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 or 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.