

# **ILLNESS POLICIES**

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#### 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

When arriving to school, parents will be asked to answer the following question on Procare:

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

If you answer yes to any of the symptoms above, please keep your child home and email both your child's head teacher and <a href="wellness@peregrineschool.org">wellness@peregrineschool.org</a>.

## **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.

## **ILLNESS POLICIES**

We rely on parents and staff to accurately report any illness. Following County guidelines, we will continue to monitor and report illnesses but will no longer be requiring Covid-19 testing when returning from being sick.

To help us track illnesses, if your child is absent due to an illness or simply not feeling well, please inform *both* your Head Teacher and the Wellness Team at <a href="wellness@peregrineschool.org">wellness@peregrineschool.org</a>. 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.

Common cold/flu	Individuals who present with cold or flu symptoms will need to stay home for 24 hours from onset of symptoms. Colds are most infectious at this point, and what looks like a minor runny nose in the morning may be flu by afternoon.
Fever	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.
Vomiting	Individuals will need to stay home until 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting.
Diarrhea	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.
Strep throat / scarlet	Individuals will need to stay home until 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment.
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	Individuals must be evaluated by a doctor to determine the cause(s). Return to school must be cleared by a doctor.  • 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).
Ear/sinus/other noncontagious secondary infection	Individuals will need to stay home until they have been evaluated by a doctor and started on appropriate therapy.

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Head lice	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.
Communicable Diseases in general	For example, Hand, Foot, Mouth, pinworms.  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 Wellness Team and your Head Teacher.

If a student presents symptoms during the day, they will be sent to the 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. The Sick Bay is sanitized after each use.

#### COVID-19 Cases

Assembly Bill (AB) 86 previously required K-12 schools to report every case of COVID-19 to the local public health authority. Moving forward, Yolo County Public Health no longer requires individual COVID-19 case reporting from child care providers and K-12 schools. Instead, child care providers and schools must report all illness outbreaks to Yolo County, including, but not limited to, when 10% or more of a student cohort is unexpectedly absent.

While we are no longer requiring COVID-19 testing, we will continue to provide OTC tests until our supply has been exhausted. If your family chooses to test and your child tests positive for Covid-19, we ask that you continue to follow the County's recommendation for isolating.

#### Individuals who TEST POSITIVE for COVID-19 should:

- Self-isolate and test with an **antigen test** ASAP to determine infection status.
- Individuals can end isolation after Day 5 if:
  - Symptoms are not present, or are mild and improving; AND
  - They have been fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication).
- These individuals can return to school after Day 5 without taking a test.
- It its recommended that students ending isolation after Day 5 wear a mask through Day 10.
- STAFF ending isolation after Day 5 will be required to mask through Day 10.

## **MASKING POLICIES**

Masking is optional at Peregrine School. Anyone who wants to wear a mask will not be discouraged.

• **For individuals**. We encourage masking while an individual is symptomatic and allowed to be on campus e.g., 24 hours after onset of a runny nose.

## **OUTDOOR CLASSES**

We remain dedicated to the importance of learning outside.

## STAFF TRAINING AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## Staff

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

#### **Families**

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