

Pacific Academy, Encinitas
K-12 School Reopening Plans 2021-22

Pacific Academy is a small school with approximately 100 students in grades K-12, with about 40 students in grades K-5 and 60 students in grades 6-12. In the 2021-22 school year, there are about 17 full-time and part-time teachers, administrators, and staff who will be on-site.

School for K-5 is from 8:00 AM-2:30 PM on Monday - Thursday and from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm on Fridays. The half-day is to allow for faculty and staff in-services.

School for grades 6-12 is from 8:15 AM - 3:30 PM Monday - Thursday, and on Fridays from 8:15 AM - 12:45 PM. The half-day is to allow for faculty and staff in-services

Healthy Hygiene Practices

Grades K-5

With our small class size, healthy and hygienic practices can be enforced with established routines and practice.

- Teachers and staff have established a hand-washing routine. Students wash their hands after entering the classroom, before and after each break time and lunchtime, after sneezing or coughing, and before and after using the restroom.
- There are sinks located outside of each classroom.
- Hand-washing should last 20 seconds with soap, rinse with water thoroughly, then dry with paper towels.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are located in all classrooms, common rooms, and at each wash station.
- Each classroom has at least one hand sanitizer bottle and a container of Clorox disinfecting wipes.
- Hand sanitizers are at least 60% ethyl alcohol-based. Staff is responsible for checking and stocking hand-sanitizer in each classroom weekly.

Grades 6-12

With our small class size, healthy and hygienic practices can be enforced with established routines and practice.

- Hand washing is prioritized. Additional signage has been posted to remind all school members. Students and staff are reminded to wash hands before and after each break time and lunchtime, after sneezing or coughing, and before and after using the restroom.
- Hand-washing should last 20 seconds with soap, rinse with water thoroughly, then dry with paper towels.
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Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols

Regular Cleaning

- Pacific Academy has contracted Unlimited Services in order to disinfect and clean our school Monday through Saturday.
 - Disinfect and stock restrooms
 - Disinfect common touch areas (handrails, door handles, light switches)
 - Empty indoor and outdoor trash
 - Disinfect classroom desks when not in use
 - Disinfect computer lab workstations
 - Disinfect teacher's lounge
 - Clean outside tables
 - Clean and stock outdoor sink areas for handwashing
 - Clean classrooms, offices, and computer lab as available
 - Take out cardboard recycling
 - Maintain a neat and orderly janitorial supply closet

- Assist administration with requests as necessary
- Disinfect all touchpoints, ex. light switches, door handles, and door pushes handrails.
- K-5 faculty keep gloves and disinfecting wipes or sprays in a secured location inside each K-5 classroom.
- Grade 6-12 students and teachers have access to Clorox wipes to clean their desk space before the start of each class.
- Wipes, sprays, and cleaning products used by faculty, staff, cleaning crews are on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved list N cleaning products against COVID-19.
- In the event of a positive COVID-19 case on campus, Unlimited Services will conduct a thorough environmental cleaning, including the use of a disinfectant agent, PH7Q, to be sprayed on desks, chairs, and surface areas.

Sharing of Equipment/Material

- Faculty and staff are trained to avoid sharing materials as much as possible.
- Technology devices and art supplies are not shared.

Lunch and Snack Time Protocol

- Grades K-5 students may bring their own lunch.
- Grades 6-12 students may bring their own lunch.
- All students eat lunch at the outdoor tables.
- In the case of inclement weather, students may eat lunch in classrooms with a limit of 12 students per classroom.
- Staff and students may wipe down their desks with Clorox wipes before and after lunch.
- There is no sharing of food in school.
- Club food sales must be approved and will be conducted outside when approved.
- Food should not be eaten during class.
- Drinks are allowed in classrooms for grades 6 - 12 students.
- Faculty and staff are encouraged to eat outside when possible.
- Faculty and staff should respect others, including cleaning up, wiping down the table, wiping down the microwave, and using other good hygiene practices.

Social Distancing Guidelines

Physical Distancing and Barriers

- Per CDPH, in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distance requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are implemented.
- Each class has approximately 12 students.

Cohorting

- K-12 students are in cohorts with assigned seats for each class.

Traffic Routines

- Hallways are monitored in order to reduce congestion.
- Parents and guardians should not enter the building to drop off or pick up students and are encouraged to utilize our morning dropoff and afternoon pickup procedures.

Face Coverings and Physical Protective Gear

- The mask mandate was scheduled to be lifted on **3/11/2022 at 11:59 PM**.
- As of **3/12/2022**, which is a Saturday, students, parents, & staff will have the option to wear a mask while being in or outdoors. This policy update will be in effect for PAE on **Monday, 3/14/2022**.
- Masks are already optional outdoors while on campus and have been since **8/26/2021**.
- The State of California's most recent mask mandate update does not change any of the remaining COVID protocols that we as a school must adhere to (i.e., COVID quarantine times, contact tracing, & COVID testing procedures).
- Lifting mask requirements on **3/12/2022** does not lift our current symptoms check procedures/requirements, testing procedures/requirements, or our quarantine times (based on the current decision tree).
- Lifting the mask requirements is not connected to the vaccination status of students or staff.
- In the event that PAE has a COVID case onsite, students, staff, & parents will be required to wear a mask while indoors until all COVID contact tracing can be administered and confirmed by PAE.
- You can choose to have your child remain off campus while the school completes our contact tracing map. This choice will not negatively impact your student's grades.
- There are spare masks for faculty, staff, students, and visitors in case needed. They are stocked, in our storage, at the front desk, and at the administrative office.

Air Purifiers

- All rooms have access to air purifier units.
- The air purifiers should not be in a corner or under anything. More open space around it is preferable. However, it also has to be out the way so no one walks into it or trips on an electrical cord.
- Please TURN OFF the air purifiers at the end of the day.
- Please do not move air purifiers to another room.
- If you notice a problem (one of the indicators lights on, noise issues, etc.), please email Mr. Gonzalez (Principal) and/or the Administrative Assistants, Mrs. Lee & Mrs. Lentz.
- In general, keeping outdoor doors closed is recommended for how air purifiers work, HOWEVER, that is not the recommendation for COVID-19 prevention. If the air quality is good and you have a door that opens to the outside, you may open the door.
- All Classrooms are aired out between classes and all classes have the ability to keep doors open during class in order to circulate air.

Visitors Protocol

Scheduled visitors are made aware of the visitor protocols. There is signage and a staff person in the main lobby entrance that reminds visitors about these procedures.

- Visitors to the campus should be limited and scheduled. Staff is still encouraged to meet with visitors remotely.
- All visitors, have their temperature checked and sign in, including a phone number or email address. (Anyone with a high temperature should not enter the school building.)
- Visitors are required to enter and leave via the main front office, not the individual classroom buildings.

Travel Policy

Domestic Travel

- Fully vaccinated domestic (out-of-state) travelers may come to campus immediately after traveling but should submit a negative test that is done 3-5 days after arrival.
 - No quarantine is required.
- Unvaccinated domestic travelers must quarantine for 5 days and have a negative test on days 3-5 before coming to campus.

International Travel: Here is the current policy for international travel from the CDC ([International Travel During COVID-19](#)):

- Before you arrive in the United States:
 - All air passengers coming to the United States, including U.S. citizens and fully vaccinated people, [are required](#) to have a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 3 days before travel or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months before they board a flight to the United States.
- After travel:
 - Get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after travel.
 - Fully vaccinated international travelers may come to campus with a negative test done 3-5 days after arrival.
 - Non-vaccinated travelers should quarantine for 5 days and have a negative test on days 3-5 before coming to campus.

Health Screenings for Students and Staff

Temperature Check

- Anyone entering the building, including faculty, staff, students, and visitors, is required to go through the Safe Space Scan 3S-07T temperature check station or have their temperature manually checked with a touchless thermometer when they enter the building.
- Per health department guidelines, anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees F or higher is not permitted to enter the building.
- Families are required to drop off students via the car line. Parents are encouraged not to walk to campus with their children.
- Families receive reminders on newsletters and emails to keep sick students at home.

Health Screening and Stay-Home Policy

- When a student expresses that they are unwell, looks sick, or has COVID-19 symptoms, they are sent to the front office and stay in a private room in building 207, separated from other school members.
- Office staff will contact the student's family or emergency contact and request the student to be picked up immediately.
- Students and staff are required to self-monitor and report the following symptoms: fever above 100.4 degrees F, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, or running nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.
- Students and staff with a fever above 100.4 degrees F are required to remain home until symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Sick staff members and students follow the SD County Covid-19 Staff Symptom Decision Tree and Student Symptom Decision Tree, respectively. (Student Decision Tree updated August 2021. Staff Decision Tree updated December 2020.)
- We encourage anyone who is unwell to stay home. When teachers need to stay home, sub lessons will be prepared and the classes will be covered by administrators and staff.
- If a family member or someone who lives with a student or faculty member becomes COVID-19 positive, please contact Mr. Gonzalez, or Mrs. Lee in his absence. We will follow the protocol on the Student Decision Tree and the Staff Decision Tree, respectively.

Vaccination Policy

- Pacific Academy encourages all eligible students (12 years old and up) and their family members to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- We will keep a confidential record of students' COVID-19 vaccination. Families should email a copy of their child's COVID-19 vaccination after they receive the final dose to Mr. Gonzalez or to Mrs. Lee.
- Overseas students may have received a vaccine recognized by the World Health Organization. The list of vaccines approved by the WHO can be found on this web page: <https://extranet.who.int/pqweb/vaccines/covid-19-vaccines>
- Faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to receive the vaccine. Faculty and staff who are not vaccinated should do a COVID-19 test each week.

Staff Training and Family Education

- Faculty and staff are trained on the reopening plans and protocols through online and/or in-person meetings and email notifications. Faculty and staff are provided with all reopening plan documents, procedures, and policies.
- Families are educated on the plan through email notifications and online meetings, including K-12 parent orientation and K-12 Back to School Night. Since we are small, we have frequent communication with our families.

Testing and Contact Tracing

Testing of Students and Staff

- Students and staff will follow testing guidelines as recommended by the CDC Covid-19 Staff Symptom Decision Tree and Student Symptom Decision Tree.
- In the event of symptoms or exposure on campus, students and staff may be tested for COVID-19.
- Testing options are provided and include:
 - See <https://coronavirus.egovoc.com/covid-19-testing>
 - Contacting one's health care provider.
 - Ordering a free home test kit. Here is information:
<https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing>

Contact Tracing and Communication Plans

- The designated contact person for COVID-19 is Mr. Mario Gonzalez, Principal of Pacific Academy, Encinitas. In the case of Mr. Gonzalez's absence, Mrs. May Lee will assist and guide all needed information to Mr. Gonzalez.
- Mr. Gonzalez is the person to notify when a school member is identified as COVID-19 positive.
- If a student or faculty staff member is COVID-19 positive on campus, the following steps are taken:
 - Pacific Academy will follow the most recently updated decision tree recommendations.
 - Notify SD County Health Department.

- Exclude from school for the amount of time recommended on the most current decision tree (up to 10 days from symptom onset date or, if asymptomatic for 10 days from specimen collection date).
- Identify school contacts, inform SD County Health of identified contacts, and exclude contacts as needed per the SD County Decision Tree
- Recommend testing asymptomatic contacts 5-7 days from last exposure and immediate testing of symptomatic contacts (negative test results will not shorten 10-day exclusion).
- Disinfection and cleaning of all classrooms and spaces.
- The individual's testing results are confidential information. Privacy is maintained in accordance with FERPA and HIPAA requirements.
- Mr. Gonzalez will do all contact tracing. In the case of his absence, Mrs. Lee will conduct all contact training, send all communications, and send all reports to local health officials. All procedures as outlined in the SD County "Investigation and Contact Tracing Guidelines for SD Schools" will be followed.
- In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, Mr. Gonzalez will notify local health officials, staff, and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Anyone who is exposed should monitor themselves for symptoms. In particular, a Community Notification is emailed by Mr. Gonzalez to the entire school community (students, parents/guardians, faculty, and staff) for any case of COVID-19.
 - A "risk of low exposure" notification is sent to all community members who were present on campus for any days of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case on campus.
 - Mr. Gonzalez will also inform those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19, and provide appropriate instructions.

Triggers for Switching to Remote Learning

Pacific Academy follows a more strict guideline than what is provided by the CDC or CDPH.

- If a student or faculty staff member is COVID-19 positive on campus, the following steps are taken:
 - Notify SD County Health Department.
 - Exclude from school for up to 10 days from symptom onset date or, if asymptomatic for 10 days from specimen collection date.
 - Identify school contacts, inform SD County Health Department of identified contacts, and exclude contacts as needed per the SD County Decision Tree.
 - In the instance of a campus exposure case, Pacific Academy will not transition to 10 days of remote learning. Rather, in accordance with CDPH guidance and to provide continuity of instruction, in-person classes will continue.
 - Community notification and contact tracing will still be done. Pacific Academy will follow the SD County Decision Tree for close contacts. In sum, the Decision Tree allows vaccinated contacts with no symptoms to remain in school, and for unvaccinated contacts with no symptoms to remain in school with modifications such as testing.
 - Pacific Academy will require free, on-campus antigen rapid testing of the affected program (grades K-5 or 6-12) one or two days, as feasible, after a positive campus exposure. FDA-approved testing will be mandatory to return to school.
 - If the number of positive cases warrants a transition to remote learning, we will implement our 10-day remote learning procedures. CDPH does not have a “specific case threshold at which the State recommends an immediate temporary closure of a classroom or school. Instead, the process should be guided by local epidemiology, with particular attention paid to concern for in-school transmission.”
- Disinfection and cleaning of all classrooms and other spaces.
- Our team of teachers and staff are trained to continue delivering course content virtually and are ready to make the transition smoothly.
- If a family member or someone who lives with a student or faculty member becomes COVID-19 positive, please contact Mr. Gonzalez, or Mrs. Lee in his absence. We will follow the protocol on the Student Decision Tree and the Staff Decision Tree, respectively.

Monitoring Efficacy and Implementation

The plan's monitoring and implementation will be overseen by Mario Gonzalez, Principal, and Teresa Tseng Human Resources Director. In addition, Mr. Gonzalez and Mrs. Tseng meet weekly with an Administrative team to review all protocols, plans, and recent developments.