

## **Bethel Christian Schools – Riverside, CA**

### **COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)**

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## **COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) for Bethel Christian Schools – Riverside CA**

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

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### **Authority and Responsibility**

**The Superintendent** 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.

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

#### **Physical Distancing**

There is no minimum physical distancing required for routine classroom instruction.

#### **Masks and Face Coverings**

- No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a school, unless wearing a mask would pose a safety hazard (e.g., watersports).
- CDPH strongly recommends that all persons (e.g., students and staff) wear masks in K-12 indoor settings, with consideration of exemptions per CDPH face mask guidance.
- Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition are strongly recommended to wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.
- Staff, in limited situations where a face covering cannot be used for pedagogical or developmental reasons, (i.e., communicating or assisting young children or those with special needs) a face shield will be used instead of a face covering while in the classroom as long as the staff member maintains physical distance from others, to the extent practicable. Staff will return to wearing a face covering outside the classroom.
- Anyone that inadvertently fails to bring a face covering to the school will be given a face mask.

#### **Engineering Controls**

It is expected that environmental conditions and airflow influence the transmissibility of COVID-19. Adequately ventilated classroom environments (e.g., open windows with air flow, and improved airflow through ventilation systems) are expected to be associated with less likelihood of transmission compared with poorly ventilated settings. Bethel is committed to increasing the proportion of outside air brought in through these systems (when possible) and to the use of outdoors or environments with improved ventilation (e.g., keeping windows open, doors propped, etc.).

Ventilation (AC Units) are checked annually for hazards, mechanical issues, and maintenance.

*NOTE: Installing a UV Light in the HVAC system is currently in discussion and may be considered via fundraiser.*

### **Cleaning and disinfecting**

An enhanced cleaning schedule beyond normal vacuuming and trash collection will be used throughout each school day with emphasis on high-touch surfaces.

- Disinfect with Strike Bac Disinfectant Cleaner (**Best EPA Registered COVID-19 Disinfectant**) daily.
- Disinfect light switches, door handles, sink handles, tables, chairs, desks, and any other commonly touched surfaces regularly, preferably during recess and lunch daily.
- Disinfect restrooms, floors, sinks, lunch tables, and water fountains daily.

*NOTE: A copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) will be available in the school office for review. Additionally, if school admission increases, BCS will look into a feasible option of hiring a professional cleaning company in addition to our in-house custodial staff.*

### **Hand sanitizing**

In order to implement effective hand sanitizing procedures, we:

- Routinely evaluate handwashing facilities and hand sanitizing stations to ensure there is soap and paper towels in the restrooms, hand sanitizing stations are full and functioning, and all rooms and offices have hand sanitizer.
- Teach students and remind staff to use tissue to wipe their hands and to cough/sneeze into a tissue or their elbow even when wearing a face covering.
- Teach students how to clean their hands properly using soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, and instructed to avoid touching their face, eyes, nose, and mouth as much as possible throughout the day.

### **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.

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

### **Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 and Exposures - Recommended Action**

1. Everyone regardless of vaccination status, previous infection or lack of symptoms who tests positive for COVID-19.
  - Stay home for at least 5 days
  - Isolation can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving and a diagnostic specimen (antigen test preferred) collected on day 5 or later tests negative.
  - If unable to test or choose not to test, and symptoms are not present or are resolving, isolation can end after day 10.
  - If fever is present, isolation should be continued until fever resolves.
  - If symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving, continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving or until after day 10.
  - Per CDPH masking guidance, it is strongly recommended that persons wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings.
2. Quarantine recommendations for student/staff close contacts who have completed at least the primary series of COVID-19 vaccine OR had COVID-19 within the last 90 days:
  - Staff/student close contact who have completed at least the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines should get tested 3-5 days after exposure, or sooner if symptoms develop (in which case they should also stay home); AND
  - Staff/student close contacts who had COVID-19 within the last 90 days do not need to test unless they develop symptoms (in which case an antigen is preferred, and they should also stay home).

- that test positive for COVID-19 will not be allowed on school grounds and must remain in isolation for 10 days. If results become known while the individual is on Bethel's campus, the individual will be immediately sent to the school's quarantine/isolation room to wait for parent/guardian pick up unless they are able to safely drive off campus.
- 3. Quarantine recommendations for staff/student close contacts who have NOT completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines NOT had COVID-19 within the last 90 days for exposures when both parties were wearing a mask.
  - When both parties were wearing a mask in any school setting in which students are supervised by school staff (including indoor or outdoor school settings and school buses, including on buses operated by public or private systems), students (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet) may undergo a modified quarantine as follows. They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:
    1. Are asymptomatic;
    2. Continue to appropriately mask; and
    3. Undergo at least twice weekly testing during quarantine;
    4. Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.
  - Notifications will be sent out to "groups" of exposed students (e.g., classmates, teammates, cohorts, etc.) rather than contact tracing to identify individual "close contacts" (e.g., those within 6 feet).
- 4. Quarantine duration recommendations for student close contacts who have NOT completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines NOR had COVID-19 within the last 90 days in:
  - Standard quarantine (i.e., students who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the exposure); or
  - Modified quarantine (i.e., students as described in #3 above).
    1. Quarantine can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present and a diagnostic specimen collected on day 5 or later tests negative. If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present, quarantine can end after day 10. It is strongly recommended that exposed persons wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days following the last date of exposure; OR
    2. b. Schools are strongly recommended to follow the guidance provided in the [Group-Tracing Approach to Students Exposed to COVID-19 in a K-12 setting](#)

## System for Communication

The Superintendent will work alongside the School Principal to communicate confirmed cases to staff, teachers, students, and parents about cases and exposure through emails, school notifications, video messages, and/or virtual Zoom meetings. Names of individuals who have been diagnosed or exposed to COVID-19 will be held confidential as required by FERPA and state law.

Staff, students, and families need to report COVID-19 symptoms, positive cases, exposures, and possible hazards to the Dean of Students or call the school office.

## Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Access

It is our policy to:

- Report information about COVID-19 cases on our campus 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 any staff or student occurring on our campus 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.