



**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.

ILLNESS POLICY **New for 2022-23**

Due to changes in Yolo County's COVID-19 reporting requirements, if your child is absent due to an illness or simply not feeling well, please inform *both* your Head Teacher and the Pandemic Coordinator at pandemic@peregrineschool.org. Before returning to school, please send a doctor's note, or negative COVID-test result to the same individuals.

In your email, please include:

- 1) First and last name of individual
- 2) Date(s) the individual was absent
- 3) Class
- 4) Reason for absence e.g., runny nose, fever, tummy ache.

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

Please check your 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 individuals undergo a self-screening process before entering campus. This screening process consists of questions about potential exposure to COVID-19 and a check for COVID-19 symptoms.

If an individual answers **YES** to any of the screening questions, they may not be on campus without a doctor's note clearing return 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

Masking is optional.

ECC West campus (Portage Bay West):

- Drop-offs:
 - All classes please drop off at the classroom.
- Pick-ups:
 - From the classroom door for the aftercare program after 2 p.m. by entering through the front office.
 - Be mindful of ongoing programs and napping students.

ECC South campus (Lillard Drive)

- Drop-offs:
 - Please drop off at the front door and a staff member will escort the student to their classroom.
- Pick-ups:
 - Parents/authorized adults 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 the front door.
- Pick-ups:
 - Between 3:00 - 3:15 p.m., the East gate will be opened for Elementary families to enter the yard for pick up.
 - After 3:15 p.m., please enter campus 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 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. 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 in their classroom in the event of bad weather.

ECC West Quarantine Groups

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

ECC South Quarantine Groups

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	

Elementary Quarantine Groups

Class Cohort	Max Students	Max Students
Crows	14	31
Eagles	17	
Magpies 1	15	30
Magpies 2	15	
Owls	15	30
Dragons	15	

CASES OF COVID-19

Illness Policy *New for 2022-2023*

We rely on parents and staff to accurately report any illness. However, it is still possible for COVID cases to come onto the school campus unknowingly.

If your child is absent due to an illness or simply not feeling well, please inform *both* your Head Teacher and the Pandemic Coordinator at pandemic@peregrineschool.org. Before returning to school, please send a doctor's note, or negative COVID-test result to the same individuals.

In your email, please include:

- 1) First and last name of individual
- 2) Date(s) the individual was absent
- 3) Class
- 4) Reason for absence e.g., runny nose, fever, tummy ache.

Please refer to the following table for the appropriate action.

<p>Common cold/flu</p>	<p>Individuals who present with cold or flu symptoms will need to stay home for 24 hours from onset of symptoms and contact a doctor to determine if it is COVID-19 related. Colds are most infectious at this point, and what looks like a minor runny nose in the morning may be flu by afternoon.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Fever</p>	<p>A fever is defined as a body temperature of 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit or more. Individuals will need to stay home until they have been free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.</p>
<p>Vomiting</p>	<p>Individuals will need to stay home until 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting.</p>
<p>Diarrhea</p>	<p>Individuals with recurrent diarrhea will need to stay home until 24 hours after the last episode of diarrhea unless the diarrhea has a known non-infectious cause.</p>
<p>Strep throat / scarlet</p>	<p>Individuals will need to stay home until 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment.</p>
<p>Conjunctivitis (pink eye)</p>	<p>Individuals must be evaluated by a doctor to determine the cause(s). Return to school must be cleared by a doctor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For bacterial conjunctivitis, individuals will need to stay home until 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment. • For viral conjunctivitis individuals will need to stay home until all symptoms are gone (highly contagious).
<p>Ear/sinus/other noncontagious secondary infection</p>	<p>Individuals will need to stay home until they have been evaluated by a doctor and started on appropriate therapy.</p>
<p>Head lice</p>	<p>Individuals will need to stay home until they receive treatment with anti-lice shampoo (available at most drug stores) or a prescription lice treatment and thorough combing with a nit comb.</p>
<p>Communicable Diseases in general</p>	<p>For example, Hand, Foot, Mouth, pinworms.</p> <p>Individuals must be evaluated by a doctor to determine the cause(s). Return to school must be cleared by the Doctor. Please email Dr. note to Pandemic Coordinator and your Head Teacher.</p>

If a student presents symptoms during the day, they will be sent to Sick Bay with their belongings until they get picked up. Upon arrival, parents/authorized adults should check in with the Front Desk staff for assistance. Sick Bay is sanitized after each use.

COVID-19 Cases and Exposure

Cases of COVID-19 within the school will be reported to the Yolo County Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with the updated California Code of Regulations Title 17 for reporting guidance. Reporting protocols are subject to change based on their direction.

Our guidelines are adopted from:

- CDPH COVID-19 [Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools, 2022-23 School Year](#)
- [CDPH COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs](#)
- [CDPH 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 with an **antigen 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.
- **If not testing.** Isolate for 10 days after the day of symptom onset. If unable to isolate, 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 for COVID positive individuals below, and contact your healthcare provider for questions concerning your care.

Individuals who TEST POSITIVE for COVID-19 should:

- **New policy will be updated soon**

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

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.
- If symptoms develop, self-isolate and test.
- If test result is positive, see Covid Positive section above.

Communications

Peregrine School is committed to being 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

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

MASKING POLICIES **updated**

As of November February, 2023 masking will be optional indoors at Peregrine School. Anyone who wants to wear a mask will not be discouraged.

Masking will be required in the following situations:

- **For individuals.** We will require masking while an individual is symptomatic and allowed to be on campus e.g., 24 hours after onset of a runny nose.
- **For cohorts.** We will reinstate masking in a cohort if 10% of the cohort experiences an outbreak of an infectious disease e.g., covid, flu.
- **School-wide.** Masking will be reinstated when the county's community level moves up from "Medium" to "High".

COVID-19 TESTING

Peregrine offers rapid antigen testing on site administered by our staff. This service is available to all staff, students, and their family members. We also have OTC testing kits available for distribution.

Please email pandemic@peregrineschool.org

- To schedule an onsite antigen test
- To obtain an at-home test kit

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

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, please inform both your Head Teacher and the Pandemic Coordinator. Prior to returning to campus, email picture or copies of test results to pandemic@peregrineschool.org.

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

VACCINATION

We encourage all members of our community to consider vaccination against COVID-19 and influenza. Bivalent boosters are now available for children 5 years and up. Flu shots are available for anyone over the age of six months. Consult your doctor before seeking medical treatment.

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

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

We use the following FDA-approved disinfectant and sanitizing products on campus:

- DS1* for high touch surfaces e.g., bathrooms, changing tables
- Z1 and Seventh Generation Disinfectant Spray for all other surfaces including food
- Clorox wipes for high touch surfaces as a back-up for classroom use.

*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, chairs, work areas throughout the day with Z1 or Seventh Generation Disinfectant Spray. The number of indoor and outdoor toy options will be 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.

STAFF TRAINING AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Staff

All Peregrine staff undergo COVID-19 training throughout the school year. 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 and hand washing.

Families

The Pandemic Policies are published on our website homepage. Updates to our Pandemic Policies and reminders are communicated to our families via email as is standard school procedure.

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

Thank you for your continued attentiveness to care for our community!