



## COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) for Vallecitos Elementary School District

This CPP is designed to control exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that may occur in our workplace.

**Date: February 1, 2021**

### Authority and Responsibility

The Superintendent/Principal has overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace. In addition, all staff leads are responsible for implementing and maintaining the CPP in their assigned work areas and for ensuring employees receive answers to questions about the program in a language they understand.

All employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies, and procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

### Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards

We will implement the following in our workplace:

- Conduct workplace-specific evaluations using the **Appendix A: Identification of COVID-19 Hazards** form.
- Evaluate employees' potential workplace exposures to all persons at, or who may enter our workplace.
- Review applicable orders and general and industry-specific guidance from the State of California, Cal/OSHA, and the local health department related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention.
- Evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls in our workplace and the need for different or additional controls.
- Conduct periodic inspections using the **Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections form** as needed to identify unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures related to COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with our COVID-19 policies and procedures.
- Encourage all employees to report any COVID-19 identified hazards to the Superintendent/Principal or designee.

### Employee participation

Employees are encouraged to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards. Employees are encouraged to report potential hazards to the Superintendent/Principal or Business Manager.

### Employee screening

We screen our employees by having all self-screen according to CDPH guidelines. Employees are to ensure that face coverings are used during screening by both screeners and employees and, if temperatures are measured, that non-contact thermometers are used. All employees sign in everyday using their signature to verify the screening process has been completed.

## **Correction of COVID-19 Hazards**

Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices, or procedures will be documented on Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspection forms and corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards. The severity of the hazard will be assessed, and correction time frames assigned, accordingly. Individuals will be identified as being responsible for timely correction. Follow-up measures are taken to ensure timely correction.

## **Control of COVID-19 Hazards**

### **Physical Distancing**

Where possible, we ensure at least six feet of physical distancing at all times in our workplace by:

- Reducing the number of persons in an area at one time, including visitors. Volunteering has been suspended on campus during the pandemic.
- Visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate where employees and others should be located or their direction and path of travel.
- Staggered arrival, departure, work, and break times.
- Physical barriers between work stations.
- Physical alteration of space to allow 6ft distancing.
- Limited capacity will be adhered to in the restrooms, copy room, break room, or any other space where staff congregate.

Individuals will be kept as far apart as possible when there are situations where six feet of physical distancing cannot be achieved.

### **Face Coverings**

We provide clean, undamaged face coverings and ensure they are properly worn by employees over the nose and mouth when indoors, and when outdoors and less than six feet away from another person, including non-employees, and where required by orders from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) or local health department. Teachers and students have access to disposable and cloth face coverings but may also wear one from home. All classrooms will be equipped with additional face coverings should someone forget one or drop one. All parents picking up student work or school meals will be required to wear a face covering when interacting with staff.

The following are exceptions to the use of face coverings in our workplace:

- When an employee is alone in a room.
- While eating and drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and outside air supply to the area, if indoors, has been maximized to the extent possible.
- Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person. Alternatives, such as a scarf, drape or face shield will be required, but the type of covering will be identified on a case-by-case basis.
- Specific tasks that cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering, where employees will be kept at least six feet apart.

Any employee not wearing a face covering, face shield with a drape or other effective alternative, or respiratory protection, for any reason, shall be at least six feet apart from all other persons.

### **Engineering controls**

We implement the following measures for situations where we cannot maintain at least six feet between individuals: Plexiglas barriers have been erected in places where distancing cannot be maintained.

We maximize, to the extent feasible, the quantity of outside air for our buildings with mechanical or natural ventilation systems by:

- Servicing our HVAC systems and programming our economizers for maximum ventilation.
- Allowing open air through doors and windows.
- Providing MERV 13 filters in every community space and classroom.

### **Cleaning and disinfecting**

We implement the following cleaning and disinfection measures for frequently touched surfaces:

- Ensuring adequate supplies and adequate time for it to be done properly.
- Informing the employees of the frequency and scope of cleaning and disinfection.

Should we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will implement the following procedures: Cleaning and disinfecting of space with a 24-hour decontamination period. Employees have been properly trained on the use of equipment and PPE.

### **Shared tools, equipment, and personal protective equipment (PPE)**

PPE must not be shared, e.g., gloves, goggles, and face shields.

Items that employees come in regular physical contact with, such as phones, headsets, desks, keyboards, writing materials, instruments, and tools must also not be shared, to the extent feasible. Where there must be sharing, the items will be disinfected between uses by using district-provided disinfectants.

### **Hand sanitizing**

In order to implement effective hand sanitizing procedures, we have:

- Evaluated hand washing facilities and provided additional stations.
- Encouraged employee and student handwashing; allowing time for these activities.
- Provided employees with an effective hand sanitizer.
- Provided all employees and students additional hand sanitizers throughout the campus.
- All sinks throughout the campus have posted directions on appropriate handwashing techniques.
- All staff have been trained on how to wash hands appropriately.

### **Personal protective equipment (PPE) used to control employees' exposure to COVID-19**

We evaluate the need for PPE (such as gloves, goggles, and face shields) as required by CCR Title 8, section 3380, and provide such PPE as needed.

When it comes to respiratory protection, we evaluate the need in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 5144 when the physical distancing requirements are not feasible or maintained. Staff working with multiple student groups were provided respiratory face coverings, in addition to plexiglass protectors.

### **Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases**

This will be accomplished by using the **Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases** form.

Employees who had potential COVID-19 exposure in our workplace will be: Offered COVID-19 testing at no cost during their working hours. The information on benefits described in Training and Instruction, and Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases, below, will be provided to them.

## **System for Communicating**

Our goal is to ensure that we have effective two-way communication with our employees, in a form they can readily understand, and that it includes the following information:

- To whom should employees report COVID-19 symptoms and possible hazards, and how? During staff meetings and trainings, staff are instructed to report any symptoms or hazards to the Superintendent/Principal or designee.
- Those employees can report symptoms and hazards without fear of reprisal.
- Our procedures or policies for accommodating employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness.
- Where testing is not required, how employees can access COVID-19 testing. Employees can be tested through their primary healthcare provider or through local bi-monthly free testing events.
- In the event we are required to provide testing because of a workplace exposure or outbreak, we will communicate the plan for providing testing and inform affected employees of the reason for the testing and the possible consequences of a positive test.
- Information about COVID-19 hazards employees (including other employers and individuals in contact with our workplace) may be exposed to, what is being done to control those hazards, and our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

## **Training and Instruction**

We will provide effective training and instruction that includes:

- Our COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards.
- Information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws.
- The fact that:
  - COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air.
  - COVID-19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.
  - An infectious person may have no symptoms.
- Methods of physical distancing of at least six feet and the importance of combining physical distancing with the wearing of face coverings.
- The fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing must be combined with other controls, including face coverings and hand hygiene, to be effective.
- The importance of frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or handwashing facility, and that hand sanitizer does not work if the hands are soiled.
- Proper use of face coverings and the fact that face coverings are not respiratory protective equipment - face coverings are intended to primarily protect other individuals from the wearer of the face covering.
- COVID-19 symptoms, and the importance of obtaining a COVID-19 test and not coming to work if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.

## **Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases**

Where we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will limit transmission by:

- Ensuring that COVID-19 cases are excluded from the workplace until our return-to-work requirements are met.
- Excluding employees with COVID-19 exposure from the workplace for 14 days after the last known COVID-19 exposure to a COVID-19 case.

- Continuing and maintaining an employee's earnings, seniority, and all other employee rights and benefits whenever we've demonstrated that the COVID-19 exposure is work-related. This will be accomplished by adhering to current law and may include employer-provided employee sick leave benefits, state-sponsored benefits, as well as by workers' compensation.
- Providing employees at the time of exclusion with information on available benefits.

## Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Access

It is our policy to:

- Report information about COVID-19 cases at our workplace to the local health department whenever required by law, and provide any related information requested by the local health department.
- Report immediately to Cal/OSHA any COVID-19-related serious illnesses or death, as defined under CCR Title 8 section 330(h), of an employee occurring in our place of employment or in connection with any employment.
- Maintain records of the steps taken to implement our written COVID-19 Prevention Program in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 3203(b).
- Make our written COVID-19 Prevention Program available at the workplace to employees, authorized employee representatives, and to representatives of Cal/OSHA immediately upon request.
- Use the **Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases** form to keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases. The information will be made available to employees, authorized employee representatives, or as otherwise required by law, with personal identifying information removed.

## Return-to-Work Criteria for COVID +

- COVID-19 cases with COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until all the following have occurred:
  - At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.0 or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications.
  - COVID-19 symptoms have improved.
  - At least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared.
- COVID-19 cases who tested positive but never developed COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until a minimum of 10 days have passed since the date of specimen collection of their first positive COVID-19 test.
- A negative COVID-19 test will not be required for an employee to return to work.
- If an order to isolate or quarantine an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee will not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted. If no period was specified, then the period will be 10 days from the time the order to isolate was effective, or 14 days from the time the order to quarantine was effective.

BOARD APPROVED: February 9, 2021

*Dr. Maritza Koeppen*

Dr. Maritza Koeppen, Superintendent/Principal

*2-1-2021*

Date



## Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections

Date:

Name of person conducting the inspection:

Work location evaluated:

Exposure Controls	Status	Person Assigned to Correct	Date Corrected
<b>Engineering</b>			
Barriers/partitions			
Ventilation (amount of fresh air and filtration maximized)			
Additional room air filtration present			
Desks 6ft apart			
Workspaces 6ft apart			
Proper signage			
<b>Administrative</b>			
Physical distancing			
Surface cleaning and disinfection (frequently enough and adequate supplies)			
Hand washing facilities (adequate numbers and supplies)			
Disinfecting and hand sanitizing solutions being used according to manufacturer instructions			
Thermometers/materials present			
<b>PPE (not shared, available and being worn)</b>			
Face coverings (cleaned sufficiently often)			
Gloves			
Face shields/goggles			
Gowns/additional covering where necessary			

## Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases

All personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or symptoms will be kept confidential. All COVID-19 testing or related medical services provided by us will be provided in a manner that ensures the confidentiality of employees, with the exception of unredacted information on COVID-19 cases that will be provided immediately upon request to the local health department, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), or as otherwise required by law.

All employees' medical records will also be kept confidential and not disclosed or reported without the employee's express written consent to any person within or outside the workplace, with the following exceptions: (1) Unredacted medical records provided to the local health department, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, NIOSH, or as otherwise required by law immediately upon request; and (2) Records that do not contain individually identifiable medical information or from which individually identifiable medical information has been removed.

**Date:**

**Name of person conducting the investigation:**

<b>Employee (or non-employee*) name:</b>		<b>Occupation (if non-employee, why they were in the workplace):</b>	
<b>Location where employee worked (or non-employee was present in the workplace):</b>		<b>Date investigation was initiated:</b>	
<b>Was COVID-19 test offered?</b>		<b>Name(s) of staff involved in the investigation:</b>	
<b>Date and time the COVID-19 case was last present in the workplace:</b>		<b>Date of the positive or negative test and/or diagnosis:</b>	
<b>Date the case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms:</b>		<b>Information received regarding COVID-19 test results and onset of symptoms (attach documentation):</b>	



**Results of the evaluation of the COVID-19 case and all locations at the workplace that may have been visited by the COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period, and who may have been exposed (attach additional information):**

**Notice given (within one business day, in a way that does not reveal any personal identifying information of the COVID-19 case) of the potential COVID-19 exposure to:**

<p><b>All employees who may have had COVID-19 exposure and their authorized representatives.</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b></p>		
	<p><b>Names of employees that were notified:</b></p>		
<p><b>Independent contractors and other employers present at the workplace during the high-risk exposure period.</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b></p>		
	<p><b>Names of individuals that were notified:</b></p>		
<p><b>What were the workplace conditions that could have contributed to the risk of COVID-19 exposure?</b></p>		<p><b>What could be done to reduce exposure to COVID-19?</b></p>	
<p><b>Was local health department notified?</b></p>		<p><b>Date:</b></p>	

\*Should an employer be made aware of a non-employee infection source COVID-19 status.

**Appendix D: COVID-19 Training Roster**

**Date:**

**Person that conducted the training:**

Employee Name	Signature