



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 they meet [CDPH criteria for discontinuing isolation after 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 24 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 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.

Yolo County’s [press release](#) from 1/05/2021 states that, with the Omicron variant, cloth masks alone do not offer enough protection. **Yolo residents are recommended to upgrade their mask to an N95, KN95, KF94, or similar respirator, double mask with a cloth mask over a surgical mask, or place a PM2.5 filter between the layers of your fabric masks.** Make sure your mask covers your mouth and nose without gaps between the edges of the mask and your face.

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

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 regularly, 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.

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.

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 5 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 **24 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 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 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.

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 sick bay, 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.

These guidelines are adopted from:

- [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year](#)
- [Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public](#), and
- Yolo County's [Updated Isolation and Quarantine guidance](#)

Peregrine Elementary:

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should:

- Isolate at home for at least 5 days.
 - Day 0 is the first day of symptoms OR the day a positive test sample was collected, whichever comes first.
- Isolation can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving and an antigen test collected on day 5 or later is negative.
- If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present or are resolving, isolation can end after day 10.
- Wear a well-fitting mask** around others for a total of 10 days, including in indoor setting

Unvaccinated individuals¹, or individuals who are not up-to-date on vaccine boosters², who are exposed to COVID-19 should:

- Quarantine at home for at least 5 days.
- Quarantine can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present and a diagnostic specimen (either antigen or PCR) collected on day 5 or later tests negative.
- If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present, quarantine can end after day 10.
- Wear a well-fitting mask** around others for a total of 10 days, including in indoor settings
- Strongly encouraged to get vaccinated or boosted.
- If testing positive, follow isolation recommendations above.
- If symptoms develop, test and stay home.

¹ Includes unvaccinated individuals who have previously recovered from COVID in the past 90 days.

² In a workplace setting, asymptomatic employees in this category are not required to stay home from work if: 1) A negative diagnostic test is obtained within 3-5 days after last exposure to a case 2) Employee wears a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, and 3) Employee continues to have no symptoms.

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) unvaccinated students who are close contacts may undergo a modified quarantine as follows.

They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:

Are asymptomatic;

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

Vaccinated Individuals (who are up-to-date) who are exposed to COVID-19 should:

- Test on day 5
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days, especially in indoor settings (see Section below on masking for additional information)
- If testing positive, follow isolation recommendations above.
- If symptoms develop, test and stay home

Early Childhood Center:

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should:

- Isolate at home for at least 5 days.
 - Day 0 is the first day of symptoms OR the day a positive test sample was collected, whichever comes first.
- Isolation can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving and an antigen test collected on day 5 or later is negative.
- If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present or are resolving, isolation can end after day 10.
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, including in indoor setting

Unvaccinated individuals³, or individuals who are not up-to-date on vaccine boosters⁴, who are exposed to COVID-19 should:

³ Includes unvaccinated individuals who have previously recovered from COVID in the past 90 days.

⁴ In a workplace setting, asymptomatic employees in this category are not required to stay home from work if: 1) A negative diagnostic test is obtained within 3-5 days after last exposure to a case 2) Employee wears a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, and 3) Employee continues to have no symptoms.

- Quarantine at home for at least 5 days.
- Quarantine can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present and a diagnostic specimen (either antigen or PCR) collected on day 5 or later tests negative.
- If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present, quarantine can end after day 10.
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, including in indoor settings
- Strongly encouraged to get vaccinated or boosted.
- If testing positive, follow isolation recommendations above.
- If symptoms develop, test and stay home.

Vaccinated Individuals (who are up-to-date) who are exposed to COVID-19 should:

- Test on day 5
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days, especially in indoor settings (see Section below on masking for additional information)
- If testing positive, follow isolation recommendations above.
- If symptoms develop, test and stay home

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 follow the quarantine guidances outlined above.**

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:

- 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.

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)?