



K-5 COVID-19 Safety Plan for 2021-22 School Year (updated 9/1/21)

Daily Health Screening

- All families are required to complete a daily health screening for their student(s) using ParentSquare. For those new to Black Pine Circle, you should have received an email with instructions to sign up for ParentSquare. [Click here for instructions](#) to complete the health screening.
- If your student is not cleared to attend school after completing the health screening, they must stay home and parents/guardians should reach out to their medical provider.
- Black Pine Circle will complete daily verifications of health screening results in the morning after attendance is taken (not at drop-off). If your child(ren) are on campus and the school does not have a completed health screening on file for the day, a staff member will reach out. Our COVID-19 health team will be tracking the data to determine trends and protocols for symptomatic students.

Mask Requirements

- **All students are required to wear a mask indoors and outdoors, except when eating or drinking.** Students should arrive in the morning with an appropriate 3-ply mask (no gators, no valves), as well as a back-up mask.
 - [Example of 3-ply cloth mask](#)
 - [Example of 3-ply disposable mask](#)
- Black Pine Circle will have disposable 3-ply masks available for students who need them.
- **All staff, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask indoors and outdoors when sharing spaces with students.**
- There will be no specific social distancing mandate, indoors or outdoors. Students will be distanced in the classroom as is feasible given the space.
 - *Per CDPH, "in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are implemented."*
- Classes will be assigned a specific bathroom to minimize multiple grade-levels occupying the same bathroom.

Meals

- Eating snacks and lunch will take place outside as weather permits.
- Students will be distanced to the extent possible while they are eating.

COVID-19 Testing Requirements

- **All unvaccinated students will need to participate in frequent surveillance COVID-19 testing to attend school.** Black Pine Circle will follow the CDPH guidelines regarding frequency, guided by Alameda County and Berkeley case rates. **Black Pine**

Circle will be administering pooled PCR tests in partnership with [Concentric by Gingko](#), with support from CDPH. These tests deliver results in 48-72 hours.

- BPC is prepared to do response testing in the event of a positive pool/result.
- Testing will occur every Tuesday during class from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Hand-washing, Cleaning, and Ventilation

- Students will continue to practice frequent hand-washing/sanitizing throughout the school day.
- Students can share materials so long as they wash hands and/or sanitize before and after using shared materials.
- Per CDPH guidance, Black Pine Circle will clean and sanitize classrooms, common spaces, and surfaces once daily.
- The school will continue to implement our ventilation and filtering procedures including HVAC/MERV-13 air filters, air purifiers, and opening windows and doors whenever possible to increase air flow.

Quarantine, Close Contacts, and Case Reporting

- Staff and students with COVID-19 symptoms (regardless of vaccination status) must not return to school until they meet the following criteria:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since the resolution of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, **and**
 - Other symptoms have improved, **and**
 - They have a negative COVID-19 test or a healthcare provider has provided documentation of an alternative diagnosis.
- **Quarantining: There are a number of changes to quarantine procedures for close contacts and vaccinated individuals. This guidance will focus on quarantine procedures for unvaccinated students as all of our K-5 students remain unvaccinated.**
 - Unvaccinated students: must quarantine after a close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual.
 - Quarantine scenario #1: when **both** individuals, the positive case and the close contact, were masked in a school setting supervised by staff when the exposure occurred, the close contact may continue to attend in-person instruction if they:
 - Are asymptomatic, **and**
 - Continue to appropriately mask, **and**
 - Undergo twice-weekly testing during the 10-day quarantine, **and**
 - Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.
 - Quarantine scenario #2: when one or both individuals, the positive case and the close contact, were **not** masked when the exposure occurred, the close contact may discontinue quarantine under the following conditions:
 - After day 7, if a COVID-19 test taken after day 5 of exposure is negative, or
 - After day 10 from the last date of exposure without a negative COVID-19 test.
 - To discontinue quarantine before 14 days following the last exposure, asymptomatic close contacts must:
 - Continue daily self monitoring for symptoms, **and**

- Follow all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., wearing a mask when around others, hand washing, avoiding crowds) through day 14 from last known exposure.
- Black Pine Circle is required to report positive COVID-19 cases to the Berkeley public health division.

These health and safety guidelines are subject to change throughout the year depending on updated guidance/mandates from state and local health authorities.