



PEREGRINE SCHOOL

PANDEMIC POLICIES

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It is important to understand that we cannot eliminate the risk of COVID-19 infection in our community; our goal is to minimize the risk, and, if infection occurs, contain the infection, recover, and resume school as soon as it is safe to do so. Our commitment is to maintain in-person school as our general mode of operation.

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

Symptom Screening

All students go through a screening process before entering campus while being signed in to school by their parents/guardians.

This screening process consists of questions about potential exposure to COVID-19 and a check for symptoms of COVID-19. If you need to drop off paperwork or tuition payments, please give them to the admin staff at the front desk.

We request that parents/guardians check their child's temperature before school and keep them home if they have a fever. A fever is considered a temperature of **100.4°F or above.**

If someone answers **YES** to any of the following questions, they cannot be allowed on campus without a doctor's note/alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test.

- **Have you had any symptoms that began in the past 24 hrs? Such as;**
 - cough
 - runny/congested nose
 - shortness of breath
 - loss of smell or taste
 - fever/chills
 - sore throat
 - stomach ache/vomiting

- **Have you been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 10 days and have you experienced symptoms?**

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedure

At the ECC West site, students can be dropped off and picked up at their classrooms by walking through the outdoor gates.

At the ECC South site, students are to be dropped off at the front doors in the mornings with their teachers or the administrative staff, and they will be escorted back to their classroom.

Parents and authorized pick-up people can come inside the building for pick-up at any time in the ECC while being mindful of ongoing classes and napping students.

Elementary students are to be dropped off at the East Gate in the mornings. The gate is closed at 9:15 am. Any students arriving late should be dropped off at the front doors. Between 3-3:15 pm, the East gate will be opened for Elementary families to enter the yard to pick up. Pick-ups after 3:15 pm will need to go through the front doors.

All individuals waiting to pick up a student must wear a face covering if indoors and are recommended to continue social distancing from others while waiting. Individuals are required to wear a face-covering if within 6-feet of students while outdoors in our ECC programs.

CLASS COHORTS & QUARANTINE GROUPS

Classes are being kept separate during the school day (in their class cohorts) so that we can limit the potential spread of a COVID-19 case at school.

During before and aftercare, some cohort groups will be combined, which will be referred to as a quarantine group. Class cohorts, and their respective quarantine groups, are listed below with the maximum number of students per group.

Classes will have one assigned indoor classroom per cohort, and cohorts will rotate between outdoor classroom locations. Classes will be held outside as much as possible, weather permitting.

Quarantine groups will be separated at all recreational times. This is possible because our yard is very large at both sites and is divided into distinct outdoor areas. Students in each group are assigned to a particular area and are supervised in that area by their teachers so that groups are not mixed.

Students will remain in their class cohort for lunch and snacks and will eat in their outdoor classroom or be distanced in their classroom in case of bad weather.

Elementary

Class Cohort	Max Students	Max Students
Crows	12	30
Eagles	18	
Magpies 1	15	30
Magpies 2	15	
Owls	15	30
Dragons	15	

ECC West

Class Cohort	Max Students	Max Students
Primaria	18	18
Golondrinas	12	24
Palomas	12	
El Nido	12	12

ECC South

Class Cohort	Max Students	Max Students
Pandas	16	16
Primaria 1	12	24
Primaria 2	12	
Golondrinas	12	24
Palomas	12	
Pollitos	12	24
Patitos	12	

CASES OF COVID-19

Any symptoms of COVID-19, exposure, positive test results, or potential hazards should be reported to the Pandemic Coordinator by email at pandemic@peregrineschool.org

Our screening process for staff and students is our first step to preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We rely on parents, staff, and students to accurately report any symptoms of or exposure to COVID-19. However, it is still possible for COVID cases to come onto the school campus unknowingly. The following steps will be taken to minimize exposure to the rest of the community.

Sick Policy

Everyone who presents with cold or flu symptoms will be asked to stay home for 24hours and contact a doctor to determine if it is COVID-19 related.

If symptoms are not due to COVID-19, a note from a doctor is required stating an alternate diagnosis for the symptoms (such as the flu or RSV), OR a negative COVID test, to be allowed back to school.

If symptoms are not consistent with a cold or flu, please refer to the following chart for the appropriate policy.

Common cold/flu	Students should not attend school within the first 24 hours of a cold. Colds are most infectious at this point, and what looks like a minor runny nose in the morning may be flu by afternoon.
Fever	Per our school policy, fever is defined as a body temperature of 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit or more. Students may not attend school until they have been free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
Vomiting	Students may not attend school until 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting.
Diarrhea	Students with recurrent diarrhea must stay home unless the diarrhea has a known non-infectious cause. Students may not attend school until 24 hours after the last episode of diarrhea.
Strep throat/scarlet fever	Students may attend school 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment.
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	Students must be evaluated by a doctor to determine the cause(s). Return to school must be cleared by a doctor.
Allergic conjunctivitis.	Students may attend school.
Bacterial conjunctivitis	Students may attend school 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment.
Viral conjunctivitis	Students must stay home until all symptoms are gone (viral conjunctivitis is highly contagious).
Ear/sinus/other noncontagious secondary infection	Students may attend school after they have been evaluated by a doctor and started on appropriate therapy.
Head lice	Students may attend school after receiving treatment with anti-lice shampoo (available at most drug stores) or a prescription lice treatment and thorough combing with a nit comb. See the Head Lice section for more details on our policy.

If a student presents symptoms during the day they will be escorted to our Sick Bay (small waiting room adjacent to Admin. Office at South, small office at West) with their belongings.

- Before a student enters the sick bay, the student's temperature will be checked if not already done.

- A staff member will be with the student (just outside the room) at all times.
- Parents/guardians will be called immediately to pick up their child, and will be informed of their symptoms and if they should seek medical guidance.
- To pick up the student, parents/guardians should ring the doorbell, and a staff member will escort the student out through the lobby.
- After the student is picked up, a staff member will sanitize all surfaces the student may have come into contact with.

COVID-19 Cases and Exposure

If any individual is exposed to COVID-19, it is their responsibility to report this exposure to the school and follow any applicable guidance for quarantine and testing.

These guidelines are adopted from:

- [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year](#)
- [Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs](#)
- [Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public](#)

All persons with COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection, should:

- Self-isolate and test as soon as possible to determine infection status. Knowing one is infected early during self-isolation enables (a) earlier access to treatment options, if indicated (especially for those that may be at risk for severe illness), and (b) notification of exposed persons (close contacts) who may also benefit by knowing if they are infected.
 - For symptomatic persons who have tested positive within the previous 90 days, using an antigen test is preferred.
- Remain in isolation while waiting for testing results. If not tested, they should continue isolating for 10 days after the day of symptom onset, and if they cannot isolate, should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days.
- **Continue self-isolation and retest in 1-2 days if testing negative with an antigen test, particularly if tested during the first 1-2 days of symptoms.**
- Continue to self-isolate if test result is positive, follow recommended actions below, and contact their healthcare provider about available treatments if symptoms are severe or they are at high risk for serious disease or if they have any questions concerning their care.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should:

- [Stay home \(PDF\)](#) for at least 5 days after start of symptoms (or after date of first positive test if no symptoms).

- Isolation can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving and a diagnostic specimen* collected on Day 5 or later tests negative.
- If unable to test, choosing not to test, or testing positive on Day 5 (or later), isolation can end after Day 10 if fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- If fever is present, isolation should be continued until 24 hours after fever resolves.
- If symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving, continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving or until after Day 10.
- Per CDPH masking guidance, infected persons should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings (see masking section below for additional information)**

** Antigen test preferred.*

*** Indoor masking is universally required at Peregrine School for all individuals during the 2021-2022 school year. See [MASKING POLICIES](#) for more details.*

Individuals who are exposed to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, should:

- Test within 3-5 days after last exposure.
 - Peregrine School will require a COVID test between Day 3-5, and another on Day 7, for students to attend school regularly after exposure. Tests can be provided by the school.
- Per CDPH masking guidance, close contacts should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings and when near those at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease (see masking section below for additional information).**
- Strongly encouraged to get vaccinated or boosted (if eligible).
- **If symptoms develop, test and stay home (see earlier section on symptomatic persons), AND**
- If test result is positive, follow isolation recommendations above

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Contact Tracing

The Pandemic Coordinator will follow up with any families or staff members if they are suspected of having, or have been exposed to, COVID-19. The coordinator will trace any potential contacts within our school community and advise those individuals on their risk of exposure and/or the need for testing. This data may be shared with the county health department as needed.

Communications

We are committing to be transparent with our community about all cases.

To that end, our [COVID-19 dashboard](#) will be updated regularly to notify the community if any of the following situations occur:

- An individual tests positive for COVID-19

- An individual that was previously reported on tests negative for COVID-19.

The School will keep confidential all personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or persons unless expressly authorized to disclose such information or as other permitted or required under the law

Quarantine Procedures

If the school is required to quarantine a cohort (i.e., an outbreak occurs and we have to shut down a program), the following steps will be taken:

- Parents will be called immediately by phone and asked to pick up their children if they are still at school.
- Parents will be notified by email of the potential exposure, the isolation period requirements, and the details of distance learning.
- The entire Peregrine community will receive an email notification of the exposure event.
- The case and all relevant details will be added to our COVID-19 dashboard.
- The case will be reported to the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency.

MASKING POLICIES

Peregrine School requires all staff members to wear face coverings at all times while indoors. PPE such as face masks, face shields, and gloves have been provided by the School. Staff in our ECC programs are still required to wear masks while outdoors when within 6-feet of students.

All Elementary students are required to wear face coverings indoors, but masking outdoors is optional. We have reusable masks for those who do not already have them. We will also have disposable masks available for single-day use.

ECC students 2 years of age and older are required to wear face coverings indoors or within 6 feet of others while outdoors, except for students in our El Nido classes. Students younger than 2 years should not wear a face covering, per CDC recommendations.

Teachers will discuss with students the importance of face masks and how to properly use and care for them. Teachers will ensure that students use their face coverings properly throughout the school year.

For students that have an exemption from mask-wearing, or other considerations, please contact our Pandemic Coordinator directly at pandemic@peregrineschool.org.

COVID-19 TESTING

Peregrine offers rapid antigen testing on site, administered by our staff, for any staff, student, or family member. We also have at-home testing kits that can be provided if they are unable to test at school. To schedule a COVID test, please email pandemic@peregrineschool.org.

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, it is their (or the parents/guardians) responsibility to report it to the school administration immediately by emailing pandemic@peregrineschool.org.

Any cases of COVID-19 within the school will be immediately reported to the Yolo County Department of Health and our policies may be subject to change based on their direction.

Symptomatic Testing

Peregrine School requires any staff or student who experiences symptoms consistent with COVID-19 to get tested before returning to school, regardless of vaccination status.

Individuals can get a PCR test conducted at a medical provider's office or testing site, such as [Healthy Davis Together](#). We will also accept antigen (rapid) tests, including over-the-counter test kits that can be completed at home. If submitting a home test, please take a picture of the results with your name and the date visibly written on or near the test.

Pictures or copies of all test results should be sent to pandemic@peregrineschool.org prior to returning to campus.

Asymptomatic Testing

We do not require that students or staff be tested for COVID-19 for asymptomatic screening; however, we highly recommend that all families get tested frequently.

VACCINATION

All Peregrine staff are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by December 17, 2021, unless they are granted a medical or religious exemption.

Many of our Elementary students (ages 5-11) are now eligible to receive the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#). We encourage all members of our community to consider vaccination against COVID-19; however, it is not required for students at this time.

OUTDOOR CLASSES AND AIR CIRCULATION

All classrooms have been advised on the benefits of holding class outdoors and/or keeping windows open or air purifiers on to reduce the chance of potential viral spread through the air. Classes are held outside as much as possible, weather permitting, to reduce this risk. We have dedicated outdoor spaces for all classrooms, allowing them to maximize their time outside.

Currently, all classrooms at Peregrine South and West have access to an air-purifying system equipped with HEPA filters, which is utilized when indoors.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PROTOCOLS

All high-touch surfaces and bathrooms are sanitized daily using Signet Neutral Disinfectant (DS1) which meets the EPA's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2, the cause of COVID-19.

Teachers sanitize classrooms (e.g., tables, work areas, toys) during breaks, after mealtimes, and after school using Z1 or Seventh Generation Disinfectant Spray. The number of indoor and outdoor toy options will be reduced, used only by one cohort per day, and sanitized at the end of each day. Classes will stagger their use of the bathrooms, and all bathroom surfaces will be disinfected between uses. Our janitorial service cleans and disinfects the interior spaces daily after operating hours.

FDA-approved disinfectant/sanitization products to be used: Oxivir, ZS1, and diluted bleach solution; Seventh Generation Disinfectant Spray for food surfaces and indoors when around children or in poorly ventilated spaces; Clorox wipes will be used to clean high touch surfaces in staff rooms and be back-up for classroom use.

STAFF TRAINING AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Staff

All Peregrine staff undergo COVID-19 training during our Staff Development days throughout the school year. These training sessions will cover our Pandemic Policies.

Signage for staff has been posted inside of the school reminding them of the face mask policies, disinfecting protocols, hand washing, and physical distancing requirements. Updates and reminders are sent out through email communications, as is standard for the School

Families

Families will receive resources, via email, before the first day of school to encourage education and implementation of these policies. The Pandemic Policies document is included in all Parent Handbooks and is published on our website. Reminder and update emails are sent out periodically and as needed to keep the community informed of any changes to policies.

We post information related to COVID cases, policies, and testing options on our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) on our website for parents to keep up to date in case they missed any email communications.