



Board Agenda Item #	IV B: Action Item
Date:	April 7, 2022
To:	Magnolia Public Schools - Board of Directors
From:	Alfredo Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	Derya Hajmeirza, MPS HR Director
RE:	Updated MPS Health and Safety Policy and Injury and Illness Prevention Program (“IIPP”) COVID-19 Addendum

Proposed Board Motion

I move that the board approve the updated MPS Health & Safety Policy alongside the Injury Illness Prevention Program (“IIPP”) COVID-19 addendum.

Introduction

- The policy has been updated based on the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”), and several county public health officials. The policy is intended for organization-wide implementation at each facility that will be operated by MPS.

Background

- The board had approved the IIPP COVID-19 addendum and the MPS health and safety policy during the August 2020, and September 2020, February, March, April, May, July, August, September, November, December 2021, January, February, and March 2022 board meetings. In accordance with the most updated health orders, the Home Office COVID-19 Response Team updated the policy.

Analysis (If applicable)

- This policy is provided and updated by Young, Minney & Corr, LLP and conform to the standards and practices in the latest guidance (i.e., CDPH and Cal-OSHA, local county, and authorizing agency).

**MPS Health and Safety Policy for COVID-19** updates are as follows:

- Indoor masking is strongly encouraged for all individuals at all MSA school sites. Individuals must still wear masks when entering a Nurse’s office, COVID-19 testing site, symptom, isolation and quarantine area, or other medically sensitive area.
- Individuals new to LAUSD are required to baseline test upon their start of school or work. All individuals will be required to comply with all District requirements for baseline testing upon return from school breaks, such as Spring Break.

Budget Implications: There are no budget implications.

Exhibits (attachments):

- Updated MPS Health and Safety Policy (with redline)
- Updated MPS Health and Safety Policy (without redline)



Updated on 03/18/2022

### HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY FOR COVID-19

It is the policy of Magnolia Public Schools (“Charter School”) to take all reasonable measures to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus disease (“COVID-19”) among students and staff. In accordance with this policy, the Charter School is temporarily implementing health and safety measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 as the Charter School resumes in-person instruction. This policy recognizes that these measures are each designed to provide some protection against COVID-19. While there may be times when one measure may not be feasible, implementing alternative measures can provide additional layers of safety. This Policy includes both mandatory measures (using terms “shall” or “will”) as well as recommended measures intended to guide decisions in light of practical limitations.

This Policy is based on guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”), the California Department of Education (“CDE”), the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”), and relevant county public health officials. The Governor and each county public health official is vested with the authority to impose health and safety standards, which may vary by locality in response to different local conditions. The Charter School will, as necessary, consult with their county health officer, or designated staff, who are best positioned to monitor and provide advice on local conditions to individually determine whether more or less stringent measures are necessary to align with the applicable public health orders. The Charter School will fully cooperate with county public health officials regarding the screening, monitoring and documentation that will be required to permit careful scrutiny of health outcomes associated with the return to in-person instruction on Charter School campuses.

This Policy constitutes the COVID-19 Infection Control Plan for each Charter School worksite. Prior to resuming in-person instruction, the Home Office COVID-19 Response Team shall perform a comprehensive risk assessment of all work areas and work tasks in accordance with guidance from CDPH and this Policy. The following staff member(s) is (are) responsible for implementing this Policy at each campus:

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Staff Members</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Magnolia Science Academy-1	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-1 Compliance Task Force Team	818-609-0507
Magnolia Science Academy-2	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-2 Compliance Task Force Team	818-758-0300
Magnolia Science Academy-3	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-3 Compliance Task Force Team	310-637-3806
Magnolia Science Academy-4	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-4 Compliance Task Force Team	310-473-2464
Magnolia Science Academy-5	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-5 Compliance Task Force Team	818-705-5676
Magnolia Science Academy-6	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-6 Compliance Task Force Team	310-842-8555
Magnolia Science Academy-7	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-7 Compliance Task Force Team	818-886-0585
Magnolia Science Academy-8	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-8 Compliance Task Force Team	323-826-3925
Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Ana	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634

	MSA-SA Compliance Task Force Team	714-479-0115
Magnolia Science Academy-San Diego	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-SD Compliance Task Force Team	619-644-1300
MPS Home Office	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634

In addition to in-person instruction, the Charter School will also offer optional independent study as an alternative to in-person instruction in the 2021-22 school year. Independent study will also be made available for students for whom in-person instruction poses a heightened risk of infection.

**1. Limited Access to Campus.** As school campuses open for fully in-person instruction in the 2021-22 school year, California public health authorities have relaxed restrictions on access to school campuses; however, the ongoing threat of COVID-19 and the public health orders in effect necessitate that the following precautions be maintained:

- The Charter School may limit nonessential visitors’ access to the Charter School campus and may limit the number of students and staff with whom they come into contact, based on, among other factors, the current levels of community transmission, the vaccination status of any such visitor, and the relative importance of the visit’s purpose.
- The Charter School will exclude from the campus any employee, student, parent, caregiver or visitor who refuses to take or does not pass a Wellness and Temperature Screening.
- All visitors to a Charter School Campus are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask while inside any Charter School building, vehicle, or other enclosed space.
- Any parent or guardian picking up a student who has been placed on isolation or quarantine must stay outside campus and the student will be brought to them for dismissal.
- Signage shall be posted at all public entrances to the Charter School warning visitors not to enter if they have COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students excluded from campus on the basis of an elevated temperature or other COVID-19 related symptoms may be provided with Independent Study opportunities to support their academic success to the greatest extent possible during exclusion.
- Students and employees who are well but who have a household member that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 are directed to notify the COVID-19 Compliance Officer, who will consult with other Charter School staff to determine whether the student or staff member can

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continue coming to school with a modified quarantine in light of current guidance and this Policy.

- Per Cal/OSHA requirements, the Charter School shall exclude staff members who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who have had a close contact with a positive COVID-19 case and are not vaccinated.
- Health and safety standards and procedures shall be applied equally to all users of a public school campus that is subject to a co-location arrangement.
- Implement health screenings of students and staff upon arrival at school (see Section 2).
- To the extent that non-parent visitors are required to enter the Charter School Campus, the School will take the following precautions:
  - Non-parental visitors will be allowed on campus via appointment only.
  - Non-parental visitors must pre-register in a visitor's log, which includes the visitor's name, email address, and phone number.
  - Non-parental visitors will only be allowed to enter specific areas to conduct their business.
  - Visitors to MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 must complete daily screening questions using LAUSD's Daily Pass or at the entrance to the school.

## **2. Wellness Checks and Temperature Screenings:**

- *COVID-19 Symptoms.* Currently, the CDC has identified the following as potential symptoms of COVID-19:
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- In-person wellness checks administered under this Policy shall:
  - Confirm that the subject has not experienced COVID-19 symptoms in the prior 48 hours or potentially been exposed to COVID-19, by soliciting the following

information:

- Have you had any one or more of these symptoms today or within the past 48 hours? Are these symptoms new or not explained by another reason?
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- Do you live in the same household with, or have you had close contact with, someone who in the past 14 days has been in isolation for COVID-19 or had a test confirming they have the virus? Close contact means being within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the person is isolated.
- If the student, staff, parent, or, visitor answers “no” to all questions, he or she may enter the school.
- If the student, staff, parent, or visitor answers “yes” to any of the questions, he or she may not enter the school. Employees, parents, and visitors answering “yes” must leave immediately and will be instructed to self-isolate until further instructions are given by the COVID-19 Compliance Officer. Students answering “yes” will be isolated and must leave as soon as pickup can be arranged and then will be instructed likewise.
- Students, staff, parents, or, visitors have had close contact with an individual who has tested positive shall return home to self-quarantine as per CDPH and local guidance.
  - However, the Charter School will not exclude such individuals with close contact exposure and not require them to return home or self-isolate if they are both asymptomatic and fully-vaccinated against COVID-19. Should an asymptomatic and fully-vaccinated individual be exposed to COVID-19, the Charter School reserves the right to request proof of vaccination for COVID-19 before allowing the individual on campus.
- Students and staff are encouraged to screen themselves for symptoms at home before

coming to campus.

- Students and staff of MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 may be subject to further health check procedures as required by LAUSD.
- A check in area should be established on campus for health screenings to be performed privately and with enough space to allow physical distancing.
- *Campus Screening Logistics:*
  - Each employee and visitor to the school site shall be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the school site.
  - Temperature and wellness screenings will be performed by a trained school employee at all Charter School Campuses to the extent feasible.

**3. COVID-19 Compliance Task Force and Compliance Officer.** State and local health orders require that schools designate a task force and liaison to be responsible for receiving and sharing information on COVID-19 policies, positive cases, and exposures. The Charter School shall comply with these requirements by implementing the following measures:

- The Charter School will comply with and implement the “COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance in TK-12 Schools,” promulgated by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (“LAC DPH”). If the LAC DPH Exposure Management Plan is updated such that this Policy becomes materially inconsistent with it, the Charter School will follow the current Exposure Management Plan.
- The Charter School will establish a Compliance Task Force. The Compliance Task Force is responsible for establishing and enforcing all COVID-19 safety protocols, as well as ensuring all Charter School students and staff receive appropriate COVID-19 education. The names and contact information for all Compliance Task Force members are referenced above on pages one and two of this policy
- The Charter School will designate a “COVID-19 Compliance Officer,” to act as a liaison between the local county public health department and the Charter School, in the event of a COVID-19 cluster or outbreak at the Charter School. The name and contact information for the Charter School’s COVID-19 Compliance Officer is referenced above on pages one and two of this policy.
- The COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall monitor trends in absences and the prevalence of symptoms and illnesses among students and staff on campus to help isolate them promptly, as needed.

- The COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall be the point of contact responsible for sharing information on positive cases and exposures to relevant state and local health departments, as detailed in the Exposure Management Plan section of this Policy.
- The COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall conduct COVID-19 Task Force meetings no less than twice per month to identify areas for improving the enforcement and results of this Policy.

**4. COVID-19 Testing and Reporting.** Testing, in conjunction with vaccination, face masking, and other safety protocols, is a key factor in preventing COVID-19 infection. In keeping with the recommendations and requirements of state and local health departments, the Charter School shall implement the following testing and reporting procedures:

- When testing students or employees for COVID-19, the Charter School will use FDA-Authorized viral COVID-19 tests, including a Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT, such as a Polymerase Chain Reaction test or an Antigen test. An FDA-authorized over-the-counter test is acceptable for student screening so long as the results can be verified, but may not be used for the periodic testing of school employees required by the CDPH in lieu of vaccination.
- Testing will be applied on symptomatic<sup>1</sup>, response<sup>2</sup>, and asymptomatic<sup>3</sup> bases.
- The Charter School’s COVID-19 Compliance Officer must be made aware of all positive student and staff test results and shall report those results to local public health officials as required by law.
- Per Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards, the Charter School will provide testing at no cost to employees during paid time for:
  - Symptomatic unvaccinated employees, regardless of whether there is a known exposure,
  - Unvaccinated employees after an exposure,
  - Vaccinated employees after an exposure if they develop symptoms,

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<sup>1</sup> Symptomatic testing “is used for individuals with symptoms of COVID-19, either at home or at school.”

<sup>2</sup> Response testing “is used to identify positive individuals once a case has been identified in a given stable group. Response-based testing can be provided for symptomatic individuals or for asymptomatic individuals with known or suspected exposure to an individual infected with SARS-CoV-2.”

<sup>3</sup> Asymptomatic testing is “used for surveillance, usually at a cadence of every 2 weeks or less frequently, to understand whether schools have higher or lower rates of COVID19 rates than the community, to guide decisions about safety for schools and school administrators, and to inform LHDs about district level in-school rates. Asymptomatic testing can also be used for screening, usually at a higher cadence (weekly or twice weekly) than surveillance testing, to identify asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic cases, in order to exclude cases that might otherwise contribute to in-school transmission.”



- Unvaccinated employees in an outbreak (three or more employee cases), or
- All employees in a major outbreak (20 or more employee cases).
- Testing Required in San Diego County:
  - No student testing will be required at MSA-SD at this time due to local transmission rates. However, the Charter School reserves the right to exclude MSA-SD students from campus who are either symptomatic for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to COVID-19, until all time and symptom criteria have been reached, consistent with public health guidance and as stated in this Policy. The Charter School will also continue to monitor local case rates to determine whether any further COVID-19 testing of students is necessary.
  - Consistent with California’s “State Public Health Officer Order of August 11, 2021,” all MSA-SD employees, volunteers, contractors, vendors or any other adult supporting Charter School functions on campus must either provide the School with proof of COVID-19 vaccination or test for COVID-19 at least once per week, consistent with applicable law and the Charter School’s COVID-19 employee vaccination policy.
- Testing Required at Magnolia Science Academy MSA- 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8:
  - ~~All students and employees will undergo asymptomatic COVID-19 testing weekly, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status.~~
  - Individuals who have recovered from laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days are not required to test for COVID-19 unless they develop new onset symptoms.
  - Individuals vaccinated as part of the vaccination program carried out by the Los Angeles Unified School District do not need to provide proof of vaccination to the District.
  - All students and employees must undergo symptomatic and response testing for COVID-19, as needed.
  - Individuals new to LAUSD are required to baseline test upon their start of school or work. All individuals will be required to comply with all District requirements for baseline testing upon return from school breaks, such as Spring Break.
  - Employees may not use self-administered and self-read at-home rapid antigen tests unless observed by the employer or authorized telehealth proctor for purposes of clearing isolation or for establishing a positive case for purposes of being excused from weekly testing for 90 days following recovery from COVID-19.
- Testing Required at MSA-1, 5, 7 and MSA-SA:
  - All unvaccinated students must test for COVID-19 at least once per week.

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- Consistent with California’s “State Public Health Officer Order of August 11, 2021,” all MSA-1, 5, 7, and MSA-SA employees, volunteers, contractors, vendors or any other adult supporting Charter School functions on campus must either provide the School with proof of COVID-19 vaccination or test for COVID-19 (PCR test only) at least once per week, consistent with applicable law and the Charter School’s COVID-19 employee vaccination policy.
- Testing Required at MSA-SD and Home Office:
  - Consistent with California’s “State Public Health Officer Order of August 11, 2021,” all MSA-San Diego and Home Office employees, volunteers, contractors, vendors or any other adult supporting Charter School functions on campus must either provide the School with proof of COVID-19 vaccination or test for COVID-19 (PCR test only) at least once per week, consistent with applicable law and the Charter School’s COVID-19 employee vaccination policy.
- Testing Required at MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8:
  - All employees and students are required to undergo weekly testing (PCR test) regardless of vaccination status.
- Additional levels of employee and student COVID-19 testing may be implemented in response to local disease trends, an outbreak, as determined by the Home Office COVID-19 Response Team, where required by Cal/OSHA regulations, or where otherwise required by law or public health guidance. The Charter School reserves the right to require employees undergo additional frequencies of COVID-19 testing, consistent with applicable authority, and directives from public health authorities as well as the School’s authorizer, regardless of an employee’s COVID-19 vaccination status.
- Consistent with Cal/OSHA regulations and applicable law, the School must impose different health and safety requirements depending on an employee’s COVID-19 vaccination status. Cal/OSHA defines an individual as fully vaccinated when “the employer has documented that the person received, at least 14 days prior, either the second dose in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines must be FDA approved; have an emergency use authorization from the FDA; or, for persons fully vaccinated outside the United States, be listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization (WHO).” As a result, to forego any potential COVID-19 health and safety restrictions, such as exclusion/quarantine periods, some COVID-19 testing and other directives, employees must provide the Charter School with proof of COVID-19 vaccination or complete a COVID-19 vaccination status attestation. Employees who are either unvaccinated or who decline to provide the Charter School with proof of COVID-19 vaccination or attest to their COVID-19 vaccination status

will be considered unvaccinated, and must comply with all health and safety directives, as stated in this Policy.

- For staff and student-wide testing, all staff and students shall be tested, except any staff and students who have no contact with others and do not report to campus.
- The Charter School can cause tests to be provided at any one of its campuses, or have staff get tested at any local testing site or by their health insurance provider, which must cover the cost.
  - If county-provided testing is not available, then private labs and health insurance providers may be used, and the cost of testing must be covered by the health insurance provider under an emergency state regulation.
- The Charter School's liaison must be made aware of the student and staff test results and report those results to local public health officials.
- Student consent for testing:
  - For Charter School Students aged 12 and under, the Charter School will require parental consent for COVID-19 testing.
  - Pursuant to California Family Code Section §6926 and CDPH guidance, Charter School Students aged 13 to 17 may consent to COVID-19 testing on their own.
  - Charter School students aged 18 and older do not need parental consent for COVID-19 testing.
- Students who refuse to participate in the COVID-19 testing program or to report the test results to the Charter School, where such testing is required, will not be allowed to return to in-person instruction or otherwise enter the Charter School Campus. Both the testing and the reporting are required under applicable public health guidance and legal authority.
- For staff who refuse to participate in the COVID-19 testing program or to report the test results to the Charter School, where such testing is required, the Charter School reserves the right to discipline an employee for such non-compliance, up to and including termination from at-will employment.
- Consistent with applicable law, the Charter School will consider accommodations from mandatory testing for medical reasons and any other lawfully recognized reason. Employees or students and/or parents/guardians who wish to request an accommodation for themselves or their child can contact the Charter School. The Charter School cannot guarantee the availability of particular accommodation and will process all requests for accommodation consistent with MPS policies and applicable law.
- The Charter School must maintain confidentiality of test results, other than reporting the results to local public health officials. All medical information about any employee must be stored separately from the employee's personnel file in order to limit access to this confidential information. The Charter School should have a separate confidential medical file for each

employee where the Charter School can store all of that employee's medical information. Medical information includes COVID-19 test results, an employee's statement via any symptom screening that they have symptoms or COVID-19, medical certifications showing the employee needs time off due to COVID-19, etc. For students, the Charter School will take similar precautions to safeguard the students' privacy and confidentiality, consistent with FERPA and all relevant legal requirements.

- All volunteers, contractors, vendors and other adults supporting Charter School functions on any MPS campus must comply with applicable COVID-19 testing requirements, as stated in the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy.
- In the event of a positive test result of a student or family member:
  - The Charter School requires that parents/guardians notify school administration immediately if the student tested positive for COVID-19 or if one of their household members or non-household close contacts tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Upon receiving notification that staff or a student has tested positive for COVID-19 or been in close contact with a COVID-19 case, the Charter School will take actions as required in Section 5 below.

**5. Exposure Management Policy.** Preventing and minimizing the spread of COVID-19 within the Charter School Community requires a sound policy for managing exposure to infected individuals. The Charter School will follow the exposure management provisions of the "COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance in TK-12 Schools," promulgated by the LAC DPH as well as "COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year" promulgated by the CDPH. In the event that this protocol is updated so that it materially conflicts with the measures laid out in this Policy, the Charter School will follow the updated protocol; otherwise, the following measures shall be followed:

- Per AB 86 and California Code Title 17, section 2500, schools are required to report COVID-19 cases to the local public health department. The COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall report every positive COVID-19 case to the appropriate county authority.

- All MSA campuses will maintain classroom seating charts to facilitate future identification of close contacts.
- Potential Exposure: In the event of notice of potential exposure,<sup>4</sup> with regards to its employees, the Charter School will follow all steps set forth in its Injury and Illness Prevention Program COVID-19 Addendum.
- In the event of a suspected COVID-19 case:
  - The Charter School will identify an isolation room and quarantine room and/or outdoor areas to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or who is determined to have come into close contact with a confirmed case. The isolation and quarantine rooms shall be separate rooms.
  - Isolation of students, employees, and visitors exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will occur without regard to vaccination and/or recent testing status.
  - Any students, staff, or visitors exhibiting symptoms should immediately be provided with and required to wear a surgical-grade or better face covering and should be directed to wait in the separate isolation area until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility, as soon as practicable. For serious illness, call 9-1-1 without delay.
  - Students in the isolation and quarantine areas will be monitored by a staff member.
  - Parents/guardians will be required to pick up their students within one hour. Parents/guardians should take the student to get a COVID-19 test immediately and, if a student of MSA- 2, 3, 4, 6, or 8, should upload the test result to the LAUSD Daily Pass system or otherwise provide a copy to the school.
  - A log will be kept of all persons entering the isolation and quarantine areas.
  - Students will be grouped by stable group or class when possible in the quarantine area.
  - Physical distancing of six feet or greater will be maintained in the isolation and quarantine areas [and masking shall be required for any individual entering these areas.](#)
- Symptomatic individuals who test negative for COVID-19 can return 24 hours after resolution of fever (if any) and improvement in symptoms.
  - Documentation of a negative test result should be provided to school administrators.

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<sup>4</sup> Notice of potential exposure means any of the following: (a) notification from a public health official or licensed medical provider that an employee was exposed to a qualifying individual at the worksite; (b) notification from an employee, or their emergency contact, that the employee is a qualifying individual; (c) notification through the Charter School’s testing protocol that the employee is a qualifying individual; or (d) notification from a subcontracted employer that a qualifying individual was on the school site. (Labor Code § 6409.6, subd. (d)(3).)

- In lieu of a negative test result, students and staff may return to work with a medical note by a physician that provides alternative explanation for symptoms and reason for not ordering COVID-19 testing.
- Symptomatic individuals who neither test for COVID-19 nor consult with a medical professional must isolate at home until fever free for 24 hours, improved symptoms, and 10 days from symptom onset.
- In the event of one or more confirmed COVID-19 case(s) the Charter School will follow the CDPH and local public health guidance, including implementation of the following practices:
  - The Charter School will provide notifications to the local public health department of any known case of COVID-19 among any student, employee, or visitor or other school-associated person who was present on a Charter School campus within the 14 days preceding COVID-19 symptoms, or 10 days before a positive test result.
  - MSA Los Angeles COVID-19 Compliance Officers will notify the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health of any COVID-19 hospitalizations or deaths among students or staff by sending a notification to [ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov).
  - Notifications will be provided by the Home Office COVID-19 Response Team depending on the county where the school is located.
  - For Los Angeles campuses: The COVID-19 Compliance Officer will instruct the individual who tested positive to follow the LACDPH COVID-19 Home Isolation instructions and will inform the positive case that LACDPH will contact them directly to collect additional information and to issue a Health Officer Order to quarantine.
  - All students and staff of MSA- 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 campuses will be contacted by the LAUSD Community Engagement team to be instructed on isolation and to provide further information.
  - Site administrators of MSA- 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 will report to LAUSD using the Initial Exposure Management (IEM) Reporter App, as detailed in the latest LAUSD IOC guidance on exposure management reporting.
  - The notification to the local public health department must include:
    - 1) The full name, address, telephone number, and date of birth of the individual who tested positive;
    - 2) The date the individual tested positive, the school(s) at which the individual was present on-site within the 10 days preceding the positive test, and the date the individual was last on-site at any relevant school(s); and
    - 3) The full name, address, and telephone number of the person making the report.

- For San Diego Charter School locations, the public health department should be notified either via phone at (888) 950-9905, or online at [www.coronavirus-sd.com](http://www.coronavirus-sd.com). The notification should list the following information: 1) The name of the person reporting, 2) the Charter School name and district, 3) the Charter School address, 4) your position at the Charter School. For the individual diagnosed with COVID-19, the notification should list the individual's: 1) Name, 2) date of birth, 3) contact information (phone number and email), 4) the individual's last date on the Charter School campus, and 5) any additionally relevant comments.
- For Los Angeles County Charter School locations: The Charter School will contact the LAC DPH as consistent with its "Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan in K-12 Schools,"<sup>5</sup> and either by:
  - 1) Using the LACDPH reporting portal, or:
    - <http://www.redcap.link/lacdph.educationsector.covidreport>
  - 2) Downloading and completing the COVID-19 Case and Contact Line List for the Education Sector and sending it to [ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov).
  - 3) Schools having difficulty reporting COVID-19 cases to LACDPH can call (833) 707-0319, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- For Orange County Charter School locations: Contact the Orange County Public Health Department via phone at 714-834-8180, or via email at [epi@ochca.com](mailto:epi@ochca.com).
- Notify all staff and families in the school community of any positive COVID-19 case while maintaining confidentiality as required by state and federal laws.
- Close off areas used by any sick person and do not use before cleaning and disinfection.
- Investigate the COVID-19 illness and exposures and determine if any work-related factors could have contributed to risk of infection.
- Update protocols as needed to prevent further cases in accordance with CDPH Guidelines ("Responding to COVID-19 in the Workplace").
- Implement communication plans for exposure at school and potential school closures in the event of an outbreak or other necessary circumstances, to include outreach to students, parents, teachers, staff and the community.

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<sup>5</sup>This document may be found at:

[http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/ExposureManagementPlan\\_K12Schools.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/ExposureManagementPlan_K12Schools.pdf)

- Include information for staff regarding labor laws, California Supplemental Paid Sick Leave, emergency paid sick leave and extended family and medical leave pursuant to the FFCRA, information regarding Disability Insurance, Paid Family Leave and Unemployment Insurance, as applicable to schools.
- Maintain regular communications with the local public health department.
- Recommend testing for all students, employees, and visitors in close contact with the confirmed COVID-19 case, consistent with recommendations from the CDPH and local public health departments.
- For all settings: Provide information regarding close contacts to the county public health department via secure fax or email.
- If the school site must be closed for in-person instruction, develop a contingency plan for continuity of education using independent study. Independent study shall include all of the following:
  - Confirmation or provision of access for all students to connectivity and devices adequate to participate in the educational program and complete assigned work;
  - Content aligned to grade level standards that is provided at a level of quality and intellectual challenge substantially equivalent to in-person instruction;
  - Academic and other supports designed to address the needs of students who are not performing at grade level, or need support in other areas, such as English learners, students with exceptional needs, students in foster care or experiencing homelessness, and students requiring mental health supports;
  - Special education, related services, and any other services required by a student’s individualized education program, with accommodations necessary to ensure that individualized education program can be executed in an independent study learning environment;
  - Designated and integrated instruction in English language development for English learners, including assessment of English language proficiency, support to access curriculum, the ability to reclassify as fully English proficient, and, as applicable, support for dual language learning;
  - Providing synchronous instruction as required by law.
    - “Synchronous instruction” means classroom-style instruction or designated small group or one-on-one instruction delivered in person, or in the form of internet or telephonic communications, and involving live two-way communication between the teacher and pupil. Synchronous instruction shall be provided by the teacher of record for that pupil pursuant to Section 51747.5.



- o For TK/K-3 opportunities must occur daily.
  - o For 4-8 opportunities must occur weekly along with daily live interaction.
  - o For 9-12 opportunities must occur weekly.
  - o Can be classroom style, designated small group, or one-on-one.
- o The “teacher of record for that pupil” pursuant to Section 51747.5 is the assigned supervising teacher who must be an employee. There is not more than one supervising teacher.
  - Charter School will document each pupil’s participation in synchronous instruction.
  - Continuing to provide school meals.
- o Provide guidance to parents, teachers and staff reminding them of the importance of community physical distancing measures while a school is closed, including discouraging students or staff from gathering elsewhere.
- o If the COVID-19 case was present on the Charter School campus, the individual must be excluded from campus for at least 5 days from COVID-19 symptom onset, or if asymptomatic, 5 days from the date the specimen was collected for the positive COVID-19 test, as detailed below.
- In the event of a cluster (three or more cases within 14 days), the Charter School will contact local county public health officials, as necessary, and work closely with such officials to determine whether the cluster is an outbreak, requiring outbreak response.<sup>6</sup>
- In the event of an outbreak or cluster at a Charter School:
  - o The Charter School CTF and COVID-19 Compliance Officer will work closely with local county public health officials, timely provide all required information, and otherwise comply with all CDPH and local guidance regarding outbreaks.<sup>7</sup>
  - o The COVID-19 Compliance Officer for MSA Los Angeles campuses will immediately call the LACDPH at (833) 707-0319 or submit an online report at <http://www.redcap.link/lacdph.educationsector.covidreport>.

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<sup>6</sup> In the event of a “cluster,” Los Angeles County Charter Schools must specifically report such information to the LAC DPH at LADPH at [ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov) or by calling (888) 397-3993.

<sup>7</sup> In the event of an outbreak, all Charter School locations will comply with guidance titled “Management of Outbreaks of COVID-19,” issued by the LAC DPH. This protocol can be found at: [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/education/EMPSupplement\\_K12Schools.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/education/EMPSupplement_K12Schools.pdf). In the event that other state or local guidance provides more stringent outbreak protocol, the Charter School will comply with such protocol.

- The Charter School will notify students, families, employees, and stakeholders that the Charter School and local public health department are investigating a cluster and/or outbreak. The notice will encourage all stakeholders to follow public health recommendations.
- The Charter School will additionally notify all stakeholders if the school is to be closed for 14 days due to widespread and/or ongoing transmission of COVID-19 at the school or in the general community.
- The Charter School will identify absenteeism among those in affected classes and coordinate with the LHD to contact these absentees to screen for symptoms of COVID-19 if they were exposed to a case during the case's infectious period.
- Limit visitors to the affected Charter School campus, except for those that are essential to the Charter School's mission. Law Enforcement Personnel (Sheriff and Police), Fire, Medical, Emergency, or government employees who are responding to, working at, or inspecting the facility will be allowed to access the Charter School campus.
- Discontinue all non-essential in-person group activities at the Charter School Campus during the outbreak.
- Identify absenteeism among affected classes and contact those absentees to screen for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Close Contacts and Quarantine
  - A "Close Contact" is spending a total of fifteen minutes or more over a 24-hour period within 6 feet of an infected person or, in Los Angeles County, having had unprotected contact with the infected person's body fluids and/or secretions of a person with confirmed COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed or sneezed on, sharing utensils or saliva, or providing care without using appropriate protective equipment).
  - An individual will only be considered a close contact if the Charter School is reasonably sure that they meet the above definition. Individuals will not be deemed a close contact solely because they were in the same classroom or school group as a confirmed COVID-19 case, regardless of actual proximity to the confirmed case.
  - "Fully vaccinated" refers to those who have received either a single dose vaccine or the second dose of a two-dose vaccine over two weeks ago.
  - For Los Angeles Campuses: when notifying any individual that they are a close contact of a positive case, the COVID-19 Compliance Officer will provide that individual with a copy of the LACDPH Public Health Emergency Quarantine Order. Notifications that an individual is a close contact will also contain all messages required to be included pursuant to the LACDPH K-12 Exposure Management Plan guidance.
  - *Quarantine exemptions for all MSA campuses.*

- *Employees* who are both (1) Fully vaccinated and boosted if eligible, and, (2) those who have recovered from laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days **regardless of vaccination status**, may continue to attend school and do not need to quarantine at home following close contact with a positive case, so long as the employee self-monitors for symptoms, **does not display symptoms of COVID-19, and tests negative on Day 5 from exposure.**
      - *MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 students and staff must test immediately and on Day 5 from exposure.*
    - Asymptomatic staff close contacts who are fully vaccinated and booster-eligible but not boosted may remain at the worksite after close contact on the condition that they remain asymptomatic and meet testing and masking requirements for quarantine exemption.
    - *Students* who are fully vaccinated (regardless of booster status) and (2) those who recovered from laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days, may continue to attend school and do not need to quarantine at home following close contact with a positive case, so long as the student self-monitors for symptoms **for 10 days from exposure and does not display symptoms of COVID-19.**
      - *MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 students and staff must test immediately and on Day 5 from exposure.*
    - Quarantine-exempt individuals at MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 must also continue to test with the weekly mobile testing team.
- *Quarantine rules for individuals not exempt from quarantine at MSA- 1, 5, 7, and Santa Ana, and San Diego.*
  - Modified Quarantine. Close contacts of a positive case, while both parties were in a school setting supervised by staff and were correctly wearing masks for the entire exposure period, may continue to attend school during a modified quarantine, so long as they i) do not show symptoms of COVID-19, ii) continue to mask indoors *and outdoors* while at school, iii) undergo at least twice weekly testing during the quarantine, and iv) continue to quarantine from all extracurricular activities including sports and activities within the community setting. When not attending in-person instruction, students undergoing modified quarantine must otherwise remain at home for the duration of their quarantine. Modified quarantine is not available if the exposed student is part of a TK-12 outbreak. All exposed students must

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- quarantine at home during an outbreak. Students undergoing modified quarantine must eat six feet from other students. Modified Quarantine may end after the Day 7 from exposure if the second test taken during quarantine is performed on or after Day 5 from exposure and is negative and the student remains asymptomatic.
- **Students at MSA Santa Ana and San Diego are strongly encouraged to but not required to mask during modified quarantine.**
  - Standard Quarantine. If an individual is not exempt from quarantine and either cannot or will not follow all of the requirements for modified quarantine, they must quarantine at home for 10 days following exposure, or for 5 days following exposure if a negative test is taken on Day 5 and the individual remains asymptomatic.
  - If any symptoms develop during the 10-day period after exposure under any type of quarantine, the exposed person must immediately isolate, get tested, and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care. Any individual who is under any type of quarantine should wear a well-fitting medical grade mask when around others for 10 days from their exposure to a positive case.
- *Modified Quarantine for individuals not exempt from quarantine at MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8*
- Individuals who are identified as close contacts may participate in modified quarantine, in which exposed students and employees continue to attend school in-person unless they develop symptoms or test positive.
  - Modified quarantine can only be considered if:
    - The exposure occurred in a TK-12 setting. Students at Early Education Centers and Adult School programs are not eligible for modified quarantine and must quarantine at home if they are exposed to a positive case.
    - The exposure occurred in a school setting where students were supervised by school staff (i.e. classroom, school grounds with school staff present, school bus, etc.). Close contacts with exposure to infection at home are not eligible for modified quarantine, unless they are exempt from quarantine based on vaccination status or recent recovery from infection.
    - The school can verify that both the infected individual and the individual identified as a close contact were mask compliant during

the entire period of exposure, including outdoor exposure (masks must have been completely covering the individuals' nose and mouth). Students with face mask accommodations are not allowed to participate in modified quarantine. School administrators will report on mask compliance for each close contact when submitting IEM Reports using the IEM Reporter App.

- The exposure occurred in a school that does not have a confirmed active outbreak, as determined by LACDPH. An outbreak is when significant transmission (confirmed epidemiologically-linked cases) has occurred at a school within a 14-day period. Schools with confirmed outbreaks may not implement modified quarantine.
- Students eligible to participate in modified quarantine will appear as "Allowed" in the Principal's Daily Pass Dashboard and will be allowed to generate a Daily Pass QR code. These students will also be identified in a "Watch" column in the Daily Pass Dashboard Cases tab, to indicate to Site Administrators they are under modified quarantine protocols.
- Individuals in modified quarantine must be asymptomatic. All students will be required to respond to the Daily Pass health screening questions. Symptoms must be monitored daily, and if symptoms develop, the student cannot continue to participate in modified quarantine. Symptomatic close contacts must isolate at home and get tested immediately, preferably at a LAUSD testing site.
- Students who are participating in modified quarantine should be given the opportunity to participate in the full instructional program during the school day, including recess and lunch time. However, the school must not allow students in modified quarantine to participate in extracurricular activities, including sports, clubs, Beyond the Bell, and other before and after school care or programming. The modified quarantine is meant to let students continue learning during the instructional day but does not cover other activities outside of the regular school curriculum. Students must leave campus after school and go directly home.
- Individuals in modified quarantine must wear a surgical-style mask or higher PPE at all times on school grounds except when they are

eating or drinking. The school site should make arrangements and ensure students in modified quarantine are distanced 6 feet during meal periods when masks are removed. School sites will provide upgraded masks to students in modified quarantine if needed.

- Individuals in modified quarantine must test on or around Day 5 and twice per week for the duration of the quarantine period. Tests can be either a rapid antigen test or a PCR test. The first test should be conducted at initial exposure or as soon as possible after the exposure (Day 1); the second test must be on or after Day 5, so that the individual can be released from quarantine on Day 6 if they test negative.
  - If all of these criteria are not met, modified quarantine is not available.
- *Standard Quarantine for individuals at MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8.*
    - Individuals who are not exempt from quarantine and do not qualify for modified quarantine are subject to standard quarantine if they are a close contact of an individual who tests positive for COVID-19. These individuals must complete a ten-day quarantine and return on day eleven if they remain asymptomatic for the duration of quarantine unless the exposed individual ends quarantine sooner by receiving a negative result on a test taken on or after the fifth day from exposure.
    - Individuals undergoing quarantine who get tested for COVID-19 on or after the fifth day from exposure to the confirmed case may return to school on Day 6 once proof of a negative test is submitted through the Daily Pass system, but must wear a surgical mask when around others and continue to self-monitor for symptoms through day 10 from exposure. Students will be cleared to return to school through the Daily Pass system.
    - Individuals at MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 who complete their quarantine period will be cleared to return to school via the Daily Pass system.
    - All asymptomatic close contacts that have quarantined due to potential exposure will be able to test at any COVID-19 test site or with a mobile testing team, so long as they remain asymptomatic.
  - All staff and students of Los Angeles campuses who are close contacts of a positive case but remain on campus due to quarantine exemption or modified quarantine must be tested on Day 5 after the date of last exposure, regardless of vaccine or booster status.

- *MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 Quarantine Guidelines for Household Close Contacts*
  - Individuals with continuous exposure to a sibling or household member who tests positive must remain at home for a minimum of 10 days following the date of the household member’s positive test. These individuals are not eligible for modified quarantine, unless they are exempt from quarantine due to vaccination status or recent infection.
  - Household close contacts must stay at home for the duration of the positive household member’s isolation period. Close contacts then begin their official 10-day quarantine on the date that the positive individual’s isolation ends (e.g. if the household positive’s isolation period ends on Day 6 due to a negative test on Day 5, this would be the individual’s Day 1).
  - Close contacts should test on or after Day 5 of their official quarantine period to return to school or work on Day 6.
  - Positive household members must consistently wear an upgraded, surgical-style mask at home for a full 10 days following the date of their positive test, even if they are allowed to return to school or work on Day 6. If this condition cannot be met, the household close contact must delay the start of their official quarantine until Day 11.
- Quarantine rules for all employees are stated in the COVID-19 Injury and Illness Prevention Program (“IIPP”) addendum.
- For individuals who test positive for COVID-19:
  - Checking for false positives on Los Angeles Unified School District Sites only (MSA-2, 3, 4, 6 and 8):
    - To reduce unnecessary anxiety and isolation/quarantine of students and staff, the Charter School shall re-test asymptomatic individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 as required by the Los Angeles Unified School District.
    - If an individual (student or staff) receives a positive test result, the Los Angeles Unified School District Community Engagement Team will contact the individual to conduct an interview and confirm whether he or she has symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
    - *Symptomatic Positive Case.* If the individual is determined to be symptomatic, has a known exposure to a positive case, and/or is in a high prevalence setting (i.e., a campus with more than one active case), the Los Angeles Unified School District Community Engagement Team will direct the individual to isolate for at least 5 days per the latest CDPH isolation guidance and quarantine all close contacts per Los Angeles County Department of Public Health guidelines.

- *Asymptomatic Positive Case.* If the individual is determined to be asymptomatic, has no known exposure, and is in a low prevalence setting (i.e., a campus with more than one active case), the individual will be asked to isolate, and all close contacts will be asked to quarantine. The individual will be directed to re-test within 48 hours of the positive sample collection.
    - If the confirmatory test returns a negative result, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will approve the false positive request and report it to the State of California. The individual is thereafter released from isolation and all close contacts are released from quarantine. The Los Angeles Unified School District Community Engagement Team will then deactivate the positive case and be permitted to access District sites again.
    - If the confirmatory test returns a positive result, the Los Angeles Unified School District Community Engagement Team will direct the individual to isolate for at least 5 days per the latest CDPH guidance and all close contacts will continue to quarantine per Los Angeles County Department of Public Health guidelines. The individual will not be permitted to access district owned sites in the meantime.
  - Checking for false positives at all other MSA campuses:
    - If an individual (student or staff) receives a positive test result, the COVID-19 Home Office Response Team will contact the individual to conduct an interview and confirm whether he or she has symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
    - All students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and are determined to be asymptomatic will be strongly encouraged to re-test within 48 hours of the initial positive sample collection.
    - If the confirmatory test is negative the COVID-19 Home Office Response Team will alert the local public health department to the false positive and will release the individual from isolation and will alert all known close contacts that they may cease quarantining.
    - If the confirmatory test is positive, the individual shall continue to isolate and all close contacts shall continue to quarantine.
  - Persons with COVID-19 may discontinue [self-isolation](#) under the following conditions:
    - At least 5 days have passed since symptom onset or, if asymptomatic, since their positive test; AND



- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; AND
    - Other symptoms have resolved or are improving; AND
    - An FDA authorized COVID-19 viral test (antigen preferred) test taken on or after Day 5 from symptom onset is negative.
    - NOTE: If fever reduction, improvement of other symptoms, or a negative test are not all achieved, isolation may not end until after Day 10 from symptom onset or, if asymptomatic, their positive test, so long as 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever and all other symptoms are not present or are improving.
    - Note: For staff, per CAL/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention ETS, testing that is required for employees must be provided by the employer free of charge and during work hours; these tests may not be self-administered or self-read unless they are observed by the employer or an authorized telehealth proctor.
  - No matter when isolation ends, all students and staff **recovering from COVID-19** must wear a highly protective non-cloth mask when around others for a full 10 days from testing positive or onset of symptoms.
  - The School will comply with Cal/OSHA regulations regarding when employees may return to work after exposure, as detailed in the Charter School’s IIPP addendum.
- Subsequent School Closure Criteria:
  - Charter School campuses that are open for in-person instruction may subsequently and temporarily close for in-person instruction based on the following criteria:
    - As determined by and in consultation with the local health department
  - After closure, the Charter School may reopen after 14 days, cleaning, disinfection, conclusion of a public health investigation, and local health department consultation.
- **Group Tracing** Until further notice, and as recommended by the CDPH all MSA schools shall have the option to utilize the “group tracing” method of exposure management in place of individual contact tracing to track exposures during the Omicron variant surge, as follows:
  - Schools will notify students who spent more than a cumulative total of 15 minutes (within a 24-hour time period) in a shared indoor airspace (e.g., classroom) with someone with COVID-19 during their period of infectiousness.
    - Notification should occur 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).

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Temporary Suspension of Individual Contact Tracing at TK-12 Schools: Site Administrators are not required to identify close contacts for positive cases at their sites and will instead adopt a “group tracing” approach. This suspension does not apply to Early Education students, including preschool, ETK, and PALS students.¶

Under “group tracing” Site Administrators are not responsible for identifying close contacts or submitting IEM Reports for positive case exposures that occur in a school setting. Instead, schools will adopt a “group tracing” approach after a positive case identified.¶

Under this approach, Site Administrators or designees must:¶

Identify groups (e.g., classrooms) who share the same indoor airspace at school for at least 15 consecutive minutes (within 24 hours) of the positive case, and¶

Notify the entire relevant group(s) of potential exposure to a positive case, and¶

Provide instructions on actions that should be taken. This notification can be done by email or other messages to the identified group.¶

Site Administrators or their designee must submit an IEM Report to create close contact cases for the following groups:¶

All Early Education students, including preschool, ETK, and PALS students – unless recently recovered from a positive COVID-19 result in the last 90 days¶

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- Notifications should be provided to all individuals considered exposed, including those who are vaccinated and/or recently infected.
- Exposed students, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status or prior infection, are strongly encouraged to be tested for COVID-19 with at least one diagnostic test obtained within 3-5 days after last exposure. Any FDA-approved antigen diagnostic test, PCR diagnostic test, or pooled PCR test is acceptable for evaluation of an individual's COVID-19 status. Individuals who have been recently infected should use antigen testing.
- Exposed Students who participate in testing may continue to take part in all aspects of K-12 schooling, including sports and extracurricular activities, unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.
- All exposed students, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection, are strongly recommended to remain fully masked indoors and outdoors, unless actively eating or drinking, when around other through day 10 from their last exposure date. Eating and drinking should occur distanced from others. Exposed students will also need to remain masked at all times during sports and extracurricular activities.
  - Students are strongly encouraged but not required to mask following an exposure.

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#### **6. Sanitizing/hygiene materials and practices:**

- The Charter School will develop plans and routines to ensure that students and staff wash or sanitize hands frequently, including upon arrival to campus, after using the restroom, after playing outside and returning to the classroom, before and after eating, and after coughing or sneezing.
- Staff will teach and reinforce proper handwashing technique, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, using a tissue to wipe the nose, and covering coughs and sneezes.
- The Charter School shall make soap, tissues, no-touch trashcans, face coverings, water and paper towels or dryers for hand washing available. Students and staff should wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap, rubbing thoroughly after application. Soap products marketed as "antimicrobial" are not necessary or recommended.
- Trash cans will be placed near restroom doors and students and staff will be instructed to use a paper towel to prevent touching the handle with their hands.
- A restroom will need to be dedicated for individuals in the isolation area. This restroom must be cleaned and sanitized before other occupants may use it.
- If handwashing stations near classrooms are not practicable, and to facilitate use by students and staff as needed, the Charter School shall make available fragrance-free alcohol-based hand

sanitizer that is at least sixty percent (60%) ethyl alcohol. (Note: frequent handwashing is more effective than the use of hand sanitizers). This hand sanitizer will be made available to both students and staff at all strategic locations throughout the Charter School Campus.

- The Charter School will not use hand sanitizer with isopropyl alcohol as the main ingredient.
- Children under age 9 should only use hand sanitizer under adult supervision. Call Poison Control if consumed: 1-800-222-1222.
- Children under age 9 should only use hand sanitizer under adult supervision. Hand sanitizer will also not be left out in the open in classrooms for students under the age of 9.
- The Charter School shall place posters conspicuously that encourage hand hygiene to help stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Employees should visit the CDC's coughing and sneezing etiquette and clean hands webpage for more information.

**7. Routine cleaning and disinfecting:** The Charter School will maintain a high level of cleanliness throughout the year to help reduce the risk of exposure to and spread of COVID-19 at the school site. In general, cleaning once a day is usually enough to sufficiently remove potential virus that may be on surfaces. Disinfecting (using disinfectants on the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency COVID-19](#) list) removes any remaining germs on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection.

- Custodial staff will perform routine and thorough cleaning once per day, and when students are not present. When cleaning, the space will be aired out before children arrive.
- Routine cleaning practices include, but are not limited to:
  - Using everyday janitorial cleaning supplies and disinfectants for surfaces as floors, tables, desks, counters, sinks, toilets, and other hard-surfaced furniture and equipment;
  - Dusting hard surfaces;
  - Damp wiping of hard surfaces to ensure they are free of debris;
  - Wet mopping of floors;
  - Vacuuming carpets and mats.
- Health Office areas, including the general health office, isolation area, and quarantine area, may require more frequent cleaning and rapid response, as needed.
- Student restrooms will be serviced at least twice a day and will be fully cleaned and disinfected using electrostatic equipment by the night cleaning crew once per day.
- The Charter School will clean and disinfect areas commonly visited by staff no less than once per day during operating hours and implement a schedule for such cleaning and disinfecting. These areas include, but are not limited to: Break rooms, restrooms, lobbies, classrooms, laboratories, nurse's office, counseling and student support areas, staff offices, and cafeterias.

- The Charter School will clean high touch areas in staff breakrooms at least once per day.
- Cleaning and Disinfection after a Confirmed Case on Campus:
  - If an individual confirmed to have COVID-19 was on campus, the Charter School will complete enhanced cleaning and disinfection procedures in the spaces occupied by the confirmed COVID-19 case.
  - Employees completing this cleaning must wear a mask and gloves at all times and will refer to Material Safety Data Sheets or follow the instructions on the chemical labels.
  - When disinfecting, the Charter School will use an EPA-registered disinfectant that is approved for emerging pathogens.
  - Custodians will focus on immediate areas occupied by the confirmed COVID-19 case.
  - Custodians will clean and disinfect:
    - All non-porous surfaces in the ill occupant’s space/office, as well as on shared equipment (like tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls) in bathrooms and shared spaces used by the ill person. Cleaning and disinfection will also focus on high-touch surfaces (e.g. desk, table, hardbacked chair, doorknob, light switch, handle, computer, keyboard, mouse, telephones).
    - On porous surfaces (e.g., carpets, chairs) in the confirmed COVID-19 case’s space or office, custodians will remove visible contamination, clean with appropriate cleaners, and disinfect with a liquid/spray indicated for use on the material.
  - The space(s) where the confirmed COVID-19 case was present may be reoccupied once these cleaning and disinfection procedures have been completed.
- The Charter School will ensure proper ventilation during all cleaning and disinfecting. Staff are encouraged to introduce fresh outdoor air as much as possible, by opening windows where practicable.
- The Charter School will comply with [CDPH Guidance on Ventilation of Indoor Environments and Ventilation and Filtration to Reduce Long-Range Airborne Transmission of COVID-19 and Other Respiratory Infections: Considerations for Reopened Schools](#) to the greatest extent practicable for each facility.
- All frequently touched surfaces in the workplace, such as chairs, desks, tables, keyboards, telephones, handrails, light switches, sink handles, restroom surfaces and door handles, will be routinely cleaned.
- Staff will be trained as appropriate in the chemical hazards, manufacturer’s directions, and Cal/OSHA requirements for safe and correct application of cleaning and disinfectant agents in accordance with the Healthy Schools Act guidance from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and Cal/OSHA.

- When choosing disinfecting products, the Charter School will use those approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)- approved list “N” and require staff to follow product instructions. MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 will use disinfectants from the LAUSD's List of Approved Hand Sanitizers and Disinfectants.
  - To reduce the risk of asthma and other health effects related to disinfecting, the Charter School will select disinfectant products on list N with asthma-safer ingredients (hydrogen peroxide, citric acid or lactic acid) as recommended by the US EPA Design for Environment program.
  - The Charter School will avoid products that contain peroxyacetic (peracetic) acid, sodium hypochlorite (bleach) or quaternary ammonium compounds, which can cause asthma.
  - Staff shall follow label directions for appropriate dilution rates and contact times.
  - The Charter School will establish a cleaning and disinfecting schedule in order to avoid both under- and over-use of cleaning products.

Subject to available resources, disposable disinfecting wipes shall be made available so that employees can wipe down commonly used surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, keyboards, remote controls, desks, other work tools and equipment) before each use. Disinfectant wipes and sprays will be kept away from students.

**8. Facility measures:** The Charter School will incorporate CDE guidance measures for maintaining a healthy facility, to include some or all of the following:

- Maintenance staff will regularly inspect and test ventilation systems and fans to confirm they operate properly and will increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors and other methods.
- Windows and doors should not be opened if doing so poses a safety or health risk by exacerbating seasonal allergies or asthma symptoms.
  - The Charter School will consider alternatives, such as increased central air filtration (targeted filter rating of at least MERV 13) if opening windows poses a safety or health risk to persons using the facility.
- HVAC systems will be set to maximize indoor/outdoor air exchanges unless outdoor conditions (recent fire, high outdoor temperature, humidity, and pollen levels) make this inappropriate.
- If an HVAC system becomes nonoperational, additional ventilation should be provided with the use of fans or relocating classes until repairs are completed.
- The COVID-19 isolation and quarantine areas should be outdoors when feasible to maximize ventilation and minimize exposures to COVID-19 infection. Under no

circumstances should an isolation or quarantine area be in a room without a functioning HVAC system.

- Maintenance staff will ensure that all water systems and features (e.g., drinking fountains) are safe to use after a prolonged facility shutdown to minimize the risk of Legionnaires' disease and other diseases associated with water.
- Consider installing additional temporary handwashing stations at all school entrances and near classrooms to minimize movement and congregation in bathrooms.
- Consider installing privacy boards or clear screens to increase and enforce separation between staff and students.

**9. Physical distancing:** The Charter School will incorporate CDPH and CDE guidance with respect to physical distancing between students on campus as much as is feasible, including maximizing physical distance as much as possible while eating (especially indoors), using additional spaces outside of the cafeteria for mealtime seating such as classrooms or the gymnasium can help facilitate distancing, and arrange for eating outdoors as much as feasible.

- In areas where physical distancing is not feasible, clear plastic or solid surface barriers that can be cleaned often may be used.
- Employees will be encouraged to eat outdoors. They may also eat at their desk or cubicle if these areas are enclosed as a separate room, provide more distance, or include barriers.

**10. Extracurricular Activities:**

- All extracurricular activities operated by or supervised by school personnel or occurring on a school site, whether or not occurring during school hours, will be undertaken in compliance with this policy and all required public health measures applicable to K-12 schools. This applies to sports, band, chorus, clubs, and other similar activities and organizations. All MSA campuses will operate and supervise extracurricular activities in compliance with the latest California Department of Public Health K-12 guidance and any other relevant state or county guidance on sports and extracurricular activities.
- MSA Los Angeles sports programs will observe all required elements of the most updated version of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's "COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance, Youth Recreational Sports Programs" and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's "Protocol for Organized Youth Sports: Appendix S" in addition to any future binding guidance applicable to K-12 youth sports programs.
  - Each Los Angeles campus's COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall fulfill the duties of the COVID-19 Organized Youth Sports Program Compliance Officer, as those duties are described in LACDPH's sports-related COVID-19 guidance.

- Each Los Angeles campus's COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall ensure that the required LACDPH youth sports exposure management protocols are followed in accordance with current guidance.
- Each Los Angeles campus's COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall ensure that all mandatory testing required by the LACDPH's youth sports guidance is conducted in accordance with current guidance.
- All MSA extracurricular programs will keep updated rosters of all participating students and staff to facilitate identification of close contacts.
- Students of MSA 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 will not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities starting October 31, 2021, unless they provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination through the Daily Pass system.

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- Indoor mask use remains an effective layer in protecting against COVID-19 infection and transmission, including during sports, music, and related activities, especially activities with increased exertion and/or voice projection, or prolonged close face-face contact.

Accordingly:

- Masks are strongly recommended indoors at all times for teachers, referees, officials, coaches, and other support staff.
- Masks are strongly recommended indoors for all spectators and observers.
- Masks are strongly recommended indoors at all times when participants are not actively practicing, conditioning, competing, or performing. Masks are also strongly recommended indoors while on the sidelines, in team meetings, and within locker rooms and weight rooms.
- When actively practicing, conditioning, performing, or competing indoors, masks are strongly recommended by participants even during heavy exertion, as practicable. Individuals using instruments indoors that cannot be played with a mask (e.g., wind instruments) are strongly recommended to use bell coverings and maintain a minimum of 3 feet of physical distancing between participants. If masks are not worn (or bell covers are not used) due to heavy exertion, it is strongly recommended that individuals undergo screening testing at least once weekly, unless they had COVID-19 in the past 90 days. An FDA-authorized antigen test, PCR test, or pooled PCR test is acceptable for evaluation of an individual's COVID-19 status.

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All indoor sports must be played with masks on, unless doing so is recognized as unsafe by a well-recognized health authority, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics.¶

Theater, music, dance, and similar classes and clubs should maintain physical distancing, in addition to the use of face masks where possible. ¶

When engaged in activities that could generate respiratory droplets such as enunciating (i.e., theater workshops) or dancing, physical distancing should be increased and activities should be conducted outdoors where possible.

Individual singers may practice alone in doors without a mask or with a single instructor present while indoors in a studio or practice room, if both of them are appropriately masked.¶

All group musical activities require participants to wear masks indoors. Masks are only not required for outdoor practice outdoors alone and with enhanced physical distancing or when along indoors in a studio or practice room with the door closed.¶

Masks must be worn at all times during rehearsals, performances, and other activities that involve multiple individuals participating together indoors.¶

Any activity that requires participants to remove their face masks may only be done as a group if the activity is held outdoors. However, individuals may practice such activities alone indoors in a studio or practice room with the door closed. Playing of wind instruments indoors is an exception as described below.¶

Playing of wind instruments is permitted indoors in a group setting so long as the following safety measures are adhered to:¶

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**11. Use of Face Coverings:** The Charter School will follow CDPH, CDE and CDC guidance and state and local health orders on the use of face coverings. All staff are encouraged to review the CDPH and CDC guidance on cloth face coverings; face coverings must be used in accordance with CDPH Guidance and this Policy unless a person is subject to exemption.

- All MSA students are strongly recommended but no longer required to wear a face mask when indoors at any Charter School Campus building, bus, or other enclosed space. Individuals must still wear masks when entering a Nurse’s office, COVID-19 testing site, symptom and wellness check area, isolation or quarantine area, or other medically sensitive area.
- No person at any MSA campus can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into the school site unless wearing a mask would pose a safety hazard.
- Charter School employees at the Home Office—which is not a school site—are permitted to forego indoor masking so long as the Charter School performs all verifications required under Section 4(c) of the current LACDPH Order of the Health Officer (2/23/2022).
- Face masks—to the extent they are required—are required without regard to vaccination status.
- Face masks and face shields, if required, may be removed for meals, snacks, naptime, showers, or outdoor recreation, or when needing to be replaced. When any type of face covering is temporarily removed, it should be placed in a clean paper bag (marked with the student’s name and date) until it needs to be put on again.
- The Charter School will provide face coverings for students and staff who lose their face coverings or forget to bring them to school.
- Employees should wear a clean face mask to work every day if still required to wear one.
- Employees are expected to teach and reinforce proper use of face coverings, and in limited circumstances, face shields.
- The Charter School will post signs regarding the need for, proper use, removal, and washing of face coverings and shall educate students, particularly younger elementary school students, on the rationale and proper use of face coverings.
- When pedagogically necessary, Teachers still subject to an indoor face mask requirement may use clear plastic face shields with an appropriate seal (cloth covering extending from the bottom edge of the shield and tucked into the shirt collar) or transparent masks in certain limited situations in the classroom to enable students to see their faces and avoid potential barriers to phonological instruction as long as the wearer maintains physical distance from others to the extent practicable. Staff must return to wearing their normal surgical-grade face covering at all other times, unless otherwise exempted.

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**Deleted:** <#>MSA Los Angeles students are still required to wear face masks when indoors. Masking at these campuses is optional outdoors.

**Deleted:** <#>All adults in K-12 school setting except San Diego school site, including all teachers, staff, parents, visitors, and outside workers, must wear a surgical-grade masks or higher level PPE when in any indoor space shared with students or other staff. The Charter School will provide upgraded masks to individuals subject to this requirement, if necessary.

**Deleted:** <#>Masking Rules at MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8  
All individuals must wear surgical-grade, non-cloth masks of multiple layers of non-woven material with a nose-wire or cloth masks that meet American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards for high filtration efficiency (ASTM F3502-2 Level 2) or have a particle filtration efficiency of at least 95% when indoors at all times except when eating or drinking.  
Outdoor masking is optional for students and employees.  
The Charter School will inform parents of the types of masks that are acceptable for students to wear indoors on campus. It is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to check the LACDPH website to ensure that any cloth mask meets the appropriate criteria.  
The Charter School will also inform parents of the lifting of the outdoor masking requirement.  
The Charter School will encourage and work with teachers and school staff to establish systems and routines for students when transitioning from indoor spaces to outdoor, for students opting to unmask outdoors. This can include:  
A dedicated storage space for masks;  
Reminders to students to mask when they enter indoor spaces;

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- The Charter School will evaluate any employee’s request for accommodation from the Charter School’s facial covering policy/requirement pursuant to the MPS Employee Handbook and applicable law for all lawfully recognized accommodations. Employees requesting an accommodation from the facial covering policy/requirement must provide appropriate documentation and contact human resources.
- Per Los Angeles County Department of Health Guidance, employees based in Los Angeles County who are granted exemptions from wearing a mask while indoors must undergo COVID-19 testing at least twice per week, unless the employee provides proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 and proof of receipt of any vaccine booster to which the employee is eligible.
- Accommodations for students:
  - Pursuant to CDPH Guidance on the use of face masks, individuals with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask are to be accommodated with an exemption from mask wearing. This includes those who are hearing impaired as well as those who communicate with the hearing impaired.
  - If a student cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability, he or she should wear the next most effective alternative that can be tolerated, such as a transparent face shield with a cloth draping sealing the bottom.
  - Parents/guardians who believe their student may need an accommodation from the Charter School’s facial covering policy and requirement should contact the Charter School principal.
  - Upon receipt of appropriate documentation, the Charter School will evaluate requests for accommodation and determine what, if any accommodations the Charter School can provide.
  - Assessment of whether a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability warrants a mask accommodation is a medical determination that must be made by a physician, nurse practitioner, **physician assistant**. Self-attestation and parental attestation for mask exemptions due to the aforementioned conditions do not constitute medical determinations.
  - Students exempted from wearing a mask or face shield, **where they are still required**, are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and to receive boosters when eligible and to be tested for COVID-19 at least twice a week. If a student is exempt from wearing any type of face covering and is not vaccinated, the Charter School shall implement physical distancing and other isolation measures to the greatest degree feasible.

**12. Use of Gloves and Personal Protective Equipment:** The Charter School is no longer required by emergency public health orders to require the use of gloves and personal protective equipment. Any employee or student who wishes to wear gloves and/or personal protective equipment beyond the required facial coverings may do so, provided that they dispose of them safely and appropriately and do not wear gloves or personal protective equipment of a type or in a manner that interferes with their ability to perform their duties. Upon request, the Charter School will provide gloves, a face mask, protective gown, and a medical grade mask to any employee dealing with sick children, performing cleaning or disinfection, providing instruction to any students with a face mask exemption, or where there is an otherwise heightened likelihood of contact with respiratory secretions or other bodily fluid.

**13. Support for Students at Increased Risk of Becoming Infected or Unrecognized Illness.** Pursuant to state and local health guidance, the Charter School has developed the following measures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 to vulnerable student groups:

- The Home Office COVID-19 Response Team or designee will review student health plans, including 504 Plans, to identify students who may need additional accommodations to minimize potential exposure.
- The Home Office COVID-19 Response Team or designee will develop a process for engaging families for potentially unknown concerns that may need to be accommodated.
- The Charter School will identify additional preparations for classroom and non-classroom environments as needed to ensure the safety of students at increased risk of becoming infected or having unrecognized illness. Persons who might be at increased risk of becoming infected or having unrecognized illness include the following:
  - Individuals who have limited mobility or require prolonged and close contact with others, such as direct support providers and family members;
  - Individuals who have trouble understanding information or practicing preventive measures, such as hand washing and physical distancing; and
  - Individuals who may not be able to communicate symptoms of illness.
- The Charter School is prepared for opening to provide Free Access to Public Education (“FAPE”) in the least restrictive environment (“LRE”) for each student. All students with disabilities will receive services according to their IEP. In accordance with IDEA, it is critical to reinforce the understanding that students receiving special education services, or 504 accommodations are general education students first. Balancing the educational needs with the health and well-being of students and staff is our top priority.

- Every child and adolescent with a disability is entitled to FAPE and is entitled to special education services based on their individualized education program (IEP). The Charter School continuously review and problem solve to balance safety and service needs. In order to provide the required level of safety, systems, processes and service delivery models have been reviewed. Adherence to social distancing guidelines will be followed as feasible except for instances when the services outlined in a specific IEP call for closer proximity. This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. For example, additional provision of PPE supplies to staff (gloves, gowns, face shields and Plexiglas dividers) who are required to deliver hand-over-hand instruction or hygiene service needs for students.
- Evaluations and Timelines:
  - All IDEA/ADA compliance timelines will be followed on schedule and in accordance with IDEA/ADA regulations. IEP Team meetings and 504 meetings that were missed due to the March school facility closures will be rescheduled and conducted as soon as possible, if not already conducted. All IEP team meetings and 504 meetings will be conducted virtually until the use of school facilities return to normal operations.
- Services:
  - The IDEA allows for flexibility in determining how to meet the individualized needs of students receiving special education services. State guidelines for the delivery of special education and related services will be implemented while protecting the health and safety of students as well as the individuals providing the services.
  - If a student is unable to access their education in person due to medical or other circumstances, including the inability to wear a face covering, alternative means of delivering these services will be provided.
  - The Charter School will provide appropriate protective equipment relative to the responsibilities of all Support Service Staff and disability needs.
  - All Staff and students will receive training on the appropriate use of PPE and healthy hygiene practices that are proven to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- The Charter School will identify additional preparations for classroom and non-classroom environments as needed to ensure the safety of students at increased risk of becoming infected or having unrecognized illness. Persons who might be at increased risk of becoming infected or having unrecognized illness include the following:
  - Individuals who have limited mobility or require prolonged and close contact with others, such as direct support providers and family members;
  - Individuals who have trouble understanding information or practicing preventive measures, such as hand washing and physical distancing; and
  - Individuals who may not be able to communicate symptoms of illness.

**14. COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Employees.** The Charter School has adopted the following COVID-19 employee vaccination policy (“Employee Vaccination Policy”). The purpose of this Employee Vaccination Policy is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all Charter School employees, students, families, and stakeholders to the maximum extent possible, and to facilitate a safe and meaningful return to in-person instruction. The Charter School drafted this policy in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, including guidance from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (“EEOC”), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”), and local health authorities.

- Pursuant to the California “State Public Health Officer Order of August 11, 2021,” (“Order”) all employees, volunteers, contractors, vendors or any other adult supporting Charter School functions on any MSA -1, 5, Santa Ana, and San Diego campuses must either provide the School with proof of COVID-19 vaccination status or test for COVID-19 at least once per week. For employees, this directive is a condition of both employment and continued employment.
- Pursuant to the LAUSD’s “COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for Employees and Other Adults Working at District Facilities” document issued August 13, 2021, all employees, contractors and other adults providing services at any MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 campuses must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 no later than October 15, 2021. This directive is a condition of both employment and continued employment.
- Pursuant to the LAUSD’s December 16, 2021 communication, the LAUSD employee vaccine mandate will apply to all LAUSD authorized sites which includes MSA-7.
- **Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination:**
  - Consistent with applicable law, the Charter School will only accept the following forms of proof of COVID-19 vaccination:
    - COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control & Prevention or WHO Yellow Card) which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided and date last dose administered); OR
    - A photo of a Vaccination Record Card as a separate document; OR
    - A photo of the client's Vaccination Record Card stored on a phone or electronic device; OR
    - Documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider; OR
    - Digital record that includes a QR code that when scanned by a SMART Health Card reader displays to the reader client name, date of birth, vaccine dates and vaccine type; OR

- Documentation of vaccination from other contracted employers who follow these vaccination records guidelines and standards.
  - Any MPS employees, volunteers, contractors, vendors or any other adult supporting Charter School functions on any MPS campus who either fails to provide proof of COVID-19 or provides proof of vaccination that is not consistent with the above-referenced acceptable forms of proof will be deemed unvaccinated.
  - Employees may their submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination to the MPS Human Resources Department.
  - The Charter School will securely maintain the confidentiality of employee COVID-19 vaccination data in strict compliance with all applicable legal authority.
- **COVID-19 Employee Testing:**
  - Pursuant to the Order, all MPS employees, volunteers, contractors, vendors or any other adult supporting Charter School functions on any MSA-1, 5, 7, Santa Ana, and San Diego campuses who are either unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated must undergo COVID-19 testing (PCR only) at least once per week.
  - Previous history of COVID-19 from which the individual recovered more than ninety (90) days earlier, or a previous positive antibody test for COVID-19, do not waive this requirement for testing.
  - As outlined above, all employees at any MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 campuses must test for COVID-19 at least once per week, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, as directed by the LAUSD.
- **Accommodations:** Employees may request an accommodation from COVID-19 vaccinations and/or COVID-19 testing due to a medical issue or sincerely held religious belief, practice or observance that may prevent an employee from vaccinating or testing for COVID-19. Upon receiving a request for accommodation from COVID-19 testing and/or vaccinations, the Charter School will engage in the interactive process and determine what, if any accommodations can be provided. However, the Charter School may not be required to provide an employee with an accommodation, should it result in a direct threat to health and safety at the School or to the employee or if the accommodation will cause an undue hardship for the School, among other reasons.
- **Compliance Period:**
  - Employees at the MSA -1, 5, Santa Ana, and San Diego campuses must submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination to the Charter School before October 15, 2021. Such employees who fail to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination before this date will be deemed unvaccinated and must be required to test for COVID-19 at least once per week. On or after October 15, 2021, employees to fail to test for COVID-19 will be

deemed in non-compliance with this policy, absent an approved, legally recognized accommodation from such testing.

- Employees at MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 campuses must submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination to the Charter School before October 15, 2021. Such employees who fail to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination before this date will be deemed in non-compliance with this policy, absent an approved, legally recognized accommodation from such testing.
- Employees at MSA-7 must submit proof of vaccination to the Charter School at a time to be determined by the LAUSD.

- **Non-Compliance:**

- Any employee deemed to be in non-compliance with this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination from at-will employment.
  - The Charter School reserves the right to refuse entry to campus to any volunteer, vendor, contractor other adult supporting Charter School functions, should they fail to comply with the proof of vaccination and testing directives as stated in this Policy.
- All employees who have not yet vaccinated should do so outside of working hours. Employees who demonstrate they are unable to get vaccinated outside working hours may use either COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave or accrued sick leave for time spent attending a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. In such cases, employees must consult with their supervisors regarding the best time to be excused to receive the vaccine and are responsible for arranging coverage during their absence to get vaccinated, if applicable.
  - Employees who experience symptoms related to a COVID-19 vaccine that prevent the employee from being able to work or telework may be entitled to COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave, if available and upon request.
  - The Charter School will not discriminate, harass, or retaliate against any employee for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine or for electing not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. However, the School reserves the right to appropriately discipline an employee for non-compliance with this policy, consistent with applicable law.
  - As public health and legal guidance regarding COVID-19 vaccinations evolves, the Charter School reserves the right to revise this Employee Vaccination Policy. Upon any revision to this Employee Vaccination Policy, the Charter School will provide immediate notice in writing to all employees.
  - Employee with any questions regarding the Charter School's Employee Vaccination Policy may contact Human Resources Department at [hr@magnoliapublicschools.org](mailto:hr@magnoliapublicschools.org).

**15. COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Students.** The Charter School has adopted the following COVID-19 student vaccination policy (“Student Vaccination Policy”). The purpose of this Student Vaccination Policy is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all Charter School employees, students, families, and stakeholders to the maximum extent possible, and to facilitate a safe and meaningful return to in-person instruction. The Charter School drafted this policy in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, including guidance from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (“EEOC”), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”), and local health authorities.

- Pursuant to the directive of the Los Angeles Unified School District, all students of MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 who are eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccination must be vaccinated against COVID-19 by the first day of the 2022-2023 school year, unless medically exempted, or they will not be permitted on campus. At this time, the Student Vaccination Policy applies only to students at MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8.
- **Proof of Vaccination.**
  - Vaccination status can only be proven by one of the following methods acknowledged by the California Department of Public Health:
    - COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or WHO Yellow Card) which includes the name of the person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided and date last dose administered; OR
    - A photo of a Vaccination Record Card as a separate document; OR
    - A photo of the client’s Vaccination Record Card stored on a phone or electronic device; OR
    - Documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider; OR
    - Digital record that includes a QR code that when scanned by a SMART Health Card reader display to the reader client name, date of birth, vaccine dates and vaccine type.
- **Parental Consent.**
  - Parent/guardian consent is required for vaccination of students 12-17 years of age.
  - A student consent form is available at the Daily Pass Portal at <https://DailyPass.lausd.net> and is included to be filled out as part of the process of making an appointment to receive COVID-19 vaccination from the Los Angeles Unified School District.
  - Parents/guardians may be present at, but will not be required to attend, their child’s appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccination from the Los Angeles Unified School District.

- **Compliance Requirements.**
  - To provide proof of vaccination, parents/guardians must upload adequate documentary proof of vaccination to the Daily Pass system and ensure that the information appears in the “Vaccinations” tab of their student’s Daily Pass. Students vaccinated by the Los Angeles Unified School District do not need to submit their vaccination record, as it will be automatically updated following receipt of the vaccine.
  - At this time, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is the only vaccine approved for individuals aged 12 to 17. Students who are 18 or older may also use the Johnson & Johnson or Moderna vaccine to satisfy the vaccination requirement.
  - To meet the deadlines imposed by the Los Angeles Unified School District for student vaccination, students aged 12+ should receive their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine no later than 5 weeks prior, and second shot no later than two weeks prior, to the vaccination requirement deadline. To meet the vaccination deadline, students aged 18+ should receive the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine no later than two weeks prior to the vaccination deadline. And, to meet the deadline using the Moderna vaccine, students should receive their first shot no later than 6 weeks prior to their deadline with their second shot coming no later than two weeks prior to the vaccination requirement deadline.
  - Students of MSA 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 who are 12 and older will not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities starting October 31, 2021, unless they provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination through the Daily Pass system.
- **Exemptions and Conditional Admissions.**
  - Parents/guardians may apply for exemptions from the COVID-19 vaccine requirements only for medical reasons. The medical exemption process must be followed with the completion of the *Student Medical Exemption to the COVID-19 Vaccine* form and its submission via the Daily Pass portal.
  - Students who are not in compliance by the deadline may be conditionally admitted if they are in one of the following groups: 1) foster youth, 2) experiencing homelessness, 3) migrant, 4) military family, or 5) has an IEP.
  - There are no religious or personal belief exemptions to the Student Vaccination Policy. Because this Student Vaccination Policy is implemented at the directive of the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Charter School cannot grant exemptions outside of those granted through the District’s Daily Pass process.
- MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 students who fail to comply with the Student Vaccination Policy by the first day of Fall Semester 2022, will be excluded from physically entering campus.



- MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 students will still be required to comply with all COVID-19 testing frequencies mandated by the Los Angeles Unified School District without regard to vaccination status.

**16. Communications to the Charter School Community:** The Charter School will keep families, staff, and the community informed, engaged, and in touch as the new school year begins, by implementing the following communications measures:

- The Charter School will engage with families and staff to develop strategies to prepare and respond to the COVID-19 emergency, including guidelines for families about when to keep students home from school and other topics.
- Communications will include a process for engaging families for potentially unknown concerns that may need to be accommodated.
- Prior to the start of the school year, the Charter School will communicate to staff, students, and parents about new, COVID-19-related protocols, including:
  - Proper use, removal and washing of face coverings.
  - Screening practice.
  - How COVID-19 is spread.
  - COVID-19 specific symptom identification.
  - Preventing the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick, including the importance of not coming to work if staff members have symptoms, or if they or someone they live with has been diagnosed with COVID-19, including pertinent isolation and quarantine policies.
  - Local community testing sites and options for obtaining COVID-19 testing from private medical providers, including any testing arranged by the Charter School.
  - Guidelines for employees regarding COVID-19 specific symptom identification and when to seek medical attention.
  - Guidelines for families about when to keep students home from school.
  - Systems for self-reporting symptoms.
  - Criteria and plan to close schools again for physical attendance of students.
  - Changes in Charter School extracurricular, academic, and meal programs to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
  - Contact information at the Charter School for students who may have been exposed to COVID-19.
  - Charter School contact information if a student has COVID-19 symptoms or may have been exposed to COVID-19.
- The Charter School will provide information to parents and guardians regarding this Policy

and related guidance, along with the safety measures that will be in place in indoor and outdoor settings with which parents and guardians must comply.

- This Policy will be posted at all public entrances to the Charter School campus.
- The Charter School will develop a communications plan for implementation if the school has a positive COVID-19 case in accordance with CDPH and CDE guidelines.

The MPS CEO/Superintendent is authorized to implement changes or additions to this policy in order to ensure compliance or consistency with new or revised orders or guidance from local, county, state or federal authorities (“Agencies”), to take any and all actions consistent with orders and guidance from the Agencies that is not specifically addressed by this policy, and to ensure compliance with the Charter School’s charter petition. The MPS CEO/Superintendent shall provide the Board with regular updates as to actions taken pursuant to this section.

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**Appendix**

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**Site Specific Planning Form**

This document has been included to align with the Los Angeles Unified School District’s (“LAUSD”)’s COVID-19 Containment, Response and Control Plan (“Containment Plan”). Pursuant to the LAUSD’s Containment Plan, the LAUSD is requiring all Los Angeles Unified schools complete this form, along with the pre-filled versions of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools: Appendices T1 and T2 documents.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Last Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Campus Density**

- Approximate Square Footage open: \_\_\_\_\_
- Maximum Student Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

- Maximum Number of Staff with physical distancing: \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Number of Students Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_
- 25% of Total Number of Students Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_
- In-person class size is limited to: \_\_\_\_\_
- The **maximum** number of students & staff permitted on campus at any one time to ensure no more than 25% of total student body and to maximize physical distancing is:

Specialized Services for defined subgroups of children (T1)			
Enter the estimated total number of students that will return per grade (if none, enter 0)			
TK:	3:	5:	9:
K:	4:	6:	10:
1:	5:	7:	11:
2:	6:	8:	12:
Estimated total number of administrators, teachers, and other employees on campus supporting resumption of all permitted in-person services for students: _____			

Services

The [Grab & Go Food Center](#) located closest to this school is at:

- School Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_

The [COVID-19 Test Center](#) located closest to this school is at:

- School Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School COVID-19 Compliance Task Force

Name	Job Title	Role
	(Principal)	Leader
		COVID-19 Compliance Officer
	(School Administrative Assistant)	Attendance Monitor
	(Plant Manager)	Cleaning/Disinfecting Operations
	(School Nurse)	Exposure Management Advisor
		Health Office Manager
		Data Collection Manager

**Health Office Set-up and Staff**

Type of Health Office	Indoor vs. Outdoor	Location	Staff Person(s)	Alternate	Runner
General Health Office (Non-COVID)					
Isolation Area (Recommended Outdoors)					
Quarantine Area					

School Communications

The following information was sent to parents/students prior to the start of in-person services: (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Isolation and quarantine policies as they apply to students who have symptoms or may have been exposed	<input type="checkbox"/> Options for COVID-19 testing if the student or a family member has symptoms or exposure to COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/> Changes in school meals to avert risk	<input type="checkbox"/> Required use of face coverings
<input type="checkbox"/> How to conduct a symptom check before students leave home for school	<input type="checkbox"/> Changes in academic and extracurricular programs to avert risk
<input type="checkbox"/> Importance of student compliance with physical distancing and infection control policies	<input type="checkbox"/> Who to contact at the school if students have symptoms or may have been exposed
<input type="checkbox"/> School policies concerning parent visits to school and advisability of contact the school remotely	<input type="checkbox"/> Importance of providing up-to-date emergency contact information, including multiple parent contact options

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## HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY FOR COVID-19

It is the policy of Magnolia Public Schools (“Charter School”) to take all reasonable measures to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus disease (“COVID-19”) among students and staff. In accordance with this policy, the Charter School is temporarily implementing health and safety measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 as the Charter School resumes in-person instruction. This policy recognizes that these measures are each designed to provide some protection against COVID-19. While there may be times when one measure may not be feasible, implementing alternative measures can provide additional layers of safety. This Policy includes both mandatory measures (using terms “shall” or “will”) as well as recommended measures intended to guide decisions in light of practical limitations.

This Policy is based on guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”), the California Department of Education (“CDE”), the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”), and relevant county public health officials. The Governor and each county public health official is vested with the authority to impose health and safety standards, which may vary by locality in response to different local conditions. The Charter School will, as necessary, consult with their county health officer, or designated staff, who are best positioned to monitor and provide advice on local conditions to individually determine whether more or less stringent measures are necessary to align with the applicable public health orders. The Charter School will fully cooperate with county public health officials regarding the screening, monitoring and documentation that will be required to permit careful scrutiny of health outcomes associated with the return to in-person instruction on Charter School campuses.

This Policy constitutes the COVID-19 Infection Control Plan for each Charter School worksite. Prior to resuming in-person instruction, the Home Office COVID-19 Response Team shall perform a comprehensive risk assessment of all work areas and work tasks in accordance with guidance from CDPH and this Policy. The following staff member(s) is (are) responsible for implementing this Policy at each campus:

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Staff Members</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Magnolia Science Academy-1	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-1 Compliance Task Force Team	818-609-0507
Magnolia Science Academy-2	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-2 Compliance Task Force Team	818-758-0300
Magnolia Science Academy-3	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-3 Compliance Task Force Team	310-637-3806
Magnolia Science Academy-4	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-4 Compliance Task Force Team	310-473-2464
Magnolia Science Academy-5	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-5 Compliance Task Force Team	818-705-5676
Magnolia Science Academy-6	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-6 Compliance Task Force Team	310-842-8555
Magnolia Science Academy-7	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-7 Compliance Task Force Team	818-886-0585
Magnolia Science Academy-8	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-8 Compliance Task Force Team	323-826-3925
Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Ana	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634

	MSA-SA Compliance Task Force Team	714-479-0115
Magnolia Science Academy-San Diego	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634
	MSA-SD Compliance Task Force Team	619-644-1300
MPS Home Office	Home Office COVID-19 Response Team	213-628-3634

In addition to in-person instruction, the Charter School will also offer optional independent study as an alternative to in-person instruction in the 2021-22 school year. Independent study will also be made available for students for whom in-person instruction poses a heightened risk of infection.

**1. Limited Access to Campus.** As school campuses open for fully in-person instruction in the 2021-22 school year, California public health authorities have relaxed restrictions on access to school campuses; however, the ongoing threat of COVID-19 and the public health orders in effect necessitate that the following precautions be maintained:

- The Charter School may limit nonessential visitors’ access to the Charter School campus and may limit the number of students and staff with whom they come into contact, based on, among other factors, the current levels of community transmission, the vaccination status of any such visitor, and the relative importance of the visit’s purpose.
- The Charter School will exclude from the campus any employee, student, parent, caregiver or visitor who refuses to take or does not pass a Wellness and Temperature Screening.
- All visitors to a Charter School Campus are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask while inside any Charter School building, vehicle, or other enclosed space.
- Any parent or guardian picking up a student who has been placed on isolation or quarantine must stay outside campus and the student will be brought to them for dismissal.
- Signage shall be posted at all public entrances to the Charter School warning visitors not to enter if they have COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students excluded from campus on the basis of an elevated temperature or other COVID-19 related symptoms may be provided with Independent Study opportunities to support their academic success to the greatest extent possible during exclusion.
- Students and employees who are well but who have a household member that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 are directed to notify the COVID-19 Compliance Officer, who will consult with other Charter School staff to determine whether the student or staff member can



continue coming to school with a modified quarantine in light of current guidance and this Policy.

- Per Cal/OSHA requirements, the Charter School shall exclude staff members who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who have had a close contact with a positive COVID-19 case and are not vaccinated.
- Health and safety standards and procedures shall be applied equally to all users of a public school campus that is subject to a co-location arrangement.
- Implement health screenings of students and staff upon arrival at school (see Section 2).
- To the extent that non-parent visitors are required to enter the Charter School Campus, the School will take the following precautions:
  - Non-parental visitors will be allowed on campus via appointment only.
  - Non-parental visitors must pre-register in a visitor's log, which includes the visitor's name, email address, and phone number.
  - Non-parental visitors will only be allowed to enter specific areas to conduct their business.
  - Visitors to MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 must complete daily screening questions using LAUSD's Daily Pass or at the entrance to the school.

## **2. Wellness Checks and Temperature Screenings:**

- *COVID-19 Symptoms.* Currently, the CDC has identified the following as potential symptoms of COVID-19:
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- In-person wellness checks administered under this Policy shall:
  - Confirm that the subject has not experienced COVID-19 symptoms in the prior 48 hours or potentially been exposed to COVID-19, by soliciting the following

information:

- Have you had any one or more of these symptoms today or within the past 48 hours? Are these symptoms new or not explained by another reason?
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- Do you live in the same household with, or have you had close contact with, someone who in the past 14 days has been in isolation for COVID-19 or had a test confirming they have the virus? Close contact means being within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the person is isolated.
- If the student, staff, parent, or, visitor answers “no” to all questions, he or she may enter the school.
- If the student, staff, parent, or visitor answers “yes” to any of the questions, he or she may not enter the school. Employees, parents, and visitors answering “yes” must leave immediately and will be instructed to self-isolate until further instructions are given by the COVID-19 Compliance Officer. Students answering “yes” will be isolated and must leave as soon as pickup can be arranged and then will be instructed likewise.
- Students, staff, parents, or, visitors have had close contact with an individual who has tested positive shall return home to self-quarantine as per CDPH and local guidance.
  - However, the Charter School will not exclude such individuals with close contact exposure and not require them to return home or self-isolate if they are both asymptomatic and fully-vaccinated against COVID-19. Should an asymptomatic and fully-vaccinated individual be exposed to COVID-19, the Charter School reserves the right to request proof of vaccination for COVID-19 before allowing the individual on campus.
- Students and staff are encouraged to screen themselves for symptoms at home before

coming to campus.

- Students and staff of MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 may be subject to further health check procedures as required by LAUSD.
- A check in area should be established on campus for health screenings to be performed privately and with enough space to allow physical distancing.
- *Campus Screening Logistics:*
  - Each employee and visitor to the school site shall be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the school site.
  - Temperature and wellness screenings will be performed by a trained school employee at all Charter School Campuses to the extent feasible.

**3. COVID-19 Compliance Task Force and Compliance Officer.** State and local health orders require that schools designate a task force and liaison to be responsible for receiving and sharing information on COVID-19 policies, positive cases, and exposures. The Charter School shall comply with these requirements by implementing the following measures:

- The Charter School will comply with and implement the “COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance in TK-12 Schools,” promulgated by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (“LAC DPH”). If the LAC DPH Exposure Management Plan is updated such that this Policy becomes materially inconsistent with it, the Charter School will follow the current Exposure Management Plan.
- The Charter School will establish a Compliance Task Force. The Compliance Task Force is responsible for establishing and enforcing all COVID-19 safety protocols, as well as ensuring all Charter School students and staff receive appropriate COVID-19 education. The names and contact information for all Compliance Task Force members are referenced above on pages one and two of this policy
- The Charter School will designate a “COVID-19 Compliance Officer,” to act as a liaison between the local county public health department and the Charter School, in the event of a COVID-19 cluster or outbreak at the Charter School. The name and contact information for the Charter School’s COVID-19 Compliance Officer is referenced above on pages one and two of this policy.
- The COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall monitor trends in absences and the prevalence of symptoms and illnesses among students and staff on campus to help isolate them promptly, as needed.

- The COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall be the point of contact responsible for sharing information on positive cases and exposures to relevant state and local health departments, as detailed in the Exposure Management Plan section of this Policy.
- The COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall conduct COVID-19 Task Force meetings no less than twice per month to identify areas for improving the enforcement and results of this Policy.

**4. COVID-19 Testing and Reporting.** Testing, in conjunction with vaccination, face masking, and other safety protocols, is a key factor in preventing COVID-19 infection. In keeping with the recommendations and requirements of state and local health departments, the Charter School shall implement the following testing and reporting procedures:

- When testing students or employees for COVID-19, the Charter School will use FDA-Authorized viral COVID-19 tests, including a Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT, such as a Polymerase Chain Reaction test or an Antigen test. An FDA-authorized over-the-counter test is acceptable for student screening so long as the results can be verified, but may not be used for the periodic testing of school employees required by the CDPH in lieu of vaccination.
- Testing will be applied on symptomatic<sup>1</sup>, response<sup>2</sup>, and asymptomatic<sup>3</sup> bases.
- The Charter School’s COVID-19 Compliance Officer must be made aware of all positive student and staff test results and shall report those results to local public health officials as required by law.
- Per Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards, the Charter School will provide testing at no cost to employees during paid time for:
  - Symptomatic unvaccinated employees, regardless of whether there is a known exposure,
  - Unvaccinated employees after an exposure,
  - Vaccinated employees after an exposure if they develop symptoms,

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<sup>1</sup> Symptomatic testing “is used for individuals with symptoms of COVID-19, either at home or at school.”

<sup>2</sup> Response testing “is used to identify positive individuals once a case has been identified in a given stable group. Response-based testing can be provided for symptomatic individuals or for asymptomatic individuals with known or suspected exposure to an individual infected with SARS-CoV-2.”

<sup>3</sup> Asymptomatic testing is "used for surveillance, usually at a cadence of every 2 weeks or less frequently, to understand whether schools have higher or lower rates of COVID19 rates than the community, to guide decisions about safety for schools and school administrators, and to inform LHDs about district level in-school rates. Asymptomatic testing can also be used for screening, usually at a higher cadence (weekly or twice weekly) than surveillance testing, to identify asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic cases, in order to exclude cases that might otherwise contribute to in-school transmission.”

- Unvaccinated employees in an outbreak (three or more employee cases), or
- All employees in a major outbreak (20 or more employee cases).
- Testing Required in San Diego County:
  - No student testing will be required at MSA-SD at this time due to local transmission rates. However, the Charter School reserves the right to exclude MSA-SD students from campus who are either symptomatic for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to COVID-19, until all time and symptom criteria have been reached, consistent with public health guidance and as stated in this Policy. The Charter School will also continue to monitor local case rates to determine whether any further COVID-19 testing of students is necessary.
  - Consistent with California’s “State Public Health Officer Order of August 11, 2021,” all MSA-SD employees, volunteers, contractors, vendors or any other adult supporting Charter School functions on campus must either provide the School with proof of COVID-19 vaccination or test for COVID-19 at least once per week, consistent with applicable law and the Charter School’s COVID-19 employee vaccination policy.
- Testing Required at Magnolia Science Academy MSA- 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8:
  - All students and employees will undergo asymptomatic COVID-19 testing weekly, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status.
  - Individuals who have recovered from laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days are not required to test for COVID-19 unless they develop new onset symptoms.
  - Individuals vaccinated as part of the vaccination program carried out by the Los Angeles Unified School District do not need to provide proof of vaccination to the District.
  - All students and employees must undergo symptomatic and response testing for COVID-19, as needed.
  - Individuals new to LAUSD are required to baseline test upon their start of school or work. All individuals will be required to comply with all District requirements for baseline testing upon return from school breaks, such as Spring Break.
  - Employees may not use self-administered and self-read at-home rapid antigen tests unless observed by the employer or authorized telehealth proctor for purposes of clearing isolation or for establishing a positive case for purposes of being excused from weekly testing for 90 days following recovery from COVID-19.
- Testing Required at MSA-1, 5, 7 and MSA-SA:
  - All unvaccinated students must test for COVID-19 at least once per week.

- Consistent with California’s “State Public Health Officer Order of August 11, 2021,” all MSA-1, 5, 7, and MSA-SA employees, volunteers, contractors, vendors or any other adult supporting Charter School functions on campus must either provide the School with proof of COVID-19 vaccination or test for COVID-19 (PCR test only) at least once per week, consistent with applicable law and the Charter School’s COVID-19 employee vaccination policy.
- Testing Required at MSA-SD and Home Office:
  - Consistent with California’s “State Public Health Officer Order of August 11, 2021,” all MSA-San Diego and Home Office employees, volunteers, contractors, vendors or any other adult supporting Charter School functions on campus must either provide the School with proof of COVID-19 vaccination or test for COVID-19 (PCR test only) at least once per week, consistent with applicable law and the Charter School’s COVID-19 employee vaccination policy.
- Testing Required at MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8:
  - All employees and students are required to undergo weekly testing (PCR test) regardless of vaccination status.
- Additional levels of employee and student COVID-19 testing may be implemented in response to local disease trends, an outbreak, as determined by the Home Office COVID-19 Response Team, where required by Cal/OSHA regulations, or where otherwise required by law or public health guidance. The Charter School reserves the right to require employees undergo additional frequencies of COVID-19 testing, consistent with applicable authority, and directives from public health authorities as well as the School’s authorizer, regardless of an employee’s COVID-19 vaccination status.
- Consistent with Cal/OSHA regulations and applicable law, the School must impose different health and safety requirements depending on an employee’s COVID-19 vaccination status. Cal/OSHA defines an individual as fully vaccinated when “the employer has documented that the person received, at least 14 days prior, either the second dose in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines must be FDA approved; have an emergency use authorization from the FDA; or, for persons fully vaccinated outside the United States, be listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization (WHO).” As a result, to forego any potential COVID-19 health and safety restrictions, such as exclusion/quarantine periods, some COVID-19 testing and other directives, employees must provide the Charter School with proof of COVID-19 vaccination or complete a COVID-19 vaccination status attestation. Employees who are either unvaccinated or who decline to provide the Charter School with proof of COVID-19 vaccination or attest to their COVID-19 vaccination status

will be considered unvaccinated, and must comply with all health and safety directives, as stated in this Policy.

- For staff and student-wide testing, all staff and students shall be tested, except any staff and students who have no contact with others and do not report to campus.
- The Charter School can cause tests to be provided at any one of its campuses, or have staff get tested at any local testing site or by their health insurance provider, which must cover the cost.
  - If county-provided testing is not available, then private labs and health insurance providers may be used, and the cost of testing must be covered by the health insurance provider under an emergency state regulation.
- The Charter School's liaison must be made aware of the student and staff test results and report those results to local public health officials.
- Student consent for testing:
  - For Charter School Students aged 12 and under, the Charter School will require parental consent for COVID-19 testing.
  - Pursuant to California Family Code Section §6926 and CDPH guidance, Charter School Students aged 13 to 17 may consent to COVID-19 testing on their own.
  - Charter School students aged 18 and older do not need parental consent for COVID-19 testing.
- Students who refuse to participate in the COVID-19 testing program or to report the test results to the Charter School, where such testing is required, will not be allowed to return to in-person instruction or otherwise enter the Charter School Campus. Both the testing and the reporting are required under applicable public health guidance and legal authority.
- For staff who refuse to participate in the COVID-19 testing program or to report the test results to the Charter School, where such testing is required, the Charter School reserves the right to discipline an employee for such non-compliance, up to and including termination from at-will employment.
- Consistent with applicable law, the Charter School will consider accommodations from mandatory testing for medical reasons and any other lawfully recognized reason. Employees or students and/or parents/guardians who wish to request an accommodation for themselves or their child can contact the Charter School. The Charter School cannot guarantee the availability of particular accommodation and will process all requests for accommodation consistent with MPS policies and applicable law.
- The Charter School must maintain confidentiality of test results, other than reporting the results to local public health officials. All medical information about any employee must be stored separately from the employee's personnel file in order to limit access to this confidential information. The Charter School should have a separate confidential medical file for each

employee where the Charter School can store all of that employee's medical information. Medical information includes COVID-19 test results, an employee's statement via any symptom screening that they have symptoms or COVID-19, medical certifications showing the employee needs time off due to COVID-19, etc. For students, the Charter School will take similar precautions to safeguard the students' privacy and confidentiality, consistent with FERPA and all relevant legal requirements.

- All volunteers, contractors, vendors and other adults supporting Charter School functions on any MPS campus must comply with applicable COVID-19 testing requirements, as stated in the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy.
- In the event of a positive test result of a student or family member:
  - The Charter School requires that parents/guardians notify school administration immediately if the student tested positive for COVID-19 or if one of their household members or non-household close contacts tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Upon receiving notification that staff or a student has tested positive for COVID-19 or been in close contact with a COVID-19 case, the Charter School will take actions as required in Section 5 below.

**5. Exposure Management Policy.** Preventing and minimizing the spread of COVID-19 within the Charter School Community requires a sound policy for managing exposure to infected individuals. The Charter School will follow the exposure management provisions of the “COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance in TK-12 Schools,” promulgated by the LAC DPH as well as “COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year” promulgated by the CDPH, and other local counties. In the event that this protocol is updated so that it materially conflicts with the measures laid out in this Policy, the Charter School will follow the updated protocol; otherwise, the following measures shall be followed:

- Per AB 86 and California Code Title 17, section 2500, schools are required to report COVID-19 cases to the local public health department. The COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall report every positive COVID-19 case to the appropriate county authority.



- All MSA campuses will maintain classroom seating charts to facilitate future identification of close contacts.
- Potential Exposure: In the event of notice of potential exposure,<sup>4</sup> with regards to its employees, the Charter School will follow all steps set forth in its Injury and Illness Prevention Program COVID-19 Addendum.
- In the event of a suspected COVID-19 case:
  - The Charter School will identify an isolation room and quarantine room and/or outdoor areas to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or who is determined to have come into close contact with a confirmed case. The isolation and quarantine rooms shall be separate rooms.
  - Isolation of students, employees, and visitors exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will occur without regard to vaccination and/or recent testing status.
  - Any students, staff, or visitors exhibiting symptoms should immediately be provided with and required to wear a surgical-grade or better face covering and should be directed to wait in the separate isolation area until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility, as soon as practicable. For serious illness, call 9-1-1 without delay.
  - Students in the isolation and quarantine areas will be monitored by a staff member.
  - Parents/guardians will be required to pick up their students within one hour. Parents/guardians should take the student to get a COVID-19 test immediately and, if a student of MSA- 2, 3, 4, 6, or 8, should upload the test result to the LAUSD Daily Pass system or otherwise provide a copy to the school.
  - A log will be kept of all persons entering the isolation and quarantine areas.
  - Students will be grouped by stable group or class when possible in the quarantine area.
  - Physical distancing of six feet or greater will be maintained in the isolation and quarantine areas and **masking shall be required for any individual entering these areas.**
- Symptomatic individuals who test negative for COVID-19 can return 24 hours after resolution of fever (if any) and improvement in symptoms.
  - Documentation of a negative test result should be provided to school administrators.

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<sup>4</sup> Notice of potential exposure means any of the following: (a) notification from a public health official or licensed medical provider that an employee was exposed to a qualifying individual at the worksite; (b) notification from an employee, or their emergency contact, that the employee is a qualifying individual; (c) notification through the Charter School's testing protocol that the employee is a qualifying individual; or (d) notification from a subcontracted employer that a qualifying individual was on the school site. (Labor Code § 6409.6, subd. (d)(3).)

- In lieu of a negative test result, students and staff may return to work with a medical note by a physician that provides alternative explanation for symptoms and reason for not ordering COVID-19 testing.
- Symptomatic individuals who neither test for COVID-19 nor consult with a medical professional must isolate at home until fever free for 24 hours, improved symptoms, and 10 days from symptom onset.
- In the event of one or more confirmed COVID-19 case(s) the Charter School will follow the CDPH and local public health guidance, including implementation of the following practices:
  - The Charter School will provide notifications to the local public health department of any known case of COVID-19 among any student, employee, or visitor or other school-associated person who was present on a Charter School campus within the 14 days preceding COVID-19 symptoms, or 10 days before a positive test result.
  - MSA Los Angeles COVID-19 Compliance Officers will notify the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health of any COVID-19 hospitalizations or deaths among students or staff by sending a notification to ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov.
  - Notifications will be provided by the Home Office COVID-19 Response Team depending on the county where the school is located.
  - For Los Angeles campuses: The COVID-19 Compliance Officer will instruct the individual who tested positive to follow the LACDPH COVID-19 Home Isolation instructions and will inform the positive case that LACDPH will contact them directly to collect additional information and to issue a Health Officer Order to quarantine.
  - All students and staff of MSA- 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 campuses will be contacted by the LAUSD Community Engagement team to be instructed on isolation and to provide further information.
  - Site administrators of MSA- 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 will report to LAUSD using the Initial Exposure Management (IEM) Reporter App, as detailed in the latest LAUSD IOC guidance on exposure management reporting.
  - The notification to the local public health department must include:
    - 1) The full name, address, telephone number, and date of birth of the individual who tested positive;
    - 2) The date the individual tested positive, the school(s) at which the individual was present on-site within the 10 days preceding the positive test, and the date the individual was last on-site at any relevant school(s); and
    - 3) The full name, address, and telephone number of the person making the report.

- For San Diego Charter School locations, the public health department should be notified either via phone at (888) 950-9905, or online at [www.coronavirus-sd.com](http://www.coronavirus-sd.com). The notification should list the following information: 1) The name of the person reporting, 2) the Charter School name and district, 3) the Charter School address, 4) your position at the Charter School. For the individual diagnosed with COVID-19, the notification should list the individual's: 1) Name, 2) date of birth, 3) contact information (phone number and email), 4) the individual's last date on the Charter School campus, and 5) any additionally relevant comments.
- For Los Angeles County Charter School locations: The Charter School will contact the LAC DPH as consistent with its "Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan in K-12 Schools,"<sup>5</sup> and either by:
  - 1) Using the LACDPH reporting portal, or:
    - <http://www.redcap.link/lacdph.educationsector.covidreport>
  - 2) Downloading and completing the COVID-19 Case and Contact Line List for the Education Sector and sending it to [ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov).
  - 3) Schools having difficulty reporting COVID-19 cases to LACDPH can call (833) 707-0319, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- For Orange County Charter School locations: Contact the Orange County Public Health Department via phone at 714-834-8180, or via email at [epi@ochca.com](mailto:epi@ochca.com).
  - Notify all staff and families in the school community of any positive COVID-19 case while maintaining confidentiality as required by state and federal laws.
  - Close off areas used by any sick person and do not use before cleaning and disinfection.
  - Investigate the COVID-19 illness and exposures and determine if any work-related factors could have contributed to risk of infection.
  - Update protocols as needed to prevent further cases in accordance with CDPH Guidelines ("Responding to COVID-19 in the Workplace").
  - Implement communication plans for exposure at school and potential school closures in the event of an outbreak or other necessary circumstances, to include outreach to students, parents, teachers, staff and the community.

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<sup>5</sup>This document may be found at:

[http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/ExposureManagementPlan\\_K12Schools.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/ExposureManagementPlan_K12Schools.pdf)

- Include information for staff regarding labor laws, California Supplemental Paid Sick Leave, emergency paid sick leave and extended family and medical leave pursuant to the FFCRA, information regarding Disability Insurance, Paid Family Leave and Unemployment Insurance, as applicable to schools.
- Maintain regular communications with the local public health department.
- Recommend testing for all students, employees, and visitors in close contact with the confirmed COVID-19 case, consistent with recommendations from the CDPH and local public health departments.
- For all settings: Provide information regarding close contacts to the county public health department via secure fax or email.
- If the school site must be closed for in-person instruction, develop a contingency plan for continuity of education using independent study. Independent study shall include all of the following:
  - Confirmation or provision of access for all students to connectivity and devices adequate to participate in the educational program and complete assigned work;
  - Content aligned to grade level standards that is provided at a level of quality and intellectual challenge substantially equivalent to in-person instruction;
  - Academic and other supports designed to address the needs of students who are not performing at grade level, or need support in other areas, such as English learners, students with exceptional needs, students in foster care or experiencing homelessness, and students requiring mental health supports;
  - Special education, related services, and any other services required by a student's individualized education program, with accommodations necessary to ensure that individualized education program can be executed in an independent study learning environment;
  - Designated and integrated instruction in English language development for English learners, including assessment of English language proficiency, support to access curriculum, the ability to reclassify as fully English proficient, and, as applicable, support for dual language learning;
  - Providing synchronous instruction as required by law.
    - "Synchronous instruction" means classroom-style instruction or designated small group or one-on-one instruction delivered in person, or in the form of internet or telephonic communications, and involving live two-way communication between the teacher and pupil. Synchronous instruction shall be provided by the teacher of record for that pupil pursuant to Section 51747.5.

- o For TK/K-3 opportunities must occur daily.
- o For 4-8 opportunities must occur weekly along with daily live interaction.
- o For 9-12 opportunities must occur weekly.
- o Can be classroom style, designated small group, or one-on-one.
- o The “teacher of record for that pupil” pursuant to Section 51747.5 is the assigned supervising teacher who must be an employee. There is not more than one supervising teacher.
  - Charter School will document each pupil’s participation in synchronous instruction.
  - Continuing to provide school meals.
- o Provide guidance to parents, teachers and staff reminding them of the importance of community physical distancing measures while a school is closed, including discouraging students or staff from gathering elsewhere.
- o If the COVID-19 case was present on the Charter School campus, the individual must be excluded from campus for at least 5 days from COVID-19 symptom onset, or if asymptomatic, 5 days from the date the specimen was collected for the positive COVID-19 test, as detailed below.
- In the event of a cluster (three or more cases within 14 days), the Charter School will contact local county public health officials, as necessary, and work closely with such officials to determine whether the cluster is an outbreak, requiring outbreak response.<sup>6</sup>
- In the event of an outbreak or cluster at a Charter School:
  - o The Charter School CTF and COVID-19 Compliance Officer will work closely with local county public health officials, timely provide all required information, and otherwise comply with all CDPH and local guidance regarding outbreaks.<sup>7</sup>
  - o The COVID-19 Compliance Officer for MSA Los Angeles campuses will immediately call the LACDPH at (833) 707-0319 or submit an online report at <http://www.redcap.link/lacdph.educationsector.covidreport>.

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<sup>6</sup> In the event of a “cluster,” Los Angeles County Charter Schools must specifically report such information to the LAC DPH at LADPH at [ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov) or by calling (888) 397-3993.

<sup>7</sup> In the event of an outbreak, all Charter School locations will comply with guidance titled “Management of Outbreaks of COVID-19,” issued by the LAC DPH. This protocol can be found at: [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/education/EMPSupplement\\_K12Schools.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/education/EMPSupplement_K12Schools.pdf). In the event that other state or local guidance provides more stringent outbreak protocol, the Charter School will comply with such protocol.

- The Charter School will notify students, families, employees, and stakeholders that the Charter School and local public health department are investigating a cluster and/or outbreak. The notice will encourage all stakeholders to follow public health recommendations.
- The Charter School will additionally notify all stakeholders if the school is to be closed for 14 days due to widespread and/or ongoing transmission of COVID-19 at the school or in the general community.
- The Charter School will identify absenteeism among those in affected classes and coordinate with the LHD to contact these absentees to screen for symptoms of COVID-19 if they were exposed to a case during the case's infectious period.
- Limit visitors to the affected Charter School campus, except for those that are essential to the Charter School's mission. Law Enforcement Personnel (Sheriff and Police), Fire, Medical, Emergency, or government employees who are responding to, working at, or inspecting the facility will be allowed to access the Charter School campus.
- Discontinue all non-essential in-person group activities at the Charter School Campus during the outbreak.
- Identify absenteeism among affected classes and contact those absentees to screen for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Close Contacts and Quarantine
  - A "Close Contact" is spending a total of fifteen minutes or more over a 24-hour period within 6 feet of an infected person or, in Los Angeles County, having had unprotected contact with the infected person's body fluids and/or secretions of a person with confirmed COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed or sneezed on, sharing utensils or saliva, or providing care without using appropriate protective equipment).
  - An individual will only be considered a close contact if the Charter School is reasonably sure that they meet the above definition. Individuals will not be deemed a close contact solely because they were in the same classroom or school group as a confirmed COVID-19 case, regardless of actual proximity to the confirmed case.
  - "Fully vaccinated" refers to those who have received either a single dose vaccine or the second dose of a two-dose vaccine over two weeks ago.
  - For Los Angeles Campuses: when notifying any individual that they are a close contact of a positive case, the COVID-19 Compliance Officer will provide that individual with a copy of the LACDPH Public Health Emergency Quarantine Order. Notifications that an individual is a close contact will also contain all messages required to be included pursuant to the LACDPH K-12 Exposure Management Plan guidance.
  - *Quarantine exemptions for all MSA campuses.*

- *Employees* who are both (1) Fully vaccinated and boosted if eligible, and, (2) those who have recovered from laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days regardless of vaccination status, may continue to attend school and do not need to quarantine at home following close contact with a positive case, so long as the employee self-monitors for symptoms, does not display symptoms of COVID-19, and tests negative on Day 5 from exposure.
      - *MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 students and staff must test immediately and on Day 5 from exposure.*
    - Asymptomatic staff close contacts who are fully vaccinated and booster-eligible but not boosted may remain at the worksite after close contact on the condition that they remain asymptomatic and meet testing and masking requirements for quarantine exemption.
    - *Students* who are fully vaccinated (regardless of booster status) and (2) those who recovered from laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days, may continue to attend school and do not need to quarantine at home following close contact with a positive case, so long as the student self-monitors for symptoms for 10 days from exposure and does not display symptoms of COVID-19.
      - *MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 students and staff must test immediately and on Day 5 from exposure.*
    - Quarantine-exempt individuals at MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 must also continue to test with the weekly mobile testing team.
- *Quarantine rules for individuals not exempt from quarantine at MSA- 1, 5, 7, and Santa Ana, and San Diego.*
  - Modified Quarantine. Close contacts of a positive case, while both parties were in a school setting supervised by staff and were correctly wearing masks for the entire exposure period, may continue to attend school during a modified quarantine, so long as they i) do not show symptoms of COVID-19, ii) continue to mask indoors *and outdoors* while at school, iii) undergo at least twice weekly testing during the quarantine, and iv) continue to quarantine from all extracurricular activities including sports and activities within the community setting. When not attending in-person instruction, students undergoing modified quarantine must otherwise remain at home for the duration of their quarantine. Modified quarantine is not available if the exposed student is part of a TK-12 outbreak. All exposed students must

quarantine at home during an outbreak. Students undergoing modified quarantine must eat six feet from other students. Modified Quarantine may end after the Day 7 from exposure if the second test taken during quarantine is performed on or after Day 5 from exposure and is negative and the student remains asymptomatic.

- Students at MSA Santa Ana and San Diego are strongly encouraged to but not required to mask during modified quarantine.
  - Standard Quarantine. If an individual is not exempt from quarantine and either cannot or will not follow all of the requirements for modified quarantine, they must quarantine at home for 10 days following exposure, or for 5 days following exposure if a negative test is taken on Day 5 and the individual remains asymptomatic.
  - If any symptoms develop during the 10-day period after exposure under any type of quarantine, the exposed person must immediately isolate, get tested, and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care. Any individual who is under any type of quarantine should wear a well-fitting medical grade mask when around others for 10 days from their exposure to a positive case.
- *Modified Quarantine for individuals not exempt from quarantine at MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8*
- Individuals who are identified as close contacts may participate in modified quarantine, in which exposed students and employees continue to attend school in-person unless they develop symptoms or test positive.
  - Modified quarantine can only be considered if:
    - The exposure occurred in a TK-12 setting. Students at Early Education Centers and Adult School programs are not eligible for modified quarantine and must quarantine at home if they are exposed to a positive case.
    - The exposure occurred in a school setting where students were supervised by school staff (i.e. classroom, school grounds with school staff present, school bus, etc.). Close contacts with exposure to infection at home are not eligible for modified quarantine, unless they are exempt from quarantine based on vaccination status or recent recovery from infection.
    - The school can verify that both the infected individual and the individual identified as a close contact were mask compliant during



the entire period of exposure, including outdoor exposure (masks must have been completely covering the individuals' nose and mouth). Students with face mask accommodations are not allowed to participate in modified quarantine. School administrators will report on mask compliance for each close contact when submitting IEM Reports using the IEM Reporter App.

- The exposure occurred in a school that does not have a confirmed active outbreak, as determined by LACDPH. An outbreak is when significant transmission (confirmed epidemiologically-linked cases) has occurred at a school within a 14-day period. Schools with confirmed outbreaks may not implement modified quarantine.
- Students eligible to participate in modified quarantine will appear as “Allowed” in the Principal’s Daily Pass Dashboard and will be allowed to generate a Daily Pass QR code. These students will also be identified in a “Watch” column in the Daily Pass Dashboard Cases tab, to indicate to Site Administrators they are under modified quarantine protocols.
- Individuals in modified quarantine must be asymptomatic. All students will be required to respond to the Daily Pass health screening questions. Symptoms must be monitored daily, and if symptoms develop, the student cannot continue to participate in modified quarantine. Symptomatic close contacts must isolate at home and get tested immediately, preferably at a LAUSD testing site.
- Students who are participating in modified quarantine should be given the opportunity to participate in the full instructional program during the school day, including recess and lunch time. However, the school must not allow students in modified quarantine to participate in extracurricular activities, including sports, clubs, Beyond the Bell, and other before and after school care or programming. The modified quarantine is meant to let students continue learning during the instructional day but does not cover other activities outside of the regular school curriculum. Students must leave campus after school and go directly home.
- Individuals in modified quarantine must wear a surgical-style mask or higher PPE at all times on school grounds except when they are

eating or drinking. The school site should make arrangements and ensure students in modified quarantine are distanced 6 feet during meal periods when masks are removed. School sites will provide upgraded masks to students in modified quarantine if needed.

- Individuals in modified quarantine must test on or around Day 5 and twice per week for the duration of the quarantine period. Tests can be either a rapid antigen test or a PCR test. The first test should be conducted at initial exposure or as soon as possible after the exposure (Day 1); the second test must be on or after Day 5, so that the individual can be released from quarantine on Day 6 if they test negative.
  - If all of these criteria are not met, modified quarantine is not available.
- *Standard Quarantine for individuals at MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8.*
    - Individuals who are not exempt from quarantine and do not qualify for modified quarantine are subject to standard quarantine if they are a close contact of an individual who tests positive for COVID-19. These individuals must complete a ten-day quarantine and return on day eleven if they remain asymptomatic for the duration of quarantine unless the exposed individual ends quarantine sooner by receiving a negative result on a test taken on or after the fifth day from exposure.
    - Individuals undergoing quarantine who get tested for COVID-19 on or after the fifth day from exposure to the confirmed case may return to school on Day 6 once proof of a negative test is submitted through the Daily Pass system, but must wear a surgical mask when around others and continue to self-monitor for symptoms through day 10 from exposure. Students will be cleared to return to school through the Daily Pass system.
    - Individuals at MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 who complete their quarantine period will be cleared to return to school via the Daily Pass system.
    - All asymptomatic close contacts that have quarantined due to potential exposure will be able to test at any COVID-19 test site or with a mobile testing team, so long as they remain asymptomatic.
  - All staff and students of Los Angeles campuses who are close contacts of a positive case but remain on campus due to quarantine exemption or modified quarantine must be tested on Day 5 after the date of last exposure, regardless of vaccine or booster status.

- *MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 Quarantine Guidelines for Household Close Contacts*
  - Individuals with continuous exposure to a sibling or household member who tests positive must remain at home for a minimum of 10 days following the date of the household member’s positive test. These individuals are not eligible for modified quarantine, unless they are exempt from quarantine due to vaccination status or recent infection.
  - Household close contacts must stay at home for the duration of the positive household member’s isolation period. Close contacts then begin their official 10-day quarantine on the date that the positive individual’s isolation ends (e.g. if the household positive’s isolation period ends on Day 6 due to a negative test on Day 5, this would be the individual’s Day 1).
  - Close contacts should test on or after Day 5 of their official quarantine period to return to school or work on Day 6.
  - Positive household members must consistently wear an upgraded, surgical-style mask at home for a full 10 days following the date of their positive test, even if they are allowed to return to school or work on Day 6. If this condition cannot be met, the household close contact must delay the start of their official quarantine until Day 11.
- Quarantine rules for all employees are stated in the COVID-19 Injury and Illness Prevention Program (“IIPP”) addendum.
- For individuals who test positive for COVID-19:
  - Checking for false positives on Los Angeles Unified School District Sites only (MSA-2, 3, 4, 6 and 8):
    - To reduce unnecessary anxiety and isolation/quarantine of students and staff, the Charter School shall re-test asymptomatic individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 as required by the Los Angeles Unified School District.
    - If an individual (student or staff) receives a positive test result, the Los Angeles Unified School District Community Engagement Team will contact the individual to conduct an interview and confirm whether he or she has symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
    - *Symptomatic Positive Case.* If the individual is determined to be symptomatic, has a known exposure to a positive case, and/or is in a high prevalence setting (i.e., a campus with more than one active case), the Los Angeles Unified School District Community Engagement Team will direct the individual to isolate for at least 5 days per the latest CDPH isolation guidance and quarantine all close contacts per Los Angeles County Department of Public Health guidelines.

- *Asymptomatic Positive Case.* If the individual is determined to be asymptomatic, has no known exposure, and is in a low prevalence setting (i.e., a campus with more than one active case), the individual will be asked to isolate, and all close contacts will be asked to quarantine. The individual will be directed to re-test within 48 hours of the positive sample collection.
    - If the confirmatory test returns a negative result, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will approve the false positive request and report it to the State of California. The individual is thereafter released from isolation and all close contacts are released from quarantine. The Los Angeles Unified School District Community Engagement Team will then deactivate the positive case and be permitted to access District sites again.
    - If the confirmatory test returns a positive result, the Los Angeles Unified School District Community Engagement Team will direct the individual to isolate for at least 5 days per the latest CDPH guidance and all close contacts will continue to quarantine per Los Angeles County Department of Public Health guidelines. The individual will not be permitted to access district owned sites in the meantime.
  - Checking for false positives at all other MSA campuses:
    - If an individual (student or staff) receives a positive test result, the COVID-19 Home Office Response Team will contact the individual to conduct an interview and confirm whether he or she has symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
    - All students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and are determined to be asymptomatic will be strongly encouraged to re-test within 48 hours of the initial positive sample collection.
    - If the confirmatory test is negative the COVID-19 Home Office Response Team will alert the local public health department to the false positive and will release the individual from isolation and will alert all known close contacts that they may cease quarantining.
    - If the confirmatory test is positive, the individual shall continue to isolate and all close contacts shall continue to quarantine.
  - Persons with COVID-19 may discontinue [self-isolation](#) under the following conditions:
    - At least 5 days have passed since symptom onset or, if asymptomatic, since their positive test; AND

- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; AND
  - Other symptoms have resolved or are improving; AND
  - An FDA authorized COVID-19 viral test (antigen preferred) test taken on or after Day 5 from symptom onset is negative.
  - NOTE: If fever reduction, improvement of other symptoms, or a negative test are not all achieved, isolation may not end until after Day 10 from symptom onset or, if asymptomatic, their positive test, so long as 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever and all other symptoms are not present or are improving.
  - Note: For staff, per CAL/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention ETS, testing that is required for employees must be provided by the employer free of charge and during work hours; these tests may not be self-administered or self-read unless they are observed by the employer or an authorized telehealth proctor.
- No matter when isolation ends, all students and staff recovering from COVID-19 must wear a highly protective non-cloth mask when around others for a full 10 days from testing positive or onset of symptoms.
- The School will comply with Cal/OSHA regulations regarding when employees may return to work after exposure, as detailed in the Charter School’s IIPP addendum.
- Subsequent School Closure Criteria:
  - Charter School campuses that are open for in-person instruction may subsequently and temporarily close for in-person instruction based on the following criteria:
    - As determined by and in consultation with the local health department
  - After closure, the Charter School may reopen after 14 days, cleaning, disinfection, conclusion of a public health investigation, and local health department consultation.
- **Group Tracing** Until further notice, and as recommended by the CDPH all MSA schools shall have the option to utilize the “group tracing” method of exposure management in place of individual contact tracing to track exposures during the Omicron variant surge, as follows:
  - Schools will notify students who spent more than a cumulative total of 15 minutes (within a 24-hour time period) in a shared indoor airspace (e.g., classroom) with someone with COVID-19 during their period of infectiousness.
    - Notification should occur 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).

- Notifications should be provided to all individuals considered exposed, including those who are vaccinated and/or recently infected.
- Exposed students, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status or prior infection, are strongly encouraged to be tested for COVID-19 with at least one diagnostic test obtained within 3-5 days after last exposure. Any FDA-approved antigen diagnostic test, PCR diagnostic test, or pooled PCR test is acceptable for evaluation of an individual's COVID-19 status. Individuals who have been recently infected should use antigen testing.
- Exposed Students who participate in testing may continue to take part in all aspects of K-12 schooling, including sports and extracurricular activities, unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.
- All exposed students, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection, are strongly recommended to remain fully masked indoors and outdoors, unless actively eating or drinking, when around other through day 10 from their last exposure date. Eating and drinking should occur distanced from others. Exposed students will also need to remain masked at all times during sports and extracurricular activities.
  - Students are strongly encouraged but not required to mask following an exposure.

## **6. Sanitizing/hygiene materials and practices:**

- The Charter School will develop plans and routines to ensure that students and staff wash or sanitize hands frequently, including upon arrival to campus, after using the restroom, after playing outside and returning to the classroom, before and after eating, and after coughing or sneezing.
- Staff will teach and reinforce proper handwashing technique, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, using a tissue to wipe the nose, and covering coughs and sneezes.
- The Charter School shall make soap, tissues, no-touch trashcans, face coverings, water and paper towels or dryers for hand washing available. Students and staff should wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap, rubbing thoroughly after application. Soap products marketed as "antimicrobial" are not necessary or recommended.
- Trash cans will be placed near restroom doors and students and staff will be instructed to use a paper towel to prevent touching the handle with their hands.
- A restroom will need to be dedicated for individuals in the isolation area. This restroom must be cleaned and sanitized before other occupants may use it.
- If handwashing stations near classrooms are not practicable, and to facilitate use by students and staff as needed, the Charter School shall make available fragrance-free alcohol-based hand

sanitizer that is at least sixty percent (60%) ethyl alcohol. (Note: frequent handwashing is more effective than the use of hand sanitizers). This hand sanitizer will be made available to both students and staff at all strategic locations throughout the Charter School Campus.

- The Charter School will not use hand sanitizer with isopropyl alcohol as the main ingredient.
- Children under age 9 should only use hand sanitizer under adult supervision. Call Poison Control if consumed: 1-800-222-1222.
- Children under age 9 should only use hand sanitizer under adult supervision. Hand sanitizer will also not be left out in the open in classrooms for students under the age of 9.
- The Charter School shall place posters conspicuously that encourage hand hygiene to help stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Employees should visit the CDC's coughing and sneezing etiquette and clean hands webpage for more information.

**7. Routine cleaning and disinfecting:** The Charter School will maintain a high level of cleanliness throughout the year to help reduce the risk of exposure to and spread of COVID-19 at the school site. In general, cleaning once a day is usually enough to sufficiently remove potential virus that may be on surfaces. Disinfecting (using disinfectants on the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency COVID-19](#) list) removes any remaining germs on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection.

- Custodial staff will perform routine and thorough cleaning once per day, and when students are not present. When cleaning, the space will be aired out before children arrive.
- Routine cleaning practices include, but are not limited to:
  - Using everyday janitorial cleaning supplies and disinfectants for surfaces as floors, tables, desks, counters, sinks, toilets, and other hard-surfaced furniture and equipment;
  - Dusting hard surfaces;
  - Damp wiping of hard surfaces to ensure they are free of debris;
  - Wet mopping of floors;
  - Vacuuming carpets and mats.
- Health Office areas, including the general health office, isolation area, and quarantine area, may require more frequent cleaning and rapid response, as needed.
- Student restrooms will be serviced at least twice a day and will be fully cleaned and disinfected using electrostatic equipment by the night cleaning crew once per day.
- The Charter School will clean and disinfect areas commonly visited by staff no less than once per day during operating hours and implement a schedule for such cleaning and disinfecting. These areas include, but are not limited to: Break rooms, restrooms, lobbies, classrooms, laboratories, nurse's office, counseling and student support areas, staff offices, and cafeterias.

- The Charter School will clean high touch areas in staff breakrooms at least once per day.
- Cleaning and Disinfection after a Confirmed Case on Campus:
  - If an individual confirmed to have COVID-19 was on campus, the Charter School will complete enhanced cleaning and disinfection procedures in the spaces occupied by the confirmed COVID-19 case.
  - Employees completing this cleaning must wear a mask and gloves at all times and will refer to Material Safety Data Sheets or follow the instructions on the chemical labels.
  - When disinfecting, the Charter School will use an EPA-registered disinfectant that is approved for emerging pathogens.
  - Custodians will focus on immediate areas occupied by the confirmed COVID-19 case.
  - Custodians will clean and disinfect:
    - All non-porous surfaces in the ill occupant’s space/office, as well as on shared equipment (like tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls) in bathrooms and shared spaces used by the ill person. Cleaning and disinfection will also focus on high-touch surfaces (e.g. desk, table, hardbacked chair, doorknob, light switch, handle, computer, keyboard, mouse, telephones).
    - On porous surfaces (e.g., carpets, chairs) in the confirmed COVID-19 case’s space or office, custodians will remove visible contamination, clean with appropriate cleaners, and disinfect with a liquid/spray indicated for use on the material.
  - The space(s) where the confirmed COVID-19 case was present may be reoccupied once these cleaning and disinfection procedures have been completed.
- The Charter School will ensure proper ventilation during all cleaning and disinfecting. Staff are encouraged to introduce fresh outdoor air as much as possible, by opening windows where practicable.
- The Charter School will comply with [CDPH Guidance on Ventilation of Indoor Environments and Ventilation and Filtration to Reduce Long-Range Airborne Transmission of COVID-19 and Other Respiratory Infections: Considerations for Reopened Schools](#) to the greatest extent practicable for each facility.
- All frequently touched surfaces in the workplace, such as chairs, desks, tables, keyboards, telephones, handrails, light switches, sink handles, restroom surfaces and door handles, will be routinely cleaned.
- Staff will be trained as appropriate in the chemical hazards, manufacturer’s directions, and Cal/OSHA requirements for safe and correct application of cleaning and disinfectant agents in accordance with the Healthy Schools Act guidance from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and Cal/OSHA.



- When choosing disinfecting products, the Charter School will use those approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)- approved list “N” and require staff to follow product instructions. MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 will use disinfectants from the LAUSD's List of Approved Hand Sanitizers and Disinfectants.
  - To reduce the risk of asthma and other health effects related to disinfecting, the Charter School will select disinfectant products on list N with asthma-safer ingredients (hydrogen peroxide, citric acid or lactic acid) as recommended by the US EPA Design for Environment program.
  - The Charter School will avoid products that contain peroxyacetic (peracetic) acid, sodium hypochlorite (bleach) or quaternary ammonium compounds, which can cause asthma.
  - Staff shall follow label directions for appropriate dilution rates and contact times.
  - The Charter School will establish a cleaning and disinfecting schedule in order to avoid both under- and over-use of cleaning products.

Subject to available resources, disposable disinfecting wipes shall be made available so that employees can wipe down commonly used surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, keyboards, remote controls, desks, other work tools and equipment) before each use. Disinfectant wipes and sprays will be kept away from students.

**8. Facility measures:** The Charter School will incorporate CDE guidance measures for maintaining a healthy facility, to include some or all of the following:

- Maintenance staff will regularly inspect and test ventilation systems and fans to confirm they operate properly and will increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors and other methods.
- Windows and doors should not be opened if doing so poses a safety or health risk by exacerbating seasonal allergies or asthma symptoms.
  - The Charter School will consider alternatives, such as increased central air filtration (targeted filter rating of at least MERV 13) if opening windows poses a safety or health risk to persons using the facility.
- HVAC systems will be set to maximize indoor/outdoor air exchanges unless outdoor conditions (recent fire, high outdoor temperature, humidity, and pollen levels) make this inappropriate.
- If an HVAC system becomes nonoperational, additional ventilation should be provided with the use of fans or relocating classes until repairs are completed.
- The COVID-19 isolation and quarantine areas should be outdoors when feasible to maximize ventilation and minimize exposures to COVID-19 infection. Under no

circumstances should an isolation or quarantine area be in a room without a functioning HVAC system.

- Maintenance staff will ensure that all water systems and features (e.g., drinking fountains) are safe to use after a prolonged facility shutdown to minimize the risk of Legionnaires' disease and other diseases associated with water.
- Consider installing additional temporary handwashing stations at all school entrances and near classrooms to minimize movement and congregation in bathrooms.
- Consider installing privacy boards or clear screens to increase and enforce separation between staff and students.

**9. Physical distancing:** The Charter School will incorporate CDPH and CDE guidance with respect to physical distancing between students on campus as much as is feasible, including maximizing physical distance as much as possible while eating (especially indoors), using additional spaces outside of the cafeteria for mealtime seating such as classrooms or the gymnasium can help facilitate distancing, and arrange for eating outdoors as much as feasible.

- In areas where physical distancing is not feasible, clear plastic or solid surface barriers that can be cleaned often may be used.
- Employees will be encouraged to eat outdoors. They may also eat at their desk or cubicle if these areas are enclosed as a separate room, provide more distance, or include barriers.

#### **10. Extracurricular Activities:**

- All extracurricular activities operated by or supervised by school personnel or occurring on a school site, whether or not occurring during school hours, will be undertaken in compliance with this policy and all required public health measures applicable to K-12 schools. This applies to sports, band, chorus, clubs, and other similar activities and organizations. All MSA campuses will operate and supervise extracurricular activities in compliance with the latest California Department of Public Health K-12 guidance and any other relevant state or county guidance on sports and extracurricular activities.
- MSA Los Angeles sports programs will observe all required elements of the most updated version of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's "COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance, Youth Recreational Sports Programs" and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's "Protocol for Organized Youth Sports: Appendix S" in addition to any future binding guidance applicable to K-12 youth sports programs.
  - Each Los Angeles campus's COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall fulfill the duties of the COVID-19 Organized Youth Sports Program Compliance Officer, as those duties are described in LACDPH's sports-related COVID-19 guidance.

- Each Los Angeles campus's COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall ensure that the required LACDPH youth sports exposure management protocols are followed in accordance with current guidance.
- Each Los Angeles campus's COVID-19 Compliance Officer shall ensure that all mandatory testing required by the LACDPH's youth sports guidance is conducted in accordance with current guidance.
- All MSA extracurricular programs will keep updated rosters of all participating students and staff to facilitate identification of close contacts.
- Students of MSA 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 will not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities starting October 31, 2021, unless they provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination through the Daily Pass system.
- Indoor mask use remains an effective layer in protecting against COVID-19 infection and transmission, including during sports, music, and related activities, especially activities with increased exertion and/or voice projection, or prolonged close face-face contact. Accordingly:
  - Masks are strongly recommended indoors at all times for teachers, referees, officials, coaches, and other support staff.
  - Masks are strongly recommended indoors for all spectators and observers.
  - Masks are strongly recommended indoors at all times when participants are not actively practicing, conditioning, competing, or performing. Masks are also strongly recommended indoors while on the sidelines, in team meetings, and within locker rooms and weight rooms.
  - When actively practicing, conditioning, performing, or competing indoors, masks are strongly recommended by participants even during heavy exertion, as practicable. Individuals using instruments indoors that cannot be played with a mask (e.g., wind instruments) are strongly recommended to use bell coverings and maintain a minimum of 3 feet of physical distancing between participants. If masks are not worn (or bell covers are not used) due to heavy exertion, it is strongly recommended that individuals undergo screening testing at least once weekly, unless they had COVID-19 in the past 90 days. An FDA-authorized antigen test, PCR test, or pooled PCR test is acceptable for evaluation of an individual's COVID-19 status.

**11. Use of Face Coverings:** The Charter School will follow CDPH, CDE and CDC guidance and state and local health orders on the use of face coverings. All staff are encouraged to review the

CDPH and CDC guidance on cloth face coverings; face coverings must be used in accordance with CDPH Guidance and this Policy unless a person is subject to exemption.

- All MSA students are strongly recommended but no longer required to wear a face mask when indoors at any Charter School Campus building, bus, or other enclosed space. Individuals must still wear masks when entering a Nurse's office, COVID-19 testing site, symptom and wellness check area, isolation or quarantine area, or other medically sensitive area.
- No person at any MSA campus can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into the school site unless wearing a mask would pose a safety hazard.
- Charter School employees at the Home Office—which is not a school site—are permitted to forego indoor masking so long as the Charter School performs all verifications required under Section 4(c) of the current LACDPH Order of the Health Officer (2/23/2022).
- Face masks—to the extent they are required—are required without regard to vaccination status.
- Face masks and face shields, if required, may be removed for meals, snacks, naptime, showers, or outdoor recreation, or when needing to be replaced. When any type of face covering is temporarily removed, it should be placed in a clean paper bag (marked with the student's name and date) until it needs to be put on again.
- The Charter School will provide face coverings for students and staff who lose their face coverings or forget to bring them to school.
- Employees should wear a clean face mask to work every day if still required to wear one.
- Employees are expected to teach and reinforce proper use of face coverings, and in limited circumstances, face shields.
- The Charter School will post signs regarding the need for, proper use, removal, and washing of face coverings and shall educate students, particularly younger elementary school students, on the rationale and proper use of face coverings.
- When pedagogically necessary, Teachers still subject to an indoor face mask requirement may use clear plastic face shields with an appropriate seal (cloth covering extending from the bottom edge of the shield and tucked into the shirt collar) or transparent masks in certain limited situations in the classroom to enable students to see their faces and avoid potential barriers to phonological instruction as long as the wearer maintains physical distance from others to the extent practicable. Staff must return to wearing their normal surgical-grade face covering at all other times, unless otherwise exempted.
- The Charter School will evaluate any employee's request for accommodation from the Charter School's facial covering policy/requirement pursuant to the MPS Employee

Handbook and applicable law for all lawfully recognized accommodations. Employees requesting an accommodation from the facial covering policy/requirement must provide appropriate documentation and contact human resources.

- Per Los Angeles County Department of Health Guidance, employees based in Los Angeles County who are granted exemptions from wearing a mask while indoors must undergo COVID-19 testing at least twice per week, unless the employee provides proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 and proof of receipt of any vaccine booster to which the employee is eligible.
- Accommodations for students:
  - Pursuant to CDPH Guidance on the use of face masks, individuals with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask are to be accommodated with an exemption from mask wearing. This includes those who are hearing impaired as well as those who communicate with the hearing impaired.
  - If a student cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability, he or she should wear the next most effective alternative that can be tolerated, such as a transparent face shield with a cloth draping sealing the bottom.
  - Parents/guardians who believe their student may need an accommodation from the Charter School's facial covering policy and requirement should contact the Charter School principal.
  - Upon receipt of appropriate documentation, the Charter School will evaluate requests for accommodation and determine what, if any accommodations the Charter School can provide.
  - Assessment of whether a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability warrants a mask accommodation is a medical determination that must be made by a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant. Self-attestation and parental attestation for mask exemptions due to the aforementioned conditions do not constitute medical determinations.
  - Students exempted from wearing a mask or face shield, where they are still required, are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and to receive boosters when eligible and to be tested for COVID-19 at least twice a week. If a student is exempt from wearing any type of face covering and is not vaccinated, the Charter School shall implement physical distancing and other isolation measures to the greatest degree feasible.

**12. Use of Gloves and Personal Protective Equipment:** The Charter School is no longer required by emergency public health orders to require the use of gloves and personal protective equipment. Any employee or student who wishes to wear gloves and/or personal protective equipment beyond the required facial coverings may do so, provided that they dispose of them safely and appropriately and do not wear gloves or personal protective equipment of a type or in a manner that interferes with their ability to perform their duties. Upon request, the Charter School will provide gloves, a face mask, protective gown, and a medical grade mask to any employee dealing with sick children, performing cleaning or disinfection, providing instruction to any students with a face mask exemption, or where there is an otherwise heightened likelihood of contact with respiratory secretions or other bodily fluid.

**13. Support for Students at Increased Risk of Becoming Infected or Unrecognized Illness.** Pursuant to state and local health guidance, the Charter School has developed the following measures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 to vulnerable student groups:

- The Home Office COVID-19 Response Team or designee will review student health plans, including 504 Plans, to identify students who may need additional accommodations to minimize potential exposure.
- The Home Office COVID-19 Response Team or designee will develop a process for engaging families for potentially unknown concerns that may need to be accommodated.
- The Charter School will identify additional preparations for classroom and non-classroom environments as needed to ensure the safety of students at increased risk of becoming infected or having unrecognized illness. Persons who might be at increased risk of becoming infected or having unrecognized illness include the following:
  - Individuals who have limited mobility or require prolonged and close contact with others, such as direct support providers and family members;
  - Individuals who have trouble understanding information or practicing preventive measures, such as hand washing and physical distancing; and
  - Individuals who may not be able to communicate symptoms of illness.
- The Charter School is prepared for opening to provide Free Access to Public Education (“FAPE”) in the least restrictive environment (“LRE”) for each student. All students with disabilities will receive services according to their IEP. In accordance with IDEA, it is critical to reinforce the understanding that students receiving special education services, or 504 accommodations are general education students first. Balancing the educational needs with the health and well-being of students and staff is our top priority.
- Every child and adolescent with a disability is entitled to FAPE and is entitled to special education services based on their individualized education program (IEP). The Charter School

continuously review and problem solve to balance safety and service needs. In order to provide the required level of safety, systems, processes and service delivery models have been reviewed. Adherence to social distancing guidelines will be followed as feasible except for instances when the services outlined in a specific IEP call for closer proximity. This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. For example, additional provision of PPE supplies to staff (gloves, gowns, face shields and Plexiglas dividers) who are required to deliver hand-over-hand instruction or hygiene service needs for students.

- Evaluations and Timelines:
  - All IDEA/ADA compliance timelines will be followed on schedule and in accordance with IDEA/ADA regulations. IEP Team meetings and 504 meetings that were missed due to the March school facility closures will be rescheduled and conducted as soon as possible, if not already conducted. All IEP team meetings and 504 meetings will be conducted virtually until the use of school facilities return to normal operations.
- Services:
  - The IDEA allows for flexibility in determining how to meet the individualized needs of students receiving special education services. State guidelines for the delivery of special education and related services will be implemented while protecting the health and safety of students as well as the individuals providing the services.
  - If a student is unable to access their education in person due to medical or other circumstances, including the inability to wear a face covering, alternative means of delivering these services will be provided.
  - The Charter School will provide appropriate protective equipment relative to the responsibilities of all Support Service Staff and disability needs.
  - All Staff and students will receive training on the appropriate use of PPE and healthy hygiene practices that are proven to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- The Charter School will identify additional preparations for classroom and non-classroom environments as needed to ensure the safety of students at increased risk of becoming infected or having unrecognized illness. Persons who might be at increased risk of becoming infected or having unrecognized illness include the following:
  - Individuals who have limited mobility or require prolonged and close contact with others, such as direct support providers and family members;
  - Individuals who have trouble understanding information or practicing preventive measures, such as hand washing and physical distancing; and
  - Individuals who may not be able to communicate symptoms of illness.

**14. COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Employees.** The Charter School has adopted the following COVID-19 employee vaccination policy (“Employee Vaccination Policy”). The purpose of this Employee Vaccination Policy is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all Charter School employees, students, families, and stakeholders to the maximum extent possible, and to facilitate a safe and meaningful return to in-person instruction. The Charter School drafted this policy in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, including guidance from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (“EEOC”), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”), and local health authorities.

- Pursuant to the California “State Public Health Officer Order of August 11, 2021,” (“Order”) all employees, volunteers, contractors, vendors or any other adult supporting Charter School functions on any MSA -1, 5, Santa Ana, and San Diego campuses must either provide the School with proof of COVID-19 vaccination status or test for COVID-19 at least once per week. For employees, this directive is a condition of both employment and continued employment.
- Pursuant to the LAUSD’s “COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for Employees and Other Adults Working at District Facilities” document issued August 13, 2021, all employees, contractors and other adults providing services at any MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 campuses must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 no later than October 15, 2021. This directive is a condition of both employment and continued employment.
- Pursuant to the LAUSD’s December 16, 2021 communication, the LAUSD employee vaccine mandate will apply to all LAUSD authorized sites which includes MSA-7.
- **Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination:**
  - Consistent with applicable law, the Charter School will only accept the following forms of proof of COVID-19 vaccination:
    - COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control & Prevention or WHO Yellow Card) which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided and date last dose administered); OR
    - A photo of a Vaccination Record Card as a separate document; OR
    - A photo of the client's Vaccination Record Card stored on a phone or electronic device; OR
    - Documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider; OR
    - Digital record that includes a QR code that when scanned by a SMART Health Card reader displays to the reader client name, date of birth, vaccine dates and vaccine type; OR



- Documentation of vaccination from other contracted employers who follow these vaccination records guidelines and standards.
  - Any MPS employees, volunteers, contractors, vendors or any other adult supporting Charter School functions on any MPS campus who either fails to provide proof of COVID-19 or provides proof of vaccination that is not consistent with the above-referenced acceptable forms of proof will be deemed unvaccinated.
  - Employees may their submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination to the MPS Human Resources Department.
  - The Charter School will securely maintain the confidentiality of employee COVID-19 vaccination data in strict compliance with all applicable legal authority.
- **COVID-19 Employee Testing:**
  - Pursuant to the Order, all MPS employees, volunteers, contractors, vendors or any other adult supporting Charter School functions on any MSA-1, 5, 7, Santa Ana, and San Diego campuses who are either unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated must undergo COVID-19 testing (PCR only) at least once per week.
  - Previous history of COVID-19 from which the individual recovered more than ninety (90) days earlier, or a previous positive antibody test for COVID-19, do not waive this requirement for testing.
  - As outlined above, all employees at any MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 campuses must test for COVID-19 at least once per week, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, as directed by the LAUSD.
- **Accommodations:** Employees may request an accommodation from COVID-19 vaccinations and/or COVID-19 testing due to a medical issue or sincerely held religious belief, practice or observance that may prevent an employee from vaccinating or testing for COVID-19. Upon receiving a request for accommodation from COVID-19 testing and/or vaccinations, the Charter School will engage in the interactive process and determine what, if any accommodations can be provided. However, the Charter School may not be required to provide an employee with an accommodation, should it result in a direct threat to health and safety at the School or to the employee or if the accommodation will cause an undue hardship for the School, among other reasons.
- **Compliance Period:**
  - Employees at the MSA -1, 5, Santa Ana, and San Diego campuses must submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination to the Charter School before October 15, 2021. Such employees who fail to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination before this date will be deemed unvaccinated and must be required to test for COVID-19 at least once per week. On or after October 15, 2021, employees to fail to test for COVID-19 will be

deemed in non-compliance with this policy, absent an approved, legally recognized accommodation from such testing.

- Employees at MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 campuses must submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination to the Charter School before October 15, 2021. Such employees who fail to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination before this date will be deemed in non-compliance with this policy, absent an approved, legally recognized accommodation from such testing.
- Employees at MSA-7 must submit proof of vaccination to the Charter School at a time to be determined by the LAUSD.
- **Non-Compliance:**
  - Any employee deemed to be in non-compliance with this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination from at-will employment.
  - The Charter School reserves the right to refuse entry to campus to any volunteer, vendor, contractor other adult supporting Charter School functions, should they fail to comply with the proof of vaccination and testing directives as stated in this Policy.
- All employees who have not yet vaccinated should do so outside of working hours. Employees who demonstrate they are unable to get vaccinated outside working hours may use either COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave or accrued sick leave for time spent attending a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. In such cases, employees must consult with their supervisors regarding the best time to be excused to receive the vaccine and are responsible for arranging coverage during their absence to get vaccinated, if applicable.
- Employees who experience symptoms related to a COVID-19 vaccine that prevent the employee from being able to work or telework may be entitled to COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave, if available and upon request.
- The Charter School will not discriminate, harass, or retaliate against any employee for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine or for electing not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. However, the School reserves the right to appropriately discipline an employee for non-compliance with this policy, consistent with applicable law.
- As public health and legal guidance regarding COVID-19 vaccinations evolves, the Charter School reserves the right to revise this Employee Vaccination Policy. Upon any revision to this Employee Vaccination Policy, the Charter School will provide immediate notice in writing to all employees.
- Employee with any questions regarding the Charter School's Employee Vaccination Policy may contact Human Resources Department at [hr@magnoliapublicschools.org](mailto:hr@magnoliapublicschools.org).

**15. COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Students.** The Charter School has adopted the following COVID-19 student vaccination policy (“Student Vaccination Policy”). The purpose of this Student Vaccination Policy is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all Charter School employees, students, families, and stakeholders to the maximum extent possible, and to facilitate a safe and meaningful return to in-person instruction. The Charter School drafted this policy in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, including guidance from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (“EEOC”), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”), and local health authorities.

- Pursuant to the directive of the Los Angeles Unified School District, all students of MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 who are eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccination must be vaccinated against COVID-19 by the first day of the 2022-2023 school year, unless medically exempted, or they will not be permitted on campus. At this time, the Student Vaccination Policy applies only to students at MSA-2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8.
- **Proof of Vaccination.**
  - Vaccination status can only be proven by one of the following methods acknowledged by the California Department of Public Health:
    - COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or WHO Yellow Card) which includes the name of the person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided and date last dose administered; OR
    - A photo of a Vaccination Record Card as a separate document; OR
    - A photo of the client’s Vaccination Record Card stored on a phone or electronic device; OR
    - Documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider; OR
    - Digital record that includes a QR code that when scanned by a SMART Health Card reader display to the reader client name, date of birth, vaccine dates and vaccine type.
- **Parental Consent.**
  - Parent/guardian consent is required for vaccination of students 12-17 years of age.
  - A student consent form is available at the Daily Pass Portal at <https://DailyPass.lausd.net> and is included to be filled out as part of the process of making an appointment to receive COVID-19 vaccination from the Los Angeles Unified School District.
  - Parents/guardians may be present at, but will not be required to attend, their child’s appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccination from the Los Angeles Unified School District.

- **Compliance Requirements.**

- To provide proof of vaccination, parents/guardians must upload adequate documentary proof of vaccination to the Daily Pass system and ensure that the information appears in the “Vaccinations” tab of their student’s Daily Pass. Students vaccinated by the Los Angeles Unified School District do not need to submit their vaccination record, as it will be automatically updated following receipt of the vaccine.
- At this time, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is the only vaccine approved for individuals aged 12 to 17. Students who are 18 or older may also use the Johnson & Johnson or Moderna vaccine to satisfy the vaccination requirement.
- To meet the deadlines imposed by the Los Angeles Unified School District for student vaccination, students aged 12+ should receive their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine no later than 5 weeks prior, and second shot no later than two weeks prior, to the vaccination requirement deadline. To meet the vaccination deadline, students aged 18+ should receive the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine no later than two weeks prior to the vaccination deadline. And, to meet the deadline using the Moderna vaccine, students should receive their first shot no later than 6 weeks prior to their deadline with their second shot coming no later than two weeks prior to the vaccination requirement deadline.
- Students of MSA 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 who are 12 and older will not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities starting October 31, 2021, unless they provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination through the Daily Pass system.

- **Exemptions and Conditional Admissions.**

- Parents/guardians may apply for exemptions from the COVID-19 vaccine requirements only for medical reasons. The medical exemption process must be followed with the completion of the *Student Medical Exemption to the COVID-19 Vaccine* form and its submission via the Daily Pass portal.
  - Students who are not in compliance by the deadline may be conditionally admitted if they are in one of the following groups: 1) foster youth, 2) experiencing homelessness, 3) migrant, 4) military family, or 5) has an IEP.
  - There are no religious or personal belief exemptions to the Student Vaccination Policy. Because this Student Vaccination Policy is implemented at the directive of the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Charter School cannot grant exemptions outside of those granted through the District’s Daily Pass process.
- MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 students who fail to comply with the Student Vaccination Policy by the first day of Fall Semester 2022, will be excluded from physically entering campus.

- MSA 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 students will still be required to comply with all COVID-19 testing frequencies mandated by the Los Angeles Unified School District without regard to vaccination status.

**16. Communications to the Charter School Community:** The Charter School will keep families, staff, and the community informed, engaged, and in touch as the new school year begins, by implementing the following communications measures:

- The Charter School will engage with families and staff to develop strategies to prepare and respond to the COVID-19 emergency, including guidelines for families about when to keep students home from school and other topics.
- Communications will include a process for engaging families for potentially unknown concerns that may need to be accommodated.
- Prior to the start of the school year, the Charter School will communicate to staff, students, and parents about new, COVID-19-related protocols, including:
  - Proper use, removal and washing of face coverings.
  - Screening practice.
  - How COVID-19 is spread.
  - COVID-19 specific symptom identification.
  - Preventing the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick, including the importance of not coming to work if staff members have symptoms, or if they or someone they live with has been diagnosed with COVID-19, including pertinent isolation and quarantine policies.
  - Local community testing sites and options for obtaining COVID-19 testing from private medical providers, including any testing arranged by the Charter School.
  - Guidelines for employees regarding COVID-19 specific symptom identification and when to seek medical attention.
  - Guidelines for families about when to keep students home from school.
  - Systems for self-reporting symptoms.
  - Criteria and plan to close schools again for physical attendance of students.
  - Changes in Charter School extracurricular, academic, and meal programs to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
  - Contact information at the Charter School for students who may have been exposed to COVID-19.
  - Charter School contact information if a student has COVID-19 symptoms or may have been exposed to COVID-19.
- The Charter School will provide information to parents and guardians regarding this Policy

and related guidance, along with the safety measures that will be in place in indoor and outdoor settings with which parents and guardians must comply.

- This Policy will be posted at all public entrances to the Charter School campus.
- The Charter School will develop a communications plan for implementation if the school has a positive COVID-19 case in accordance with CDPH and CDE guidelines.

The MPS CEO/Superintendent is authorized to implement changes or additions to this policy in order to ensure compliance or consistency with new or revised orders or guidance from local, county, state or federal authorities (“Agencies”), to take any and all actions consistent with orders and guidance from the Agencies that is not specifically addressed by this policy, and to ensure compliance with the Charter School’s charter petition. The MPS CEO/Superintendent shall provide the Board with regular updates as to actions taken pursuant to this section.

**Appendix**

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**Site Specific Planning Form**

This document has been included to align with the Los Angeles Unified School District’s (“LAUSD”)’s COVID-19 Containment, Response and Control Plan (“Containment Plan”). Pursuant to the LAUSD’s Containment Plan, the LAUSD is requiring all Los Angeles Unified schools complete this form, along with the pre-filled versions of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools: Appendices T1 and T2 documents.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Last Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Campus Density**

- Approximate Square Footage open: \_\_\_\_\_
- Maximum Student Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_
- Maximum Number of Staff with physical distancing: \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Number of Students Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_
- 25% of Total Number of Students Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_
- In-person class size is limited to: \_\_\_\_\_
- The **maximum** number of students & staff permitted on campus at any one time to ensure no more than 25% of total student body and to maximize physical distancing is:

<b>Specialized Services for defined subgroups of children (T1)</b>			
Enter the estimated total number of students that will return per grade (if none, enter 0)			
TK:	3:	5:	9:
K:	4:	6:	10:
1:	5:	7:	11:
2:	6:	8:	12:

Estimated total number of administrators, teachers, and other employees on campus supporting resumption of all permitted in-person services for students: _____
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Services

The [Grab & Go Food Center](#) located closest to this school is at:

- School Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address \_\_\_\_\_

The [COVID-19 Test Center](#) located closest to this school is at:

- School Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School COVID-19 Compliance Task Force

Name	Job Title	Role
	(Principal)	Leader
		COVID-19 Compliance Officer
	(School Administrative Assistant)	Attendance Monitor
	(Plant Manager)	Cleaning/Disinfecting Operations
	(School Nurse)	Exposure Management Advisor
		Health Office Manager
		Data Collection Manager

**Health Office Set-up and Staff**

Type of Health Office	Indoor vs. Outdoor	Location	Staff Person(s)	Alternate	Runner
General Health Office (Non-COVID)					
Isolation Area (Recommended Outdoors)					
Quarantine Area					



School Communications

The following information was sent to parents/students prior to the start of in-person services: (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Isolation and quarantine policies as they apply to students who have symptoms or may have been exposed	<input type="checkbox"/> Options for COVID-19 testing if the student or a family member has symptoms or exposure to COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/> Changes in school meals to avert risk	<input type="checkbox"/> Required use of face coverings
<input type="checkbox"/> How to conduct a symptom check before students leave home for school	<input type="checkbox"/> Changes in academic and extracurricular programs to avert risk
<input type="checkbox"/> Importance of student compliance with physical distancing and infection control policies	<input type="checkbox"/> Who to contact at the school if students have symptoms or may have been exposed
<input type="checkbox"/> School policies concerning parent visits to school and advisability of contact the school remotely	<input type="checkbox"/> Importance of providing up-to-date emergency contact information, including multiple parent contact options