



PANDEMIC POLICIES

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It is important to understand that we cannot eliminate the risk of COVID-19 infection in our community; our goal is to minimize the risk, and, if infection occurs, contain the infection, recover, and resume school as soon as it is safe to do so. Our commitment is to maintain in-person school as our general mode of operation.

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

In order to limit contact and exposure within our community, Peregrine School will not allow any non-staff/student to enter the campus while these policies are in place. This can include parents, siblings, non-essential third-party vendors, and more.

Symptom Screening

All staff and students will need to go through a screening process before entering campus. Staff will complete a self-screening questionnaire, while students will be screened by specially trained staff.

All adults and students over 2 years old (excluding El Nido students) are required to wear a face covering while waiting to be screened. An adult must stay with the student until the screening is completed, and should remain at least 6 feet away from others waiting to be screened.

This screening process consists of questions about potential exposure to COVID-19 and a check for symptoms of COVID-19, including temperature screening. If you need to drop off paperwork or tuition payments, please give it to the screening staff.

Please see [Appendix I](#) for the screening questions poster. Use it to talk to students about the screening process.

If anyone answers **YES** to being exposed to COVID-19, they cannot return to school until at least 2 weeks after the last date of exposure.

If someone answers **YES** to any of the following questions, they **CANNOT** be allowed on campus **without a doctor's note/alternative diagnosis**.

- had a cough?
- had a runny/congested nose?
- had shortness of breath?
- had a loss of smell or taste?
- had chills?
- had a sore throat?
- had any symptoms in the past 48 hrs? (fever, vomiting, etc.)

If someone answers **YES** to the following questions, they **CAN** enter campus, as long as they have answered no to the previous questions.

- had muscle pain?
- had a headache?
- had any Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Advil)?

If answered **YES** to any of these, we will recheck that person's temperature within **3 hours of entry onto campus**.

A fever is considered a temperature of **100.4°F or above**. Due to the possibility of equipment variation, the screening staff will flag any temperature above **99.3°F** and recheck the individual within 3 hours to ensure that there is no fever.

Individuals are considered to have been exposed to COVID-19 if they have had **close contact**, defined by the CDC as being within 6 feet for a cumulative 15 minutes in a 24-hour period, with either of the following:

- **Person with COVID-19 who has symptoms** (in the period from 2 days before symptom onset until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation; can be laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness)
- **Person who has tested positive for COVID-19** (laboratory confirmed) but has not had any symptoms (in the 2 days before the date of specimen collection until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation).

Sign-in & Sign-Out

Because parents will not be allowed on the school campus, all sign-ins and sign-outs will be recorded by staff. Extended Care hours (*academic year only*) will be calculated based on the times recorded by staff.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedure

Most of our classes will use separate entrances to prevent contact between student cohorts as much as possible. Students can be dropped off at their class's screening station, and will then be escorted through their classroom entrance (*see chart on next page*).

Each program has a designated drop-off and pick-up location. For all of our programs, the drop-off and pick-up location is the same.

Elementary, Pandas, and Primaria students will be sent out individually as their parents arrive. A staff member will be stationed at the pick-up location communicating with the classroom teachers via Walkie Talkie.

El Nido and Escuelita programs will have their students wait at the pick-up location at 2pm. Students will be released to their parents as they arrive one at a time. All students picked up after this time will be brought out individually.

All individuals waiting to pick-up a student must wear a face covering, and must keep a distance of at least 6 feet from others (*if not a part of the same household*). White lines have been painted at each pick-up location to indicate 6 foot distances.

West Site

Class	Screening	Classroom Entrance
El Nido	Front Gate	Front Gate
Escuelita	Back Gate	Back Gate
Primaria	Front Gate	Front Gate

South Site

Class	Screening	Classroom Entrance
Elem.	East Gate	Side Doors
El Nido	Front Doors	Front Lobby
Escuelita	Front Doors	Front Lobby
Primaria	Front Doors	West Gate
Pandas	Front Doors	Front Lobby

CLASS COHORTS & QUARANTINE GROUPS

Classes are being kept separate during the school day (referred to as ***class cohorts***) so that a group of students can be quarantined if someone in the cohort tests positive for COVID-19, without having to quarantine the rest of the school.

During before and after care, some cohort groups will be combined, which will be referred to as a ***quarantine group***. Class cohorts, and their respective quarantine groups, are listed below with the maximum number of students per group.

Classes will have one assigned indoor classroom per cohort, and cohorts will rotate between outdoor classroom locations (see [Appendix II](#) for a map of outdoor classrooms). Classes will be held outside as much as possible, weather permitting.

Quarantine groups will be separated at all recreational times. This is possible because our yard is very large- one acre- and is divided into definable parts. Students in each group are assigned to a particular area and are supervised in that area by their own teachers, rather than a special yard duty staff, so that no one is mixed up.

Lunch and snacks will be served pre-plated to each class cohort (*ECC only*) and will be served in their outdoor classroom or distanced in their classroom in case of bad weather.

Elementary

Class Cohort	Max Students	Quarantine Group	Max Students
Crows	10	#1	24
Eagles	14		
Magpies 1	10	#2	20
Magpies 2	10		
Owls	12	#3	12
Dragons	12	#4	12

ECC West

Class Cohort	Max Students	Quarantine Group	Max Students
Primaria	12	#8	12
Golondrinas	12	#9	24
Palomas	12		
El Nido	9	#10	9

ECC South

Class Cohort	Max Students	Quarantine Group	Max Students
Pandas	10	#4	10
Primaria 1	10	#5	21
Primaria 2	11		
Golondrinas	11	#6	22
Palomas	11		
Pollitos	9	#7	18
Patitos	9		

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Peregrine School has trained staff on the importance of physical distancing, and all staff have been instructed to maintain social distancing in common areas and classrooms between both staff and students. Teachers will also monitor that students, whether inside or outside, maintain a minimum distance of 6-feet apart when possible. We have reduced enrollment capacity to ensure we can adequately distance students in each class cohort when possible.

Each class has both an inside and an outside classroom. Classrooms are set up so that students can be socially distanced at tables (2-3 students per table) and by using

informal spaces (floors and hallways, which our students use anyway). Teachers are maintaining a 6-foot distance from students whenever possible.

Additional classroom equipment (e.g. rolling whiteboard, outdoor tables) has been acquired to allow for multiple outdoor classrooms. We have outdoor classrooms available for every class. Elementary students are also provided their own bags of school supplies to prevent mixing of supplies between students.

Tape markers have been placed in the hallways, bathrooms, and around pick-up locations to indicate where to stand while waiting in common areas. All office areas have also been spaced to allow 6 feet between work stations.

FACE COVERING POLICIES

Peregrine School requires all staff members to wear face coverings at all times while indoors or within 6 feet of others while outdoors. PPE such as face masks, face shields, and gloves have been provided by the School. All screening staff, and staff who have extended close contact with students, will use face shields in addition to face masks.

All **Elementary students are required** to wear face coverings. We have reusable masks for those who do not already have them. We will also have disposable masks available for single day use.

ECC students 2 years of age and older are required to wear face coverings, with the exception of students in our El Nido classes. Students younger than 2 years **should not** wear a face covering, per CDC recommendations.

Teachers will discuss with students the importance of face masks and how to properly use and care for them. Teachers will ensure that students use their face coverings properly throughout the school year.

OUTDOOR CLASSES AND AIR CIRCULATION

All classrooms have been advised on the benefits of holding class outdoors and/or keeping windows open or air purifiers on to reduce the chance of potential viral spread through the air. Classes are held outside as much as possible, weather permitting, to reduce this risk. We have dedicated outdoor spaces for all classrooms, allowing them to maximize their time outside. Currently, most classrooms at Peregrine South and West have access to an air purifying system, which is utilized when indoors.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PROTOCOLS

All high-touch surfaces and bathrooms are sanitized on a scheduled basis¹ using Signet Neutral Disinfectant (DS1) which meets the EPA's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2, the cause of COVID-19.

Teachers sanitize classrooms (e.g., tables, work areas, toys) during breaks and after school using DS1 or Seventh Generation Disinfectant Spray. The number of indoor and outdoor toy options will be reduced, used only by one cohort per day, and sanitized at the end of each day. All surfaces will be disinfected before and after every use, both indoors and outdoors. Classes will stagger their use of the bathrooms, and all bathroom surfaces will be disinfected between uses. Our janitorial service cleans and disinfects the interior spaces daily after operating hours.

FDA approved disinfectant products to be used: Oxivir, DS1, and diluted bleach solution; Seventh Generation Disinfectant Spray for food surfaces and indoors when around children or in poorly ventilated spaces; Clorox wipes will be used to clean high touch surfaces in staff rooms and be back-up for classroom use.

Individual Actions & Healthy Hygiene Practices

- Students and staff will sanitize their hands upon arrival at school, and then wash their hands once in the classroom.
- Staff will wash or sanitize their hands upon arriving and leaving a different area of the school.
- Students will wash hands 1) when they arrive into the classroom 2) when they put their hands in their mouths or noses 3) before and after eating 4) after using the bathroom.
- Bathroom surfaces will be disinfected after every use.

COVID-19 TESTING

Asymptomatic Testing

Peregrine School requires all staff working on-site to be tested for COVID-19, using a PCR test, once a week. Without a recent COVID test, staff are not allowed to work on-site until they are in compliance with this policy.

We do not require that students be tested for COVID-19, however we highly recommend that all families get tested frequently. An easy, free way to get tested is through [Healthy Davis Together](#), which offers saliva-based COVID testing 7 days a week at three sites in Davis.

¹ Scheduled Disinfecting Routine: 10:30 AM - ECC & Elem. hallways/door handles, bathrooms, and adult bathrooms. 1:30 PM - ECC & Elem. hallways/door handles, bathrooms, and adult bathrooms.

Environmental Testing

Peregrine School will also be performing environmental testing of surfaces and air filters within the school. These tests will help inform us of any potential spread of COVID within the classrooms. Environmental testing and staff testing for COVID-19 will be conducted on different days weekly, allowing us to monitor for any asymptomatic cases and potential outbreaks on a twice weekly basis.

Following a positive COVID-19 environmental test, Peregrine School will use this 5-step process to identify the source, mitigate the spread and continue operations with minimal disruptions to our community.

1. **Cleaning:** After the positive is reported, likely at the end of day on Friday, the space will be sanitized thoroughly by our janitorial staff using EPA approved disinfectants effective against COVID-19. The space will be cleaned and disinfected before students return to school.
2. **Communication:** Everyone on the COVID Notifications mailing list will be notified of the positive test as soon as it is received, likely just before the weekend. If in a classroom, we will recommend that those in the cohort, and their families, be tested for COVID-19.
 - a. We recommend that all families get tested at Healthy Davis Together as results are typically available within 24 hours. *Please note, children younger than 3 are not able to be tested at Healthy Davis Together.*
3. **Testing:** All staff will be tested for COVID-19 by the following Monday or Tuesday, with results available Tuesday/Wednesday, respectively. Staff will not be allowed to return to work until they have been tested, but may return before results have been received.
4. **Screening:** School will remain open on Monday as normal.
 - a. All individuals must undergo a symptom screening upon arrival at work/school.
 - b. Anyone presenting symptoms will be turned away and contacted by our Pandemic Coordinator.
5. **Monitoring:** **School will remain open unless/until a lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive individual is identified.**
 - a. If any individual tests positive, the cohort will be closed for a 10-day quarantine from the last day of contact with the positive individual.
 - b. If no individuals show symptoms or test positive, the space will be tested again with results available the following Friday to determine if COVID-19 is still detectable on surfaces.

TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS

Gatherings

Peregrine School encourages everyone to only attend gatherings that are within Yolo County's **gathering guidelines**. This will help to slow the potential spread of COVID-19 in our school community.

Yolo County has [gathering guidance](#) that states gatherings are restricted to:

1. **3 households** with a **max of 16 people**, including host and attendees
2. for **2 hours or less** and
3. Recommended to be held **outside**, allowed indoors but strongly discouraged.

We will not require individuals to quarantine from school following a gathering but if you are made aware of a COVID-19 exposure we expect you to inform the school and quarantine for 10-days following the event.

Everyone should **keep the households that you interact with stable over time**. By spending time with the same people, risk of transmission is reduced. **Participating in multiple gatherings with different households or groups is strongly discouraged**.

For the full gathering guidance from the CDPH, please visit:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-the-Prevention-of-COVID-19-Transmission-for-Gatherings-November-2020.aspx>

Travel

Per recommendations from [Yolo County](#) and [California Department of Public Health](#), all residents are asked to self-quarantine for 10 days following any non-essential travel outside of California. This includes those that are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or who have had it in the past.

Starting on January 1, 2021, we will be **requiring** any staff or students who travel outside of California to self-quarantine for 10 days. ***A negative COVID-19 test does not excuse you from the required quarantine period.***

To see the current status of all counties in California, including Yolo, please visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

To see the current status of all the United States, please visit:

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days

For more information about best traveling practices, please visit the CDC's page here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.htm>

STAFF TRAINING AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Staff

All Peregrine staff undergo COVID-19 training during our Staff Development days throughout the school year. These training sessions will cover our Pandemic Policies. Any new staff hired during the year will be provided in-person training by the Pandemic Coordinator.

Signage for staff has been posted inside of the school reminding them of the face mask policies, disinfecting protocols, hand washing, and physical distancing requirements. Updates and reminders are sent out through email communications, as is standard for the School

Families

Families will receive resources, via email, prior to the first day of school to encourage education and implementation of these policies. The Pandemic Policies document is included in all Parent Handbooks, and is published on our website. Reminder and update emails are sent out periodically and as needed to keep the community informed of any changes to policies.

At our screening stations, signs are posted explaining to parents that, being members of a small, interconnected community, the safety of everyone involved is impacted by their actions. There are also signs reminding parents to wear their face masks, and keep socially distanced, during drop-off/pick-up.

We post information related to COVID cases, policies, and testing options on our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) on our website for parents to keep up to date in case they missed any email communications.

CASES OF COVID-19

Any symptoms of COVID-19, exposure, positive test results, or potential hazards should be reported to the Pandemic Coordinator, by email at pandemic@peregrineschool.org

Our screening process for staff and students is our first step to preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our community. **We rely on parents, staff, and students to accurately report any symptoms of or exposure to COVID-19.** However, it is still possible for COVID cases to come onto the school campus unknowingly.

The following steps will be taken to minimize exposure to the rest of the community.

Cases on Campus

If a student presents symptoms during the day, or is found to have a fever during a re-check, they will be escorted to our **Sick Bay** (small waiting room adjacent to Admin. Office at South, small office at West) with their belongings.

- Before a student enters the sick bay, new sheets will be placed on the cot, and then the student's temperature will be checked if not already done.
- A staff member will be with the student (just outside the room) at all times.
- Parents/guardians will be called immediately to pick up their child, and will be informed of their symptoms and if they should seek medical guidance.
- To pick-up the student, parents/guardians should ring the doorbell, and a staff member will escort the student out through the lobby.
- After the student is picked-up, a staff member will sanitize all surfaces the student may have come into contact with.

Testing

The Pandemic Coordinator will follow up with families/staff after a student or staff member has been sent home. If the individual is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, the Pandemic Coordinator may advise them to contact a doctor and seek medical guidance. If a doctor feels that they may have COVID-19, they will order a test. ***If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, it is their (or the parents) responsibility to report it to the school administration immediately by emailing pandemic@peregrineschool.org.***

Any cases of COVID-19 within the school will be immediately reported to the Yolo County Department of Health and our policies may be subject to change based on their direction.

Contact Tracing

The Pandemic Coordinator will follow up with any families or staff members if they are suspected of having, or have been exposed to, COVID-19. The coordinator will trace any potential contacts within our school community and advise those individuals on their risk of exposure and/or the need for testing. This data may be shared with the county health department as needed.

Students and staff who ***did not*** experience symptoms of COVID-19, but were exposed to it, will be allowed back at school after 10 days of quarantine following the exposure.

Communications

All of our procedures are determined by recommendations from the CDC, CDPH, and Yolo county. In some instances, the School has adopted more cautious policies to protect our staff and students.

We are committing to be transparent with our community about all potential cases. To that end, the entire school community will be notified via email if any of the following situations occur:

1. An individual does not pass the symptom screening.
2. An individual is advised to quarantine due to COVID-19 concerns.
3. An individual is sent to get tested for COVID-19.
4. An individual tests positive for COVID-19
5. An individual that was previously reported on tests negative for COVID-19.

The School has adopted policies and procedures that ensure the confidentiality of employees and compliance with the CMIA. The School will keep confidential all personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or persons unless expressly authorized by the employee to disclose such information or as other permitted or required under the law

Quarantine Procedures

The School will quarantine any group that has received a **lab-confirmed positive** COVID-19 test. All siblings of someone in a quarantined group will also be required to remain home until the quarantine period is over. **Quarantined groups will be required to stay home for 10 days (starting from the last point of contact)², and those that experience symptoms or test positive will be required to quarantine for at least 10 days.**

Each affected quarantine group will receive communication with specific details about the case, the potential for exposure, and instructions regarding distance learning. Updates will be sent out as more information becomes available.

If any group is quarantined during the academic year, the following steps will be taken:

- The quarantine group will participate in a distance learning program. All classes will have a distance learning plan established to ensure a quick transition.
- Parents will be notified by email of the potential exposure, the isolation period requirements, and the details of distance learning.
- Case will be reported to Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency.

Students and staff who experienced symptoms of COVID-19 will be allowed back at school after 10 days, if they meet the following criteria for discontinuing isolation per the CDC:

- At least **10 days** have passed ***since symptoms first appeared*** and
- At least **24 hours** have passed ***since last fever*** without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved

The School may be subject to close if there are multiple positive COVID-19 cases in multiple cohorts, or if over 5% of the total number of teachers/student/staff test positive within a 14-day period (approximately 4 cases).

Sick Policy

Everyone who presents with symptoms of a cold or flu will be asked to stay home for **48 hours** and contact a doctor to determine if it is COVID-19 related.

² Quarantine time has been reduced from 14 days to 10 days based on guidance from [Yolo County](#) and the [California Department of Public Health](#)

If symptoms are not due to COVID-19, a note from a doctor is required stating an alternate diagnosis for the symptoms (such as the flu or RSV) to be allowed back to school before the 2 week quarantine period ends. If someone presents symptoms and a doctor has ruled out COVID-19 as a possibility, then they are allowed to return to school based on the following chart. Please note that fever, vomiting, and diarrhea can be symptoms of a flu, and therefore fall under the **48 hour** rule, in addition to the specific rule for those symptoms.

Common cold/flu	Students should not attend school within the first 48 hours of a cold. Colds are most infectious at this point, and what looks like a minor runny nose in the morning may be flu by afternoon.
Fever	Per our school policy, fever is defined as a body temperature of 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit or more. Students may not attend school until they have been free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
Vomiting	Students may not attend school until 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting.
Diarrhea	Students with recurrent diarrhea must stay home, unless the diarrhea has a known non-infectious cause. Students may not attend school until 24 hours after the last episode of diarrhea.
Strep throat/scarlet fever	Students may attend school 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment.
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	Students must be evaluated by a doctor to determine the cause(s). Return to school must be cleared by a doctor.
Allergic conjunctivitis.	Students may attend school.
Bacterial conjunctivitis	Students may attend school 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment.
Viral conjunctivitis	Students must stay home until all symptoms are gone (viral conjunctivitis is highly contagious).
Ear/sinus/other noncontagious secondary infection	Students may attend school after they have been evaluated by a doctor and started on appropriate therapy.
Head lice	Students may attend school after receiving treatment with anti-lice shampoo (available at most drug stores) or a prescription lice treatment and thorough combing with a nit comb. See the Head Lice section for more details on our policy.

APPENDIX I

Has your child...

- been exposed to COVID-19?
- had a cough?
- had shortness of breath?
- had a loss of smell or taste?
- had muscle pain?
- had chills?
- had a headache?
- had a sore throat?
- had any symptoms in the past 48 hrs?
- had any Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Advil)?

APPENDIX II

South Campus Map
2650 Lillard Dr. Davis, California



APPENDIX III

