



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

To reduce contact and exposure within our community, Peregrine School will limit the number of non-staff/students that enter the campus while these policies are in place. This can include parents, siblings, non-essential third-party vendors, etc.

Symptom Screening

All staff and students will need to go through a screening process before entering campus. Staff will complete a self-screening questionnaire, while students will be checked in by their parents/guardians while being signed into school.

All adults and students over 2 years old (excluding El Nido students) are required to wear a face-covering while waiting to be screened indoors, or while within 6 feet of individuals from another household outdoors. An adult must stay with the student until the screening is completed.

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 screening staff. **Please see [Appendix I for the screening questions poster](#).** Use it to talk to students about the screening process.

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

If anyone answers **YES** to being exposed to COVID-19, they cannot return to school until at least 10 days after the last date of exposure. Individuals are considered to have been exposed to COVID-19 if they have had **close contact**, defined by the CDC as being within 6 feet for a cumulative 15 minutes in a 24-hour period, with either of the following:

- **A person with COVID-19 who has symptoms** (in the period from 2 days before symptom onset until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation; can be laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness)
- **A person who has tested positive for COVID-19** (laboratory-confirmed) but has not had any symptoms (in the 2 days before the date of specimen collection until they meet the criteria for discontinuing home isolation).

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 test.**

- had a cough?
- had a runny/congested nose?
- had shortness of breath?
- had a loss of smell or taste?
- had chills?
- had a sore throat?
- had any symptoms in the past 48 hrs? (fever, vomiting, etc.)

If someone answers **YES** to the following questions, they **CAN** enter campus, as long as they have answered no to the previous questions.

- had muscle pain?
- had a headache?

Sign-in & Sign-Out

Parents will be expected to sign their child in and out every day. Extra Hours will be calculated based on these times and invoiced every month, from the 16th-15th.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedure

Most of our classes will use separate entrances to reduce contact between student cohorts as much as possible. Students can be dropped off at their class's screening station, and will then be escorted through their classroom entrance (*see chart on next page*).

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 others while outdoors.

West Site

Class	Screening	Classroom Entrance
El Nido	Front Gate	Front Gate
Escuelita	Front Gate	Back Gate
Primaria	Front Gate	Front Gate

South Site

Class	Screening	Classroom Entrance
Elem.	East Gate	Side Doors
El Nido	Front Doors	Front Lobby
Escuelita	Front Doors	Front Lobby
Primaria	Front Doors	West Gate
Pandas	Front Doors	Front Lobby

CLASS COHORTS & QUARANTINE GROUPS

Classes are being kept separate during the school day (referred to as **class cohorts**) so that a group of students can be quarantined if someone in the cohort tests positive for COVID-19, without having to quarantine the rest of the 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, rather than a special yard duty staff 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	

FACE COVERING POLICIES

Peregrine School requires all staff members to wear face coverings at all times while indoors or within 6-feet of others while outdoors. PPE such as face masks, face shields, and gloves have been provided by the School. All staff who have extended close contact with students, such as during diaper changes, will use face shields in addition to face masks.

All **Elementary students are required** to wear face coverings indoors or while within 6 feet of others while outdoors. 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.

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 DS1 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 products to be used: Oxivir, DS1, 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.

Individual Actions & Healthy Hygiene Practices

- Students and staff will sanitize their hands upon arrival at school and then wash their hands once in the classroom.
- Staff will wash or sanitize their hands upon arriving and leaving a different area of the school.
- Students will wash hands 1) when they arrive into the classroom 2) when they put their hands in their mouths or noses 3) before and after eating 4) after using the bathroom.
- Bathroom surfaces will be disinfected after every use.

COVID-19 TESTING

Asymptomatic Testing

Peregrine School requires all staff working on-site to be tested for COVID-19 once a week, regardless of vaccination status. Without a recent COVID test, staff are not allowed to work on-site until they are in compliance with this policy.

We do not require that students be tested for COVID-19, however, we highly recommend that all families get tested frequently. An easy, free way to get tested is through [Healthy Davis Together](#), which offers saliva-based COVID testing 7 days a week at multiple sites in Davis.

Environmental Testing

Peregrine School also performs environmental testing of surfaces and air filters within the school. These tests help inform us of any potential spread of COVID within the classrooms. Environmental testing and staff testing for COVID-19 is conducted on different days weekly, allowing us to monitor for any asymptomatic cases and potential outbreaks on a twice-weekly basis.

Following a positive COVID-19 environmental test, Peregrine School will use this 5-step process to identify the source, mitigate the spread and continue operations with minimal disruptions to our community.

1. **Cleaning:** After the positive is reported, likely at the end of the day on Friday, the space will be sanitized thoroughly by our janitorial staff using EPA-approved disinfectants effective against COVID-19. The space will be cleaned and disinfected before students return to school.
2. **Communication:** Everyone on the COVID Notifications mailing list will be notified of the positive test as soon as it is received, likely just before the weekend. If in a classroom, we will recommend that those in the cohort, and their families, be tested for COVID-19.
 - a. We recommend that all families get tested at Healthy Davis Together as results are typically available within 24 hours. *Please note, children younger than 3 are not able to be tested at Healthy Davis Together.*
3. **Testing:** All staff will be tested for COVID-19 by the following Monday or Tuesday, with results available Tuesday/Wednesday, respectively. Staff will not be allowed to return to work until they have been tested but may return before results have been received.
4. **Screening:** School will remain open on Monday as normal.
 - a. All individuals must undergo a symptom screening upon arrival at work/school.
 - b. Anyone presenting symptoms will be turned away and contacted by our Pandemic Coordinator.
5. **Monitoring: School will remain open unless/until a lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive individual is identified.**
 - a. If any individual tests positive, the cohort will be closed for a 10-day quarantine from the last day of contact with the positive individual.
 - b. If no individuals show symptoms or test positive, the space will be tested again with results available the following Friday to determine if COVID-19 is still detectable on surfaces.

TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS

Gatherings

We will not require individuals to quarantine from school following a gathering but if you are made aware of a COVID-19 exposure we expect you to inform the school and quarantine for 10-days following the event.

Everyone should **keep the households that they interact with stable over time**. By spending time with the same people, the risk of transmission is reduced. **Participating in multiple gatherings with different households or groups is strongly discouraged**.

Travel

Per recommendations from Yolo County and the [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#), all non-vaccinated residents are asked to self-quarantine following any non-essential travel outside of California. This **does not include** individuals that are **fully vaccinated** against COVID-19.

Non-vaccinated staff and students should adhere to the following guidance from CDPH:

- Non-essential travelers who are not fully vaccinated should get tested with a viral test 1-3 days before travel, and get tested 3-5 days upon arrival to their destination. They should stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if their test is negative.
- Non-essential travelers who are not fully vaccinated and don't get tested should stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

For more information about best traveling practices, please visit the CDC's page here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.htm>

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.

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 **48 hours** 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 before the 10 day quarantine period ends.

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 48 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.
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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.

Cases on Campus

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 sickbay, new sheets will be placed on the cot, and then 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.

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. Guidance for what to do after exposure differs for our ECC and Elementary programs, as well as for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, due to differences in guidance from the CDPH.

Peregrine Elementary:

These guidelines are adopted from the CDPH's [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year](#).

Quarantine recommendations for vaccinated close contacts

- a. *For those who are vaccinated, follow the [CDPH FullyVaccinated People Guidance](#) regarding quarantine.*
- i. *Vaccinated individuals who are asymptomatic do not need to quarantine after exposure, but should continue to monitor symptoms and get tested. If symptoms develop, self-quarantine and get tested.*

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 close contact.

- a. *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 0-6 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.*

Quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated close contacts who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the indoor exposure; or unvaccinated students as described above.

- a. For these contacts, those who remain asymptomatic, meaning they have NOT had any symptoms, may discontinue self-quarantine under the following conditions:
 - i. Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing;
OR
 - ii. Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative.

- b. To discontinue quarantine before 14 days following last known exposure, asymptomatic close contacts must:
 - i. Continue daily self-monitoring for symptoms through Day 14 from last known exposure; AND
 - ii. Follow all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., wearing a mask when around others, hand washing, avoiding crowds) through Day 14 from last known exposure.

- c. If any symptoms develop during this 14-day period, the exposed person must immediately isolate, get tested and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care.

Early Childhood Center:

Quarantine recommendations for vaccinated close contacts

- a. For those who are vaccinated, follow the [CDPH FullyVaccinated People Guidance](#) regarding quarantine.
 - i. Vaccinated individuals who are asymptomatic do not need to quarantine after exposure, but should continue to monitor symptoms and get tested. If symptoms develop, self-quarantine and get tested.

Quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated close contacts.

- a. For these contacts, those who remain asymptomatic, meaning they have NOT had any symptoms, may discontinue self-quarantine under the following conditions:
 - i. Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing;
 - a. To discontinue quarantine before 14 days following last known exposure, asymptomatic close contacts must:
 - i. Continue daily self-monitoring for symptoms through Day 14 from last known exposure; AND

ii. Follow all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., wearing a mask when around others, hand washing, avoiding crowds) through Day 14 from last known exposure.

b. If any symptoms develop during this 14-day period, the exposed person must immediately isolate, get tested and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care.

Testing

The school will follow up with families/staff after a student or staff member has been sent home. If the individual is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, the Pandemic Coordinator may advise them to contact a doctor and seek medical guidance. ***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.

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 potential 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 is advised to quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure.
- An individual is sent to get tested for COVID-19 due to symptoms or exposure.
- 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

The School will quarantine any group that has received a **lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 test**. **Quarantined groups will be required to stay home for 10 days (starting from the last point of contact)¹**.

Each affected quarantine group will receive communication with specific details about the case, the potential for exposure, and instructions regarding distance learning. Updates will be sent out as more information becomes available.

If any group is quarantined during the academic year, the following steps will be taken:

- The quarantine group will participate in a distance learning program. All classes will have a distance learning plan established to ensure a quick transition.
- Parents will be notified by email of the potential exposure, the isolation period requirements, and the details of distance learning.
- The case will be reported to the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency.

Students and staff who experienced symptoms of COVID-19 will be allowed back at school after 10 days if they meet the following criteria for discontinuing isolation per the CDC:

- At least **10 days** have passed ***since symptoms first appeared*** and
- At least **24 hours** have passed ***since the last fever*** without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved

The School may be subject to closure if there are multiple positive COVID-19 cases in multiple cohorts, or if over 5% of the total number of teachers/student/staff test positive within a 14-day period.

¹ Quarantine time has been reduced from 14 days to 10 days based on guidance from [Yolo County](#) and the [California Department of Public Health](#) (CDPH).

APPENDIX I

Has your child...

- been exposed to COVID-19?
- had a cough?
- had shortness of breath?
- had a loss of smell or taste?
- had muscle pain?
- had chills?
- had a headache?
- had a sore throat?
- had any symptoms in the past 48 hrs?
- had any Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Advil)?