



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.

Please contact your medical provider if you have any covid-related concerns.

Should you have any questions regarding our COVID policies, please email them to pandemic@peregrineschool.org

New for 2022-23

Due to the recent changes in Yolo County's COVID-19 reporting requirements, if your child is out due to illness of any kind e.g., fever, just plain “not feeling well,” please inform both your Head Teacher and the Pandemic Coordinator, at pandemic@peregrineschool.org.

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

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 100.3°F or above.

Symptom Screening

All students undergo a self- 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 someone answers **YES** to any of the following screening questions, they cannot be allowed on campus without a doctor’s note/alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test. Please email those documents or images to pandemic@peregrineschool.org.

- **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

All individuals entering campus must wear a face covering when indoors. Outdoor masking is optional.

ECC West campus (Portage Bay West):

- Drop-offs:
 - Primaria and El Nido Students: Please drop off at the front gate
 - Escuelita students: Please drop off at the back gate.
- Pick-ups: Parents/authorized adults can pick up from the classroom door for the aftercare program after 2pm by entering through the front office. Please be mindful of ongoing programs and napping students.

ECC South campus (Lillard Drive)

- Drop-offs: Please drop off at the front/main door and a staff member will escort the student to their classroom.
- Pick-ups: Parents and authorized pick-up people can pick up from the classrooms at any time. Please be mindful of ongoing classes and napping students.

Elementary students (Lillard Drive)

- Drop-offs: Please drop off at East Gate by 9:15 am. The gate closes at 9:15 am. Students arriving after 9:15 am late should be dropped off at the front door.
- Pick-ups: 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.

CLASS COHORTS & QUARANTINE GROUPS

Classes are kept separate during the school day (in their class cohorts) so as to minimize 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.

Each cohort has an assigned indoor classroom, and rotates between outdoor classroom locations. Classes will be held outside as much as possible, weather permitting.

Quarantine groups are kept separate at all times. This is possible because our yard is very large at both sites and it is divided into distinct outdoor areas. Students in each quarantine group are assigned to a particular area and are supervised in that area by their teachers so that quarantine 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 the event of bad weather.

Elementary Quarantine Groups

Crows	12	30
Eagles	18	
Magpies 1	15	30
Magpies 2	15	
Owls	15	30
Dragons	15	

ECC West Quarantine Groups

Primaria	18	18
Golondrinas	12	24
Palomas	12	
El Nido	12	12

ECC South Quarantine Groups

Pandas	16	16
Primaria 1	12	24
Primaria 2	12	
Golondrinas	12	24
Palomas	12	
Pollitos	12	24
Patitos	12	

CASES OF COVID-19

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

Please report any symptoms of COVID-19, exposure, COVID positive test results, or illness to the Pandemic Coordinator at pandemic@peregrineschool.org and your Head Teacher.

Individuals who present with cold or flu symptoms will need 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. Please email the documentation to pandemic@peregrineschool.org

Please refer to the following illness chart for the appropriate action.

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. 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. Please email the documentation to pandemic@peregrineschool.org
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	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.

If a student presents symptoms during the day, they will be sent to our Sick Bay with their belongings until they get picked up. Upon arrival, guardians should check in with the Front Desk staff for assistance. The sick bay gets sanitized after the student is picked up.

COVID-19 Cases and Exposure

Any cases of COVID-19 within the school will be reported to the Yolo County Department of Health in accordance with the updated California Code of Regulations Title 17 for reporting guidance. Our policies are subject to change based on their direction.

Our guidelines are adopted from:

- [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2022-23 School Year](#)
- [Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs](#)
- [Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public](#)

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

Self-isolate and test ASAP to determine infection status. Remain in isolation while waiting for test results.

- 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.
- Antigen testing is recommended, if test is inconclusive, follow up with a PCR test
- PCR test is recommended for individuals with symptoms who test negative with an antigen test, or are at high risk of hospitalization or death
- If not testing, isolate for 10 days after the day of symptom onset, and if they cannot isolate, should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days after the day of symptom onset.
- If the test result is negative and continuing to experience symptoms, continue to test every 2-3 days for the duration of the symptoms.
- If the test result is positive, continue to self-isolate, follow recommended actions

below, and contact your healthcare provider. if they have any questions concerning their care.

Individuals who TEST POSITIVE for COVID-19 should:

- Stay home for at least 5 days after the onset 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/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 AND symptoms are improving
- If fever is present, isolation should be continued until 24 hours after fever resolves and symptoms are improving.
- 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 from onset of symptoms or day of first positive test, especially in indoor settings (see masking section below for additional information)**
- Peregrine School requires proof of a negative COVID test if returning before Day 10. Please email test results to pandemic@peregrineschool.org

** Antigen test preferred e.g., nasal swab.*

*** Indoor masking is universally required at Peregrine School for all individuals during the 2022-2023 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. Testing on Day 5 is preferred.
- 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).**
- **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 individuals who suspect they have COVID-19 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 will be shared with the county health department as needed.

Communications

We are committing to be transparent with our community about all COVID positive 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 close a program), the following steps will be taken:

- Cohort parents will be called immediately and asked to pick up their children if they are still at school.
- Cohort parents will be notified by email of the potential exposure, the isolation period requirements, and the details of distance learning.
- 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 as needed.

MASKING POLICIES

Peregrine School requires all individuals to wear face coverings while indoors. Outdoor masking is optional. Students younger than 2 years (El Nido) are not required to wear a face covering indoors or outdoors, per CDC recommendations. PPE such as face masks, face shields, and gloves have been provided by the School.

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 at pandemic@peregrineschool.org.

COVID-19 TESTING

We highly recommend that all individuals get tested regularly regardless of symptoms.

Peregrine offers rapid antigen testing on site, administered by our staff, for any staff, student, and family member. We also have at-home testing kits available for distribution.

- To schedule an onsite COVID test, please email pandemic@peregrineschool.org.
- To obtain an at-home test kit, please email the Administrative Assistant at your campus

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, please inform your Head Teacher and the Pandemic Coordinator at pandemic@peregrineschool.org.

Any cases of COVID-19 within the school will be reported to the Yolo County Department of Health in accordance with the updated California Code of Regulations Title 17 for reporting guidance. Our policies are subject to change based on their direction.

Individuals can get a PCR test conducted at a medical provider's office or testing site.

Email pictures or copies of test results to pandemic@peregrineschool.org prior to returning to campus.

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.

Vaccines are now available for children under 5 years old. Consult your doctor before seeking medical advice or treatment.

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. All rooms and hallways have air-purifying systems 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.

ECC 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 are disinfected between uses. Our janitorial service cleans and disinfects the interior spaces daily after operating hours.

FDA-approved disinfectant/sanitization products to be used: , DS1 and diluted bleach solution for high touch surfaces; Z1 and 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 throughout the school year. These training sessions also cover our Pandemic Policies.

Updates to our Pandemic Policies and reminders are communicated to our staff via email as is standard school procedure.

Signage is posted throughout our campuses regarding face mask, disinfecting protocols, hand washing, and physical distancing requirements.

Families

Families will receive resources to encourage education and implementation of these policies. The Pandemic Policies are published on our website homepage. Reminder and update emails are sent out as needed to keep the community informed of any updates to our policies.

If you missed a COVID email and information related to COVID cases, go to our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) on our website.

Thank you for your continued attentiveness to the steps we need to take together to care for one another!