clean classroom and primary spaces where individual spent significant time.
 - o If the class shuts down, instruction will continue via distance learning and Zoom until the quarantine is over.

If there are multiple cases, Administration will contact the local public health department and decide whether grade level or school closure is warranted, including the length of time necessary, based on the risk level within the specific community as determined by the local public health officer.

Areas on campus that were visited by the Covid-19 positive individual will be cleaned and disinfected.

School or classroom closure will be communicated to students, parents, teachers, staff and other necessary parties.

Exposure & Quarantine

To be fully vaccinated an individual must be 2 weeks or more past their second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna) OR be 2 weeks or more past their single dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson)

For fully vaccinated individuals:

- Those that are fully vaccinated will be tested if they are considered a close contact. If they are negative they will not need to quarantine.
 - o Antigen tests will be available, via Mrs. Pease, in the student care office

For non-vaccinated individuals:

- 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.
 - o When both parties were wearing a mask in any school setting in which students are supervised by school staff (including indoor or outdoor school settings and school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems), unvaccinated students who are close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-3 feet indoors) may undergo a modified quarantine as follows. They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:
 - Are asymptomatic;
 - Continue to appropriately wear a mask, as required;

- Tabernacle will provide Antigen testing (with parent permission), via Mrs. Pease, in the student care office.
- o Those who choose to quarantine at home:
 - Quarantine can end after Day 7 of last known exposure without testing OR
 - Quarantine can end after Day 5 if the individual gets a negative Covid test after Day 5 from the date of last exposure.
- If a non- vaccinated individual experiences COVID-19 symptoms, they should immediately quarantine, get tested, and follow the directions from their healthcare provider.