

# BSFCS COVID Precautions 21-22

## Limiting Transmission

- Staff and students will be advised to stay home if they are not feeling well, and/or exhibit [symptoms of COVID-19](#)
- All staff are vaccinated
- Staff and students exhibiting [symptoms of COVID-19](#) will be masked immediately and sent home from the front office until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation
- Staff members and students with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, AND symptomatic staff members and students who are not tested, AND staff members and students with a negative test for COVID-19 but high degree of suspicion for COVID-19 (i.e., symptomatic and history of household contact with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19) will be directed not to return until they have met CDC criteria for release from isolation, including 24 hours with no fever without taking fever-reducing medications, symptoms have improved, and at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.
- Staff members and students with a negative test for COVID-19 and low degree of suspicion for COVID-19 may return to school once symptoms have resolved and afebrile x 24 hours without fever-reducing medications.
- School communication with SLOPHD, staff, and families for positive COVID-19 cases while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with FERPA and state privacy laws related to educational records
- Daily self screening for staff
- Daily family screening for students prior to arrival on site
- Staff and students will be monitored throughout the day for signs of COVID-19 symptoms
- Classroom volunteers will be vaccinated or lab tested for COVID 19 on a weekly basis

## Face Coverings

- Face coverings are required of all staff, parents, students, and visitors while indoors in accordance with [SLOPHD Guidelines](#), unless a person is exempt as explained in the guidelines.
  - The school will teach and reinforce use of [face coverings](#). Cloth face coverings should be laundered daily or and changed if wet or visibly soiled. Review the [CDC guidance on the use and care of cloth face coverings](#).
  - Students and staff will be frequently reminded not to touch the face covering and to wash their hands frequently.

- The school will provide disposable face coverings if a student, staff member, or visitor forgets to bring one.

## Exemptions

- People are exempted from the requirement if they are under age 2, have a medical or mental health condition or disability that would impede them from properly wearing or handling a face covering, those with a communication disability, or when it would inhibit communication with a person who is hearing impaired. Those with communication disabilities or caregivers of those with communication disabilities can consider wearing a clear mask or cloth mask with a clear panel when appropriate.
- Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, as confirmed by school district health team and therapists, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

## Family Responsibility for Providing Face Coverings

Students, staff, and community members are required to wear face coverings while indoors in accordance with CDPH Guidelines. Parents and guardians should provide face coverings for their own student and a sufficient supply of clean or unused face coverings for their child each day to replace coverings as needed. Have a plan for routine cleaning of cloth face coverings. The number of cloth face coverings needed for each student will vary by student and by day. If a student does not have an adequate supply of face coverings, the school will provide a face covering. The school may inform the parent that additional face coverings are needed. Should there be a need, BSFCS will provide face coverings.

Parents or guardians should be sure the face coverings are:

- ✓ Clearly marked with the child's name;
- ✓ Clearly marked and/or designed to distinguish which side of the covering should be worn facing outwards for proper wear.

NOTE: If a parent supplies surgical face masks rather than cloth face coverings, the surgical face masks may also be used according to the guidance above.

## Hygiene

- Hand sanitizer with at least 60% ethyl alcohol will be used at entry points to buildings/classrooms

# Ventilation

- Ventilation systems are maintained and operate properly. MERV 13 Filters will be evaluated every three months and cleaned or replaced as necessary.
- Medical Grade Filtration H13 True HEPA air purifiers are used in each classroom.

# Prevention

- [Practice hygiene in accordance with health and safety guidelines:](#)
  - Frequent wash hands for twenty seconds (especially after using a restroom; prior to eating; after sneezing, coughing, or blowing nose)
  - Use hand sanitizer if soap and water is not an option
- Avoid touching face
- Practice respiratory etiquette: sneeze into a tissue or your inside elbow; cover your cough
- Use a self-provided or school-provided face covering
- Perform family home wellness screening for symptoms of COVID 19 prior to coming to school

# Routine Cleaning and Disinfecting

“Cleaning” involves water and soap or a detergent, does not use disinfecting agents, and significantly decreases germs on surfaces and decreases infectious risks. “Disinfection” kills germs on surfaces using specific agents (see below for those approved for use). If a case has been identified, the spaces where the case spent a large proportion of their time (i.e., classroom, or administrator’s office if an administrator) will be disinfected. Frequent disinfection can pose a health risk to children and students due to the strong chemicals often used and so is not recommended in the school setting unless a case has been identified. Frequently touched surfaces and objects will be cleaned at least daily (or more, depending on use patterns) such as:

- Face shield
- Door knobs and handles
- Classroom desks and chairs
- Lunch tables and benches
- Countertops
- Light switches
- Shared toys
- Shared remote controls
- Shared telephones
- Shared desktops
- Shared computer keyboards and mice
- Sink faucets

## Screening for COVID-19

Note a symptom only if it has changed from usual or baseline health.

- 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

## Absence Protocol

Call the school at (805)595-7169 or email Lisa Dostal ([ldostal@bsfcs.org](mailto:ldostal@bsfcs.org)) at the front office to report a student absence. Seek medical attention and medical information from your healthcare provider. Students with symptoms of illness will need to be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and show significant improvement of symptoms **prior** to returning to campus.

Symptomatic students without a negative test result (or Dr. Note) or who test positive for COVID 19 must meet the home isolation criteria, wait 10 days since first symptoms, be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and show significant improvement of symptoms **prior** to returning to campus.