

COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

And

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction

Eel River Charter School

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

Date: March 1, 2023

Authority and Responsibility

The Eel River Charter School Board of Directors has overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace. In addition, all managers and supervisors 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 continue to implement the following in 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.

Employee participation

Employees are encouraged to participate by:

- Reviewing COVID-19 prevention controls at the school site and maintaining compliance with all standards set.
- Continually teaching the students about health and sanitation best practices such as hand washing, using a tissue and disposal of used tissue, and using disposable cups for drinking water and other viral and bacterial prevention measures.

Stay Home when sick and get tested

Employees and students should stay home if they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or other influenzas or illness. ERCS has home test kits available for parents/families. Student testing will be done by parent at home or at other medical facility if parents so choose. Get tested to help prevent possible spread at schools. Do not return to in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to school for those with symptoms:

1. At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and
2. Other symptoms have improved; and
3. They have a negative antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus), OR they have met CDPH criteria to return to school.

Screening

We screen our staff and students by:

- Expecting every employee/student to self-screen him/herself daily, prior to entering campus, using the At-Home Health Screening Guide for COVID-19, which includes checking for symptoms and fever. **STAY HOME IF YOU ARE ILL and TEST FOR COVID19 IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS.**
- If a staff member feels ill during the school day, he/she will immediately inform the Office and leave the classroom as soon as an adult takes over the supervision of the students. COVID 19 antigen testing will be available. Students feeling ill will be isolated from other students/staff and their parents will be contacted to pick them up. It is recommended that the parents test their child. If test results are negative, the employee/student may return to school 24 hours after fever has subsided and symptoms are improving. Students/staff members should stay home if they test positive and return to school after they have a negative COVID 19 antigen test and flu symptoms have subsided.

Control of COVID-19 Hazards

Evidence and experience in 22-23 school year indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies are implemented. This is consistent with CDC K-12 School Guidance.

- 1) Restrooms-Students/Staff will use the restrooms 1 at a time. Restrooms will be cleaned at least once per day. Signs are present in all restrooms reminding users to 'Wash their hands'. Students/staff should wash/sanitize their hands multiple times during the day.
- 2) School Bus/Van Transportation-ERCS students will follow the rules set by RVUSD or lose the privilege to ride the bus/van, if offered.
- 3) Common Spaces-Common or shared indoor spaces such as the Main Hall may operate with staggered schedules that are determined by the Staff.
- 4) Food Services- Provided by RVUSD. Students and staff will be allowed to eat outside when practicable. When using the Main Hall, we may physical distance as needed while eating and proper cleaning will occur after each use. Food service items will be washed with dish soap and hot water or in a dishwasher.
- 5) Visual Cues-Visual cues such as signs and floor markings may be used to remind people where to get temperature scanned and to encourage masking indoors.

Face Coverings

ERCS provides clean, undamaged face coverings for those that wish to wear them on site. ERCS has a supply of face masks for students, staff, and visitors at the front door.

Ventilation

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

- Use of maximum ventilation, with fresh air being provided through use of open doors and windows whenever possible
- Filters in the mini-split HVAC units in each classroom and the Main Hall, office, and kitchen and HEPA equipped air filtration units in all classrooms and the office and library.

Cleaning and disinfecting

Cleaning once a day is usually enough to sufficiently remove potential virus that may be on surfaces. ERCS will provide:

- Sinks with hot water, hands-free soap and paper towel dispensers in each classroom
- Classrooms, common areas, and office supplied with anti-microbial wipes and antiseptic hand gel
- Adequate cleaning supplies will continue to be provided and stored away from children.
- Drinking fountains will be shut off. Staff and students will be encouraged to bring their own water bottles or may drink from disposable cups in the class rooms or Main Hall porch area.

Hand sanitizing

In order to implement effective hand sanitizing procedures, we:

- Ensure that soap, water and/or hand sanitizer are readily available in all classrooms and office areas. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol will be available in rooms or office. No hand sanitizer will be provided that contains methanol. Children under 9 years of age should have adult supervision when using hand sanitizer.
- Encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer should be used.

Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Access

It is required to:

- Report staff COVID cased to Workmen's Compensation provider.