

WSSD 2021-2022 Covid Plan Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the school doing to keep our community safe and our school open?

WSSD is using multiple tools layered together to provide protection to our children and our community. This includes 1) outdoor classrooms, 2) masking indoors, 3) masking outdoors (except when teachers determine that it is safe to remove masks while socially distanced), 4) maximum ventilation for indoor classrooms (windows and doors open whenever feasible), 5) new and upgraded indoor filtration systems, 6) on campus testing through the California Department of Public Health, and 7) compliance with the California Teacher Vaccine Public Health Order.

2. How will the school day look the same as last year?

- a. We will have a staggered drop off in the parking lot
- b. Parents will complete the health questionnaire on ParentSquare prior to drop off each day
- c. Students, teachers, and staff will wear masks inside and outside, except for when teachers give students the option of removing masks when outside and physically distanced
- d. Vast majority of classes will be held outside
- e. Meals and snacks will be outside

3. How will the school day look different from last year?

- a. The health questionnaire will not include a temperature check nor will there be a temperature check at school
- b. EC teachers, Grades teachers, and High School teachers will have discretion to teach indoors in compliance with the mask policy
- c. Classes will be moved inside due to inclement weather and air quality issues
- d. Grades cohorts can intermingle outside up to two classes at a time in Grades 1-5 and up to three classes in middle school
- e. After care will be available for the grades

4. Are indoor desks spaced 6 feet apart?

No. Our goal is 3-6 feet but the precise spacing will vary depending on the number of students and the size of the classroom.

5. What filtration system do the indoor classrooms have?

We will use standard air with a MERV 13 filter as recommended by the San Diego County Health Department. All filters will be replaced on September 1, 2021.

6. Are teachers being trained on the school's Covid plan and protocols?

Yes. Our Covid protocol document from last year has been updated to reflect all changes and will be reviewed with faculty prior to the start of the school year.

7. Are volunteers permitted on campus?

Yes. Volunteers are permitted on campus so long as they comply with the California Department of Public Health Order that requires school volunteers to show proof of vaccination or proof of a current negative Covid test. Volunteers must also wear masks on campus.

8. Are visitors allowed on campus for school events, meetings, and performances?

Yes. All such events will be held outdoors and visitors must wear masks on campus. These events must be separated from the student body either by being held after school hours or in the front of the school.

9. My child woke up with symptoms, what should I do?

Please refer to the San Diego County Office of Education's Symptom and Isolation Decision Tree.

<https://covid-19.sdcoe.net/portals/covid-19/Documents/Health%20Practices/COVID-19-Decision-Tree.pdf>

10. My child had a close contact with someone who tested positive for Covid, what should I do?

Please refer to the San Diego County Office of Education's Close Contact and Quarantine Tree. <https://covid-19.sdcoe.net/portals/covid-19/Documents/Health%20Practices/COVID-19-Decision-Tree.pdf>

11. My child developed symptoms at school, what will happen?

The student's parents will be called to pick up the student. The student will wait to be picked up in a comfortable and isolated location with a mask on.

12. My child tested positive for Covid, what should I do?

Notify the school by calling or emailing Rachel Davis (rdavis@waldorfsandiego.org). And, per the Symptom and Isolation Tree, stay home for at least 10 days after symptom onset. Return after Day 11 with improving symptoms and if fever free.

13. Will I be notified by the school if a classmate, teacher, or staff member tests positive for Covid?

Yes. WSSD will notify local health officials, staff and families of any exposure to a positive case of Covid at school. The individual's identity will not be disclosed to staff or families.

14. What is the California Teacher Vaccine Mandate?

All school faculty, staff, administrative employees, and volunteers must be vaccinated or submit weekly testing results. WSSD will comply by 1) verifying the vaccine status of all workers and 2) tracking weekly test results for all workers who are not fully vaccinated.

15. Are students required to be vaccinated?

No. While the CDPH and CDC recommend that all eligible individuals be vaccinated, there is currently no California vaccine requirement for students. WSSD will comply with all laws and regulations regarding vaccine requirements.

16. Could the School Covid Plan change during this school year?

Yes. The School Covid Plan is fluid and may loosen or become more restrictive based on Covid conditions. Throughout the year, the Covid Steering Committee will continually evaluate conditions and make recommendations, as needed, for consideration and approval by Leadership Council.