



COVID-19 Testing Policy

Prioritizing Safety of Staff & Students

The Feather River Charter School (“Charter School”) adopts this COVID-19 Testing Policy (“Policy”) in accordance with the California Department of Public Health Order “Vaccine Verification for Workers in Schools” issued on August 11, 2021 (“Order”). The Order **requires** all schools to:

- Verify vaccine status of all workers; and
- Conduct diagnostic screening testing for workers who are not fully vaccinated starting October 15, 2021.

Consistent with the Order, and for purposes of this Policy, “workers” are paid or unpaid adults who physically interact with Charter School students or staff in furtherance of Charter School functions (e.g., teachers who meet with students, staff interacting in administrative offices, etc.). Fully vaccinated workers do not have to undergo COVID-19 diagnostic screening testing.

Vaccination Status Survey:

- Charter School will survey all workers asking if they are fully vaccinated.
- An individual is considered “fully vaccinated” two weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna or vaccine authorized by the World Health Organization), or two weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen).

Access to COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Charter School is not requiring workers to become vaccinated. If you are interested in more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, locations of walk-in clinics, and opportunities to book an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit <https://myturn.ca.gov/> website.

Acceptable Evidence of Full Vaccination:

- A worker must provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to Charter School in order to be considered fully vaccinated. Per the Order, Charter School can accept one of the following as acceptable evidence of full 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 individual'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 CDPH vaccination records guidelines and standards.
- Workers can submit evidence of full vaccination through the secure jot form survey.
 - When providing proof of vaccination, workers must not provide any other medical or genetic information to Charter School, including but not limited to underlying conditions or a diagnosis of a medical condition.

COVID-19 Diagnostic Screening Testing for Workers Who Are Not Fully Vaccinated :

- Consistent with the Order, and for purposes of this Policy, workers who are not fully vaccinated must undergo diagnostic screening testing for the weeks they physically interact with Charter School students or staff. For workers who physically interact with Charter School students or staff less frequently than once per week, they must undergo diagnostic screening testing no greater than one week in advance to obtain a test result before the interaction (preferably within 72 hours) or during the week of the interaction.
- This testing will be provided at no cost using a PCR or antigen test that has Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or is operating per the Laboratory Developed Test requirements by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Charter School will share information with workers regarding the specifics of testing administration.
- Fully remote employees or volunteers are not required to undergo diagnostic screening testing.
- Unvaccinated employees are not exempted from the testing requirement even if they have a medical contraindication to vaccination.



- Previous history of COVID-19 from which the individual recovered more than 90 days earlier, or a previous positive antibody test for COVID-19, does not waive this requirement.
- Consistent with the Order, if you have a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 within the last 90 days and recovered, Charter School may not require you to conduct diagnostic screening testing for the 90-day period after the diagnosis. Please contact the Human Resources Department if you are interested in seeking this limited exemption.
- 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.
- Charter School will establish a method for tracking weekly diagnostic testing results and will report any positive results to local public health departments.
- Employees with any questions regarding the Charter School’s Testing Policy may contact the Human Resources Department.

Enforcement:

- Workers who do not comply with this Policy or who are not otherwise eligible for a reasonable accommodation to the testing requirement consistent with applicable law and this Policy may, depending on their position, be placed on unpaid/inactive status until compliance.
- If a worker believes they may be entitled to an accommodation consistent with applicable law and this Policy, they can contact the HR department (shell.ninke@sequoiagrove.org). If requested, Charter School will engage in an interactive process with that individual, and work to identify any possible accommodations as appropriate (e.g., unpaid leave of absence). Charter School may not provide an accommodation should it result in a direct threat to health and safety of others or to the individual, and/or if the accommodation will cause an undue hardship for Charter School.
- Charter School may modify enforcement options based on the specific circumstances.

Future Revisions:

- 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.



- As public health and legal guidance regarding COVID-19 testing at schools evolves, Charter School administrative staff may revise this Policy accordingly. Upon any revision to this Policy, Charter School will provide notice in writing to workers. This Policy shall be implemented in a manner that is consistent with current federal, state, and local law.