Model COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

With some exceptions, all employers and places of employment are required to establish and implement an effective written COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) pursuant to an Emergency Temporary Standard in place for COVID-19 (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 8, section 3205(c)). Cal/OSHA has developed this model program to assist employers with creating their own unique CPP tailored to their workplace.

Employers are not required to use this program. Employers may create their own program or use another CCP template. Employers can also create a written CCP by incorporating elements of this program into their existing Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP), if desired. Cal/OSHA encourages employers to engage with employees in the design, implementation and evolution of their COVID-19 Prevention Program.

Using this model alone does not ensure compliance with the emergency temporary standard. To use this model program effectively, the person(s) responsible for implementing the CPP should carefully review:

- All of the elements that may be required in the following CCR, Title 8 sections:
 - o 3205, COVID-19 Prevention
 - o 3205.1, Multiple COVID-19 Infection and COVID-19 Outbreaks
 - o 3205.2, Major COVID-19 Outbreaks
 - o 3205.3, Prevention in Employer-Provided Housing
 - o 3205.4, COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Transportation to and from Work
 - The four <u>Additional Considerations</u> provided at the end of this program to see if they are applicable to your workplace.
- The additional guidance materials available at www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/



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COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) for San Diego Academy

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

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Authority and Responsibility

Nic Lindquist 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 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.

Employee participation

Employees and their authorized employees' representatives are encouraged to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards by: speaking directly with administration about concerns and how they can be best addressed. School administration works directly with parent organization (SECC) and Office of Education Health and Safety Committee.

Employee screening

We screen our employees by having them self-screen according to CDPH guidelines at home and upon arrival at school.

Correction of COVID-19 Hazards

Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures will be documented on the **Appendix B**: **COVID-19 Inspections** form, and corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards, as follows:

Concerned employees may speak directly with administration, and hazards will be assessed and corrected accordingly. The principal and district Health and Safety Committee are identified as being responsible for timely correction and follow up.

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:

- Ensuring that adults are seated at least six feet from students.
- Employees attend staff meetings virtually.
- If in-person meetings are required, the largest physical space on campus is used and spaces are marked at least 9 feet of distance apart.
- During inclement weather days, a schedule has been established that allows for reduced capacity while eating indoors.
- Classroom volunteers are not allowed at this time, reducing the number of contacts in the building.
- Staggered break times and classroom specific restrooms.
- Students are not using lockers and a block schedule has been implemented to lessen student exposure in hallways.

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. Cloth face coverings are available to all employees, students, and visitors. All people entering our building are required to wear masks, including volunteers, visitors, and church employees and guests. Signage is posted at entrances and throughout the building with face covering expectations for all individuals entering the building.

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 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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 unless the unmasked employee is tested at least twice weekly for COVID-19.

Engineering controls

We implement the following measures to ensure proper distance between individuals: Six feet distances have been marked both indoors and outdoors to encourage physical distancing; hallways have directional markers so traffic flows in the same direction; signage is posted across campus.

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

- The opportunity to work outside is always available, as is the opportunity to work in the largest rooms on campus.
- Doors and windows are encouraged to be kept open to increase natural ventilation.
- HVAC system is maintained regularly and equipped with appropriate filters to maintain clean air in the building.

Cleaning and disinfecting

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

- Frequently touched surfaces in the general school building are cleaned at least twice daily.
- Frequently touched surfaces in individual classrooms are cleaned multiple times daily.
- Disinfecting and cleaning products are available to all staff as needed.

Should we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will implement the following procedures: the area where the impacted individual(s) were working will be cleaned and disinfected after waiting as long as possible to clean. This limits risk to those doing the cleaning. Proper PPE must be worn by those cleaning and disinfecting.

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 employees, who have disinfecting materials available to them.

Hand sanitizing

In order to implement effective hand sanitizing procedures, we:

- Require hand sanitizing at all areas of entry.
- Provide employees with an effective hand sanitizer and prohibit hand sanitizers that contain methanol (i.e. methyl alcohol).
- Encourage employees to wash hands for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Encourage employees to have clean hands at all transitions.
- Installed no-touch hand sanitizing stations in all classrooms.

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.

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:

- Informed of a potential exposure, and given information regarding testing availability.
- 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 includes the following information:

• Who employees should report COVID-19 symptoms and possible hazards to and how. Concerned employees should address concerns with administration.

- That 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 are given information regarding receiving no-cost Covid tests through the San Diego county testing sites.
- 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.
- Decision Tree charts from CDPH and SDPH will be used as a resource in cases of employee exposure or positive for COVID.

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:
 - o COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air.
 - o 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 hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or hand washing 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.

Appendix D: COVID-19 Training Roster will be used to document this training.

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 10-14 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 in compliance with SECC policy. This will be accomplished by employer-provided employee sick leave benefits when not covered 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

- 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 100.4 or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications.
 - COVID-19 symptoms have improved.
 - o 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.

Nic Lindquist, Principal January 29, 2021

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