



***Please Note: Due to the rapidly changing circumstances, this document will continue to be updated via addendum at the end of the document. The most up to date information will be found there.**

Covid Safety Plan for the 2021-22 Academic School Year

(Updated as of April 8, 2022)

Overview:

- **The goal of this plan is to provide quality, on-campus instruction while taking precautions to reduce the risk of transmission in our community.** This plan closely follows guidance from the [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#), the [Pandemic Recovery Framework](#) issued through the San Mateo County of Education and San Mateo Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities, [CDC K-12 School Guidance](#), and has a strong emphasis on the following:
 - **Parents and Community Members:** *Encouraging vaccination and boosters for all eligible individuals to decrease COVID-19 rates throughout the community and to protect the most vulnerable.*
 - **Professional Community:** *Vaccine and boosters required for all professional community members*
 - **Students:** *required for students ages 12+ to get vaccinated; strongly encouraged for students 5-11*
 - *Weekly testing and reporting of unvaccinated students ages 12+*
 - *We reserve the right to require vaccination and boosters of eligible students. These requirements are continuously being evaluated by the Health and Safety Committee, and families will be notified of any updated decisions.*

- Masking when required by the Health and Safety Committee. This can mean universal masking, or masking for individuals who do not meet certain criteria, or masking in specific situations at school.
- Optimizing ventilation through open windows and HEPA filters in every room
- Return to pre-COVID-19 schedule, indoor classrooms, and Gesher before and aftercare.
 - Middle School: 8:15am-3:30pm (M-Th); 8:15am-3pm (F)
 - TK-5: 8:30am-3:30pm (M-Th); 8:30am-3pm (F)
 - Gesher extended care: Early morning opens at 7:30am; After care open until 6pm (4pm the day before holidays).
- More targeted quarantine practices in accordance with state and county guidance.
- Prioritizing on-campus learning
- Staying away from school if symptomatic and testing following COVID-19 symptoms
- Requiring a routine COVID-19 screening testing (PCR tests) program as an additional safety layer.

This will be Wornick’s framework for the 2021-2022 academic school year. Should conditions change as determined by our Health and Safety Committee, San Mateo County, or the CDPH, we will notify parents and our community. We will revise this document as necessary.

All families are required to sign an acknowledgement that they have read, understand, and are committed to following the protocols set forth in this document.

In the 2020-21 school year, Wornick had no cases of transmission on our campus. We strongly believe that the layers of protection implemented and the commitment of our families were instrumental in that outcome. **We continue to urge all families to prioritize the health and safety of our community - our fates are intertwined and we continue to value the health of the most vulnerable in our community.**

Please note: Parents will be invited to join us on campus on Koret Field from 8-9am during the first week of school for select grades each day. Please join us for coffee from the PTO and meet other parents. Please park in the PJCC overflow lot and walk your child to Koret Field through the side-entrance adjacent to the parking lot. If you have more than one child at the school, you may join us both days.

- Tuesday: TK-1st parents

- Wednesday: 2-3rd parents
- Thursday: 4-5th parents

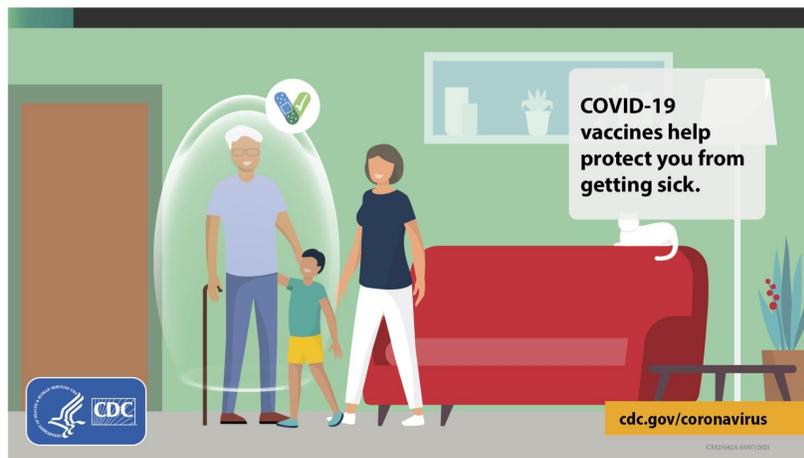
Friday: Middle School parents

Safety Measures for Our Community

Vaccinations

The [CDC strongly recommends](#) that all who are eligible receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Getting vaccinated prevents severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. All eligible unvaccinated people should get vaccinated and continue masking until they are fully vaccinated. With variants, this is more urgent than ever.

Flu vaccination is required for students.



a. Employees

We require all employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Documentation is required and kept on file. At this time, all of our current and new employees have been fully vaccinated.

b. Students

At this time, we strongly recommend students who are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine receive it or they will be required to undergo weekly testing. Eligible unvaccinated students will not be allowed to go on school trips involving air travel. **We reserve the right to require vaccinations and boosters of eligible students and this matter is continuously being reviewed by the Health and Safety Team.**

Masking

- a. Per the CDPH and San Mateo County, masks are currently optional for indoors for students and professional community members on campus, regardless of vaccination status. Please see the addendum for specific scenarios where masks will be required. This is subject to change depending on conditions.
- b. The type of mask required will be dependent on current conditions. Please see the addendum for the most up to date requirement. Students should keep additional masks in their backpacks should they need to change them during the day.
- d. The main office will provide a disposable face covering to anyone at school who needs one.
- e. Masking requirements will be enforced as set forth in the addendum. Should students repeatedly fail to wear a mask when it is required, once even after being warned, the school reserves the right to send the student home.
- F. During times when masking is required, in limited situations where a face covering cannot be used for pedagogical or developmental reasons, (e.g., communicating or assisting young children or those with special needs) a face shield with a drape (per [CDPH guidelines](#)) can be used instead of a face covering while in the classroom as long as the wearer maintains physical distance from others. Staff must return to wearing a face covering outside of the classroom.
- g. When students are not present on campus, fully vaccinated adults should follow current indoor masking requirements.
- h. If students are participating in a school event or being supervised by school staff, face mask guidance must be followed regardless of location.

Physical Distancing and Cohorting

- a. Per state and county guidance, recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are implemented.
- b. State and county guidelines are not requiring cohorting. While the majority of students' daily activities will be with their grade level, students will move through the halls to change classes, some Hebrew classes may include students from two grades to maximize appropriate leveling, and different classes will use classrooms after another class has used it. Outside, students will also mix (with masks on) during the play portion of recess and lunch, and Geshet. Middle school sports will also include students of different grades, wearing masks.

Peleh Lab, Art, and the Library

Our school is looking to redefine our space in the future. This year, as we reimagine the building, we have made the decision to make the former Peleh and Library Space into the Peleh and Art Space. New flooring has been installed to allow for more creativity during learning and creating. Art and Peleh Lab now each have half of the large space that previously housed the Library, and there will be times that Art and Peleh are in the same

space with different classes. Library will now be in the Beit Midrash and there will be time for students to be able to select books, as well as time for teachers to select books for their students or to read in class.

Ventilation Recommendations

a. Ventilation will be prioritized as a way to mitigate the risk of transmission. Ventilation includes open windows and doors where available, as well as HEPA filters in every room, and will be replaced as appropriate.

Smoke Days

Should the Air Quality Index (AQI) exceed 100, windows and doors will be closed and additional HEPA filters will be added in every classroom to assist with air filtration. PE, recess, lunch, and afterschool sports will be modified when air quality is between 100-150 AQI. Above 150 AQI, school instruction will be remote. As needed, notification of remote classes due to AQI will be sent via email the evening before at 7pm.

Hot Lunch, Snack, and Recess

a. Seating with physical distance will be required and enforced for eating time during lunch and snack breaks. All classes will continue to eat lunch and snack outdoors. Students may use the field, play structure area, or blacktop for playtime and may interact with other classes.

b. Volunteers must be fully vaccinated as defined by current conditions. They will serve hot lunch outside (masked and behind a plastic barrier). Surfaces that come in contact with food will be washed, rinsed, and sanitized after meals.

c. We will continue to use single use, compostable plates, and utensils for hot lunch.

d. . Students will be informed of their schedule and distancing protocol prior to their first lunch, and it will be repeated throughout the first week. Handwashing stations will be outside and time will be allotted for students to wash their hands before and after lunch.

e. Lunch times will be staggered with the following eating times, followed by 30 minutes of play time.

- TK/Kinder - 11:45am-12pm at the blue picnic tables.
- First and third grade - 12-12:15pm at the blue picnic tables and separated by grade.
- Second grade -12-12:15pm on the field.
- Fourth and fifth grade - 12:15-12:30pm at the blue picnic tables and separated by grade.
- Sixth, seventh, eighth grades - 12:15-12:30 on the patio and separated by grade.

Recess for TK/Kindergarten through third grade will be outside from 10:10-10:25am, then for fourth grade through eighth grade from 10:30-10:45 am. Adjustments and use of outdoor tents will be utilized on rainy days.

Staying Home When Feeling Sick and Testing

a. Students, teachers, staff, and volunteers who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as the flu or COVID-19, should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. **Please notify health@wornickjds.org and stay home should a community member experience any of these symptoms including but not limited to fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, aches, loss of smell/taste, sore throat, runny nose, nausea, or diarrhea.**

b. Anyone with these symptoms of COVID-19 should not return to campus until:

1. 24-hours have passed since a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
2. Symptoms have improved and fever reduced without the aid of a fever reducing medication.
3. They produce a negative PCR COVID-19 test, or one negative antigen test or a healthcare provider has produced documentation that the symptoms are typical of a chronic condition, or a health care provider has confirmed an alternative diagnosis, or at least 10 days have passed since onset of symptoms.
4. They receive approval from health@wornickjds.org to return to campus.

Testing - Please check the addendum of this document and our [Student Testing Resources page](#) for current testing requirements.

a. Response testing (only after symptoms) can be an Antigen or PCR test. If you are asymptomatic and you are exposed to COVID-19 through close contact, you must take a PCR test. For post travel or surveillance testing, the test needs to be PCR.

b. Prior to School Testing. Covid testing will be required for all students within 5 days prior to the first day of school on August 24. Please schedule your test for your student. Results should be sent to info@wornickjds.org by 5 pm on **Monday, August 23, 2021**. If your student is attending a Middle School Sports Boot Camp or Hebrew Ulpan class for transfer students in grades 2-6, a negative test must be taken between August 11 and 15. Results should be sent to info@wornickjds.org by 5 pm on **Sunday, August 15**.

c. **Ongoing Screening Testing.** Wornick is continuing a surveillance testing plan to address the possibility of asymptomatic cases in our professional community and our student population. Testing cadence may change depending on conditions. We will communicate testing information via email communication and will continue to communicate any testing cadence changes. Results must be emailed to info@wornickjds.org.

c. **Testing Requirement for Unvaccinated Students Age 12+.** Testing is required on a weekly basis for unvaccinated students age 12+. Testing is not covered by the school. Please send your child's weekly result to info@wornickjds.org.

d. We will keep a supply of FDA approved home tests for symptomatic and unmasked close contact cases.

Communication, Quarantine Protocols, Contact Tracing, and Response

Pursuant to the California Department of Health and the San Mateo County of Education Pandemic Recovery Framework, Wornick will follow the below recommendations:

Students, teachers, and staff presenting with any COVID-19 symptoms should stay home until cleared as described previously. *When there is a positive case among a professional or a student in the community, and that individual has been on campus when they were positive or likely to be positive we will communicate it with families and professionals in that grade.* For close contact exposures, please see the following scenarios:

Isolation and Quarantine Requirements

a. For those who are vaccinated, we will follow the [CDPH Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public](#) regarding quarantine, which includes the following recommendations:

Quarantine Requirements

Quarantine requirements following exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual:

1. Individuals who are exposed, regardless of vaccination status, may continue attending school as long as they:
 - Are asymptomatic;
 - Wear a well fitting mask for 10 days following the date of the last exposure, except when eating;
 - Isolate from the positive individual (assuming the positive individual is household contact);
 - Test on day 5 following the last date of exposure unless they have had COVID-19 in the past 90 days; and
 - Monitor for symptoms. If symptoms develop they should isolate and get tested.

Isolation Requirements

a. For both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons, follow the CDPH [Isolation Guidance](#) for those diagnosed with COVID-19. **Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 may return to school six days after the onset of symptoms or test positive (the first day being day 0) if they meet the following conditions:**

- They are asymptomatic.
- They take two consecutive antigen tests (on separate days) on day 5 or later and have a negative result. For example, tests should be taken on days 5 and 6, or 6 and 7.
- If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present or are resolving, isolation can end after day 10.

Hand Hygiene

- a. Hand-washing will be taught, reinforced, and promoted throughout the day. The community will be encouraged to avoid contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.
- b. Time will be allotted throughout the day for hand washing. It will be required before and after eating, after using the toilet, after handling garbage, or removing gloves.
- c. The school will have adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, tissues, no-touch trash cans, face coverings, and hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent ethyl alcohol for staff and children who can safely use hand sanitizer.

Cleaning

- a. Since reopening in September 2020, Wornick has hired additional staff to perform cleaning and disinfection throughout the school day, as well as deep cleaning at night. Staff are using CDC approved cleaners.
- b. Cleaning and disinfecting occurs throughout the day.
- c. Cleaning of the lunch tables occurs after every sitting.
- d. Desks and workspace surfaces in spaces shared by multiple classes throughout the day will be wiped down after every class.
- e. If a facility has had a sick person with COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, the spaces occupied by the infected individual will be cleaned AND disinfected.

Travel Policy

Please see the following [link](#) for current CDC travel guidelines and follow all relevant guidance. Currently, there are no recommendations for quarantining or testing following air travel for asymptomatic vaccinated individuals. The CDC recommends that unvaccinated travelers quarantine for five days post travel and test 3-5 days post travel. Accordingly, unvaccinated students at Wornick need to quarantine for five days and test between days 3 and 5 (and submit their negative results to health@wornickjds.org).

Remote Learning/Hybrid Policy

We believe our program is safe and goes above and beyond all guidelines. We are prioritizing on campus learning for the benefit of our students. If you have to quarantine for any reason related to COVID-19, or you have other minor symptoms, you will be able to Zoom into the classroom. This year, we will not be sending home materials, students will just be listening to the instructor. The parent must notify the main office at info@wornickjds.org and the homeroom teacher. Parents must continue to notify the teacher and office if a student must stay home for the above reasons and qualify to Zoom into the class.

The links will be in the student's Google calendar. A Zoom room will not be opened unless the office and teacher are notified.

Remote learning is not allowed for vacation or travel of any kind. However, if students have to quarantine post-travel, they will be allowed to Zoom into the classroom during those days. If a student is ill with symptoms such as fever, vomiting, or other major symptoms, please have your student take a sick day. They should not be on Zoom in that circumstance.

Packaged Goods for Birthdays and Celebrations

Pre-packaged snacks will be allowed for birthday celebrations. Please coordinate with your student's teacher two weeks prior to bringing them to school. Packaged goods should be vegetarian/nut free/dairy or pareve with a hechsher.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Middle school starts at 8:15am and TK-5 grades start at 8:20am. Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30am and should arrive with sufficient time to be seated in class by 8:15am for middle school and to walk to class for TK-5 by the 8:20am bell. All drop offs will be in the main Wornick parking lot off South Road. **Drop off is not currently allowed on Balclutha Road.** There are no staggered drop off times. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to your student's start time, or you may be waiting in a line of cars with PJCC Preschool traffic.

Drop off for TK-4 will be in the parking lot along the external lane of the east side of the fence. There will be double lanes and a merging point between the two gate openings. There will be two drop off lanes in the lot. The lane on the right will be for Grades TK-4. Students must exit from the right side of the vehicle and enter campus from the main gate at the top of the loop.

The most interior loop will be for Grades 5-8. They will enter the left most lane, and make a loop that will allow older students to have a guided crosswalk to the larger double gate entry onto Koret Field. TK-4 students with middle school siblings may walk in with them from the interior loop.

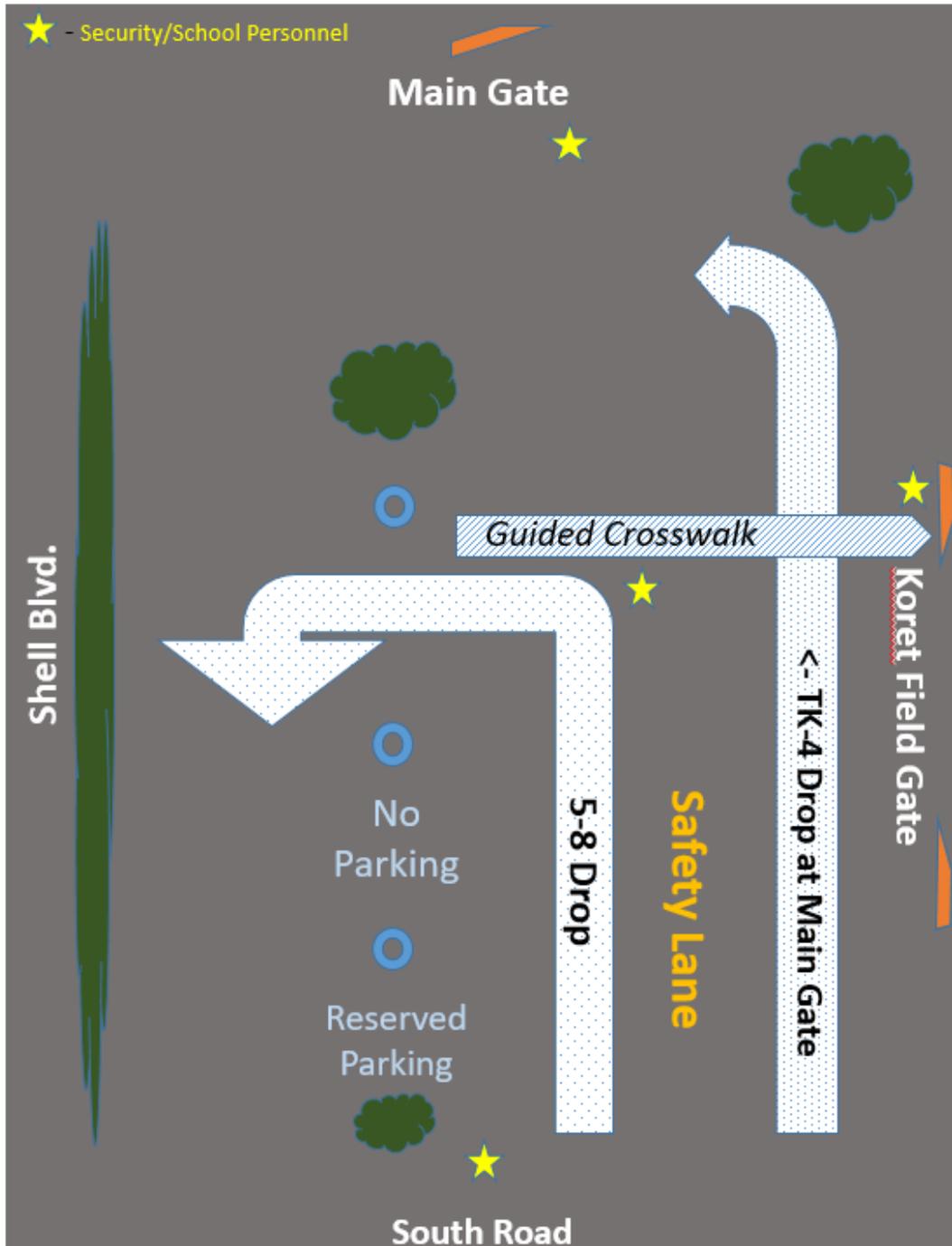
The center lane is a safety lane to allow for passing and emergencies. Please note that students will be crossing this lane, so utmost caution should be taken at all times.

There will be no parking in this lot for families. There will be flags and security instructing where to enter. Stopping is not permitted along the red zone on Shell Boulevard.

Pedestrians and bike riders need to enter the main gate at the parking lot near the Rose Garden. No doors will be open on Balclutha Road. For the first week to reduce interaction with traffic, if parents park in the overflow lot by the PJCC for their assigned drop off social days, please walk on the sidewalk on the south side of South Road (opposite the preschool), walk past the preschool, down to Shell Boulevard and into campus using the sidewalk.

TK-5th grade will line up on the field behind large signs with their grade. At 8:20am, their teacher will escort them to their classroom.

The first week may be challenging as we get back into a rhythm. We have an amazing security team and we ask that you have patience the first week. Please wait in your vehicle and our staff will assist your student in exiting the car.



Middle school students are allowed to walk or bike to and from campus while together. Middle school students also have the opportunity to leave campus following school to walk to a friend's house, go to Starbucks, etc. Written permission is required via FACTS.

On-Campus Gatherings and Vaccination Verification for Volunteers

“Community” is one of the first words that comes to mind when people think of Wornick, and we know that in-person activities are more impactful for community building than virtual ones. Though we are advised to limit non-essential in-person activities, we plan to have occasional outdoor, physically distanced gatherings on campus.

- a. We plan to allow limited, space outdoor gatherings on campus as county guidance and our Health and Safety Committee deem appropriate.
- b. Parent volunteers will have opportunities to come on campus on a limited basis. All volunteers will be required to produce proof of full vaccination (as currently defined at that time).
- c. We will not require proof of vaccination for outside gatherings on-campus.
- d. Board, PTO, and other meetings will continue to be conducted via Zoom.

Below is our readiness indicator for activities on-campus for this year. We are currently at the CORAL level.

INDICATOR STATUS FOR PARENTS ON CAMPUS

LEVEL	PARENTS ON-CAMPUS	COMMUNITY GATHERING	PARENT VOLUNTEERS
GOLD	Parents On-campus, Walking Students Inside Gate Not in Building	Outdoor Gatherings	Vaccinated Parents
CORAL	Limited, Drop Off in Parking Lot	Limited, Distanced Outdoors	Limited, Vaccinated Parents
MAGENTA	None, Drop Off in Parking Lot	None	None

Gesher

Gesher, our extended care program after school, will be offered. Students will come from their class, check-in outside and have time for play, snack, and homework outside. A tent will be utilized for homework as well as during rainy days. Gesher will be prioritized as an outdoor activity, and inside, high-contact activities will be minimized. Pickup for Gesher will be via sign-up at either 4:45-5 pm or 5:45-6 pm. The main office will send a sign up to all registered Gesher families for them to choose their pickup time. To pick up students from Gesher, please park in the main parking lot and wait at the main gate at your pickup time. Students will be brought down to the gate and released to you. Learn more about Gesher [here](#).

Individualized Support

The past 18+ months have been difficult for students. Suzy Kosh, our Director of Learning Support, and Sarah Calonico, our School Counselor, are available to help students who are struggling with academics, interpersonal relationships, or just need to talk.

COVID-19 Safety Planning Transparency

As we did during the 2020-2021 academic year, we will continue to provide transparency to the schoolwide community regarding the school's safety plans. Our COVID-19 Safety Plan is accessible at wornickjds.org. If addendums are added, the school wide community will be notified.

Understanding Risks

In-person learning is a measured attempt to provide quality education for our students, while minimizing risks. We cannot guarantee no risks and it is possible the pandemic could affect our community.

We continue to ask all families to be responsible community citizens and follow the guidelines outlined in the CDC.

Communication Samples for Suspected Exposure

[Exposed Students - Vaccinated](#)

[Unvaccinated - Masked](#)

[Cal/OSHA Sample Notice of Potential Exposure to Employees](#)

[Cal/OSHA Sample Notice of Potential Exposure to Contractors](#)

Addendums

*For detailed discussion of these changes, please visit our [Communications page](#) to review email updates from Head of School Adam Eilath.

August 25, 2021

Due to the continued unknown trajectory of the delta variant, we think it's prudent at this time to change to two times testing per month, instead of one time per month. Instead of testing one time per month, we are requiring testing twice per month for each student and professional community member. We will test 50% of each cohort each week.

When a student has a sibling who is awaiting a covid test result due to symptoms or being an unmasked close contact, the student must stay home until the student's test result comes back negative.

We suggest families keep a supply of FDA approved home tests for symptomatic and unmasked close contact cases. Responsive testing for symptoms only can be antigen or PCR tests.

We continue to ask all families to make the safety of the Wornick community a priority, and be responsible community citizens and follow the guidelines outlined in the [CDC](#), [California Department of Health](#), and [San Mateo County](#).

November 2, 2021

- Pfizer Vaccines for Students Aged 5-11 are strongly encouraged. When your student gets vaccinated, please send a copy of your vaccination card to info@wornickjds.org and it will be added to your student's vaccination record.
- Wornick will be requiring vaccines for all students aged 12 and up. We will ask all eligible students to be in compliance by December 1st (with complete vaccination by January 4th), and copies of vaccine records be sent to info@wornickjds.org. For students turning 12 during this school year, we are requiring that they be fully vaccinated within three months of their 12th birthday. Students 12 and above seeking an exemption should email health@wornickjds.org to request additional information. Students 12 and above who receive a medical, religious, or personal belief exemption for the vaccine will need to comply with certain restrictions for participation in school programming. **It is important to note that once the state rolls out their vaccination requirements, (leading up to the first semester after full approval), there may be changes to the requirements or exemption process.**

December 28, 2021

- **New testing requirements before returning to school** - a negative PCR test will now be required before returning to school on January 4th.

- **New testing protocols for symptomatic individuals-** If your student or any family member has any symptoms of COVID-19 (runny nose, sore throat, fever, muscle soreness, fatigue, sneezing) your student will need to stay home until the symptomatic individual has **two consecutive days of negative antigen test results OR a single negative PCR test**. A student cannot return to class unless their symptoms have improved. We anticipate this change (of requiring two consecutive days of negative antigen test results for symptomatic individuals) to be temporary while we navigate this wave of the virus.
- **Changes to our masking recommendations** - We strongly recommend your student wear an N95 mask or a KN95 mask. If those are not available to you, we strongly recommend wearing disposable masks with a cloth mask as a second layer on top.
- **Change to our vaccine requirements for professionals and volunteers.** To be considered fully vaccinated, you must have received a booster dose (assuming you are eligible to receive one). In accordance with our Health and Safety guidelines, all volunteers must send their updated vaccine card to health@wornickjds.org in order to volunteer.

January 3, 2022

- **For vaccinated individuals who are close contacts of a COVID-19 positive individual:**
 - Vaccinated individuals who have had a COVID-19 exposure outside of school should quarantine at home for five days following their last exposure. Return to school requires a negative PCR test on day five (or later) following last exposure.
 - If a vaccinated student is unable to isolate from the COVID-19 positive household individual, then they should quarantine at home for the positive individual's full ten-day quarantine. Return to school requires a negative PCR test on the last day of quarantine.
 - This is a temporary policy change during this wave of COVID-19 due to the high numbers of breakthrough cases among vaccinated individuals. While data still demonstrates that vaccinated individuals are experiencing mild symptoms, they are still being infected and transmitting the virus. We are grateful that our students can learn remotely while quarantining.
- **For unvaccinated individuals who are close contacts of a COVID-19 positive individual:**
 - There is no change in policy for unvaccinated close contacts of COVID-19 positive individuals. Unvaccinated students may not return to school until they have completed a ten day quarantine following their last exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual and producing a negative PCR test between days 5-7 after exposure.

January 10, 2022

- **If your student is above the age of 12 and received their second dose more than 6 months ago, they need to receive a booster dose to be fully vaccinated.** This definition of being fully vaccinated is based on CDC and CDPH definitions. The requirement will go into effect for students above the age of 12 on **February 1st**.

January 17, 2022

- Following the new CDC masking guidelines, our health and safety committee has approved a new masking requirement. **Effective Monday January 24th, all students must wear a surgical mask, an KN95 mask or a KF94 mask.** We have included some links to some approved masks below. Please look for a NIOSH approval or an FDA approval on the masks you purchase. Cloth masks will no longer be approved. It is essential that your children's masks are well fitting and not loose. Our school will have back up masks if your student doesn't have the correct mask. Please change your students' masks as soon as you have them available.

January 25, 2022

Updated Isolation Policy for Positive Individuals

The CDC, CDPH, and most recently San Mateo County Office of Education updated guidance on isolation periods for COVID-19 positive individuals. **Accordingly, individuals who test positive for COVID-19 may return to school six days after the onset of symptoms or test positive (the first day being day 0) if they meet the following conditions:**

- They are asymptomatic.
- They take two consecutive antigen tests (on separate days) on day 5 or later and have a negative result. For example, tests should be taken on days 5 and 6, or 6 and 7.

Update to Modified Quarantine for Unvaccinated Individuals

The county also updated its recommendations for a modified quarantine for unvaccinated individuals. **Starting immediately, unvaccinated individuals who receive exposure notifications from close school contacts may continue to attend Gesher while in modified quarantine.** The county still does not permit these students who are in modified quarantine to attend after school sports.

Household Exposures

Individuals who are close contacts of positive household members need to continue to quarantine for five days following their most recent exposure and test on day five or later. We are seeing many individuals test positive towards the tail end of this time period. If you are a close contact of a positive individual in your household, but have tested negative, please know that your length of time in quarantine could be longer than 5 days. This is especially the case if a new household member tests positive, as your five days from exposure restart when a new infection begins in a household.

February 10, 2022

Update to Outdoor Masking

After careful consideration and consultation, we will be removing the requirement for all students to wear masks outdoors effective February 14th. With high vaccination rates, declining COVID-19 infections in the community, and an evolving understanding that the risk of outdoor transmission remains extremely low, we believe that this is the right next step in balancing all of our students' needs. In the first few weeks of this change, we will continue PCR weekly testing and will reevaluate the need for that frequency among vaccinated students in the coming weeks. Please note:

- Students who want to continue wearing masks outdoors may continue to do so. If your students are in TK-3, please inform your classroom teacher and info@wornickjds.org if you would like your student to wear a mask.
- TK/K will be given special hanging organizers outside their classroom to house their masks when they shift to outdoor learning and activities.
- For all grades, please talk to your student about how they can plan to keep track of their mask and put it back on when they line up to go inside. For example, they could wear it on their wrist, or keep it in a pocket of the lunch box or backpack.

February 22, 2022

As COVID-19 case counts drop significantly, our health and safety committee approved a return to pre-Omicron protocols. There are a few important changes to note around students who are symptomatic but test negative and household members who are symptomatic and test negative.

Effective immediately, students may return to school if they have been symptomatic and had one negative antigen test as long as their symptoms have resolved. Students must still stay away during the duration of their symptoms and should stay away from school for 48 hours following improvement of those symptoms.

If a household member is symptomatic and produces a negative antigen test, the student may continue coming to school so long as they are asymptomatic.

March 11, 2022

Mask Update Effective March 21, 2022

As many of you know, the state and county health departments recently announced a shift in masking guidance. San Mateo County still [recommends](#) masking in schools but no longer requires it. After careful consideration, our health and safety committee has decided to follow San Mateo County Guidance effective March 21. This means that students and professionals who choose not to wear a mask indoors may remove their masks with some conditions (detailed below).

Continued Weekly Testing and Safety Protocols

We will continue to test our community weekly during this transition as an added layer of protection. All other safety protocols remain in place as well.

Though the county does not recommend contact tracing any longer, our school will continue reporting to each grade level if there is a positive case in the class and offer the opportunity for increased testing. Our health and safety committee wanted to emphasize that there may be positive cases and that should not be viewed as a failure as we move into a phase of living with Covid.

When Indoor Masking Will Be Required

Students will need to remain masked indoors in a number of circumstances:

- We will allow two classes to be in the Ulam for Tefillah; those students will wear a mask during that time,
- When students are 48 hours post-symptoms but have a negative test and have returned to school, those students will wear masks while they still have resolving symptoms,
- When there is an exposure in a class we will no longer be following the “modified quarantine guidelines” for unvaccinated students. Our understanding of the county guidelines are that unvaccinated students who are in an unmasked environment are not eligible for a modified quarantine. This means that unvaccinated students will need to learn remotely for five days following an exposure at school and remain masked for the following five days upon returning (assuming they produce a negative test result).
- When vaccinated students have had an exposure to someone who has tested positive and have produced a negative test, those students will wear a mask for 5 days. Unvaccinated students who have an unmasked exposure to a positive person must quarantine for 5 days per CDPH guidelines.
- After air travel, vaccinated students will need to remain masked indoors for five days. Following CDC guidelines unvaccinated students will need to quarantine for five days after air travel and need to produce a negative test between days 3-5.
- Guests on campus who come indoors during school hours will remain masked.

Our health and safety committee also wanted to communicate that we reserve the right to require masks indoors (and potentially outdoors as well), if case rates increase significantly or if our understanding of transmission shifts.

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Changes to quarantine requirements for exposures to COVID

Following updates to the [CDPH COVID guidelines](#) for schools, we have updated our quarantine guidelines for students who are exposed to COVID-19. Here is a copy of our new guidelines for quarantining.

Quarantine requirements following exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual:

Individuals who are exposed, regardless of vaccination status, may continue attending school as long as they:

- Are asymptomatic;
- Wear a well fitting mask for 10 days following the date of the last exposure, except when eating;
- Isolate from the positive individual (assuming the positive individual is household contact);
- Test on day 5 following the last date of exposure unless they have had COVID-19 in the past 90 days; and
- Monitor for symptoms. If symptoms develop they should isolate and get tested.