



Caliber Public Schools '22-'23 Covid Protocols and Procedures

The following document details the current Covid Protocols and Procedures for the '22-'23 school year for **Caliber Public Schools(CPS)**. This is a continuation of the previous [“Safe Return To School Plan-\(02-14-22\)”](#).

Caliber Public Schools continues to refer to the [CDPH](#), [CDC](#), our Caliber Community and other local health officials when deciding on Covid Protocols and Procedures.

Caliber Strong Start Fall Return

Caliber Public Schools will begin the school year with a staggered rollout of masking and parent volunteer guidelines as follows:

Time Frame	Mask Utilization Status	Volunteer Status
Aug 16th-Aug 26th	Masks will be required indoors and outdoors on all Caliber School sites *Staff and students must take an antigen test at least 48 hours before Day 1 of school (Aug 16) (Information on antigen test distribution will shared by school sites)	No parent visitors or volunteers will be permitted to allow school procedures and protocols to be taught and practiced with students.
Aug 29th-Sept. 9th	Masks will be optional outdoors only and remain required indoors.	Parent visitors and volunteers will be welcomed for outdoor support roles only. (with cleared visitor/volunteer application)
Sept 12th	Masks will be optional indoors and outdoors.	Parent visitors and volunteers will continue to be welcomed for outdoor support roles only.(with cleared visitor/volunteer application)
Sept 26th	Masks will continue to be optional indoors and outdoors.	Parent visitors and volunteers will be welcomed for indoor support on a limited basis. (further details on indoor visitor and volunteer opportunities will be shared from your schools sites.)

Mitigation Strategies

Vaccinations

Vaccinations prevent illness by working with the body's natural defenses to help safely develop immunity to disease. Not only do vaccinations provide individual-level protection, but high vaccination coverage reduces the burden of disease in schools and communities and may help protect individuals who are not vaccinated or those who may not develop a strong immune response from vaccination. (CDPH)

-**Caliber Public Schools** strongly recommends that all eligible students stay up to date on COVID vaccinations.

- CPS currently has a vaccination mandate for all staff members at Caliber schools and network offices.(excluding those with approved exemptions)

Optimizing Indoor Air Quality

The risk of getting COVID-19 is greater in indoor settings with poor air quality. Effective ventilation and filtration can curb the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. It may also protect students and staff from exposure to wildfire smoke and other airborne allergens and pollutants.

-**Caliber Public Schools** will continue to have medical grade air purifiers in classrooms.

- Upgraded air filters installed in school facility HVAC systems.

- Masks will continue to be offered to all students and staff who request them.

-Fresh air will continue to be utilized in spaces where available.(open windows, doors, etc)



Using Facemasks:

Masks, particularly **high-quality and well-fitting masks** (PDF), remain highly effective, inexpensive, and dynamic tools to protect oneself and mitigate transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory pathogens.

-**Caliber Public Schools** has developed a “Strong Start” Fall Return Plan, detailed above, that will by September 12, 2022 allow masks to be optional while at CPS school sites indoor and outdoors.

-Masks remain highly effective and strongly recommended by local health officials to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. Masks will continue to be available for students and staff who request them.

Maintaining Clean Hands:

Hand hygiene can prevent the spread of infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

-**Caliber Public Schools** will continue to reinforce proper **handwashing** to lower the risk of spreading viruses, including the virus that causes COVID-19.

-Available hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol for staff and children who can safely use hand sanitizer.

-Continue to teach and reinforce covering **coughs and sneezes** to help keep individuals from getting and spreading infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

Cleaning Facilities:

In general, routine cleaning is enough to sufficiently remove the virus that causes COVID-19 from surfaces.

-**Caliber Public Schools** will continue to have daily cleaning services performed in all spaces at school sites.



Getting Tested for COVID-19:

Testing remains a key mitigation layer to detect and curb transmission of COVID-19.

-**Caliber Public Schools** will continue efforts to make COVID-19 testing resources available for all staff and students.

-Local Health Authorities recommend that antigen tests be considered the primary option for detecting COVID-19 in schools, compared to PCR tests.

-Due to the increased travel and social interactions that often occur during school-breaks, it is strongly recommended that students and staff get tested for COVID-19 prior to returning to school following major breaks (e.g., summer, winter, spring).

Isolation and Quarantine Recommendations

All persons with COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection, should:

- Self-isolate and test as soon as possible to determine infection status. Knowing one is infected early during self-isolation enables (a) earlier access to treatment options, if indicated (especially for those that may be at risk for severe illness), and (b) notification of exposed persons (close contacts) who may also benefit by knowing if they are infected.
 - For symptomatic persons who have tested positive within the previous 90 days, using an antigen test is preferred.
- Remain in isolation while waiting for testing results. If not tested, they should continue isolating for 10 days after the day of symptom onset, and if they cannot isolate, should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days.
- Continue to self-isolate if test result is positive, follow recommended actions below (Table 1)

Table 1: Persons Who Should Isolate

Persons Who Test Positive for COVID-19	Recommended Actions
<p>Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection or lack of symptoms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay home (PDF) for at least 5 days after the start of symptoms (or after the date of first positive test if no symptoms). ● Isolation can end after Day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving and a diagnostic specimen* collected on Day 5 or later tests negative. ● If unable to test, choosing not to test, or testing positive on Day 5 (or later), isolation can end after Day 10 if fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. ● If fever is present, isolation should be continued until 24 hours after fever resolves. ● If symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving, continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving or until after Day 10. If symptoms are severe, or if the infected person is at high risk of serious disease, or if they have questions concerning care, infected persons should contact their healthcare provider for available treatments. ● Per CDPH masking guidance, infected persons should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings (see masking section below for additional information). <p>*Antigen test preferred.</p>

*** Infectious Period:**

- For symptomatic infected persons, 2 days before the infected person had any symptoms through Day 10 after symptoms first appeared (or through Days 5-10 if testing negative on Day 5 or later), and 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and symptoms have improved, OR
- For asymptomatic infected persons, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date through Day 10 after positive specimen collection date (or through Days 5-10 if testing negative on Day 5 or later) after specimen collection date for their first positive COVID-19 test.

*For the purposes of identifying close contacts and exposures, infected persons who test negative on or after Day 5 and end isolation, in accordance with this guidance, are no longer considered to be within their infectious period. Such persons should continue to follow CDPH isolation recommendations, including wearing a well-fitting face mask through Day 10.

Table 2: Close Contacts

Asymptomatic Persons Who are Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (No Quarantine)	Recommended Actions
<p>Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>Persons infected within the prior 90 days do not need to be tested, quarantined, or excluded from work unless symptoms develop.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test within 3-5 days after last exposure. • Per CDPH masking guidance, close contacts should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings and when near those at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease (see masking section below for additional information). • Strongly encouraged to get vaccinated or boosted. • If symptoms develop, test and stay home (see earlier section on symptomatic persons), AND • If test result is positive, follow isolation recommendations above (Table 1).

**Close Contact: Someone sharing the same indoor airspace, e.g., home, clinic waiting room, airplane etc., for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes) during an infected person's (laboratory-confirmed or a clinical diagnosis) Infectious period.*

Parent/Guardian Volunteers/ Field Trips/ Water Fountains

Parent Volunteers

-Per the **Caliber Public Schools** “Strong Start” Fall Return Plan, Parent volunteer opportunities will begin to be available Aug 29th-(outdoors only), and Sept. 26th(Indoors and outdoors). *(Specific details about opportunities to volunteer will be provided by each school's admin team.)*

-To be eligible for volunteer opportunities ALL parents/guardians must complete and have a cleared volunteer application. [Parent/Guardian Volunteer Application](#)



Field Trips

-Off site Field Trips will be able to be planned starting Sept 26th.(All specific field trip details will be provided by school teams)

-Masks are strongly recommended while attending field trips, but will be optional for students and staff.

Water Fountains

-Along with water filling stations, drinking fountains have been reopened and are routinely cleaned by our janitorial service providers.