FRAMEWORK FOR PCOE STUDENT PROGRAMS

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This plan is intended for student programs operated directly by the Placer County Office of Education including regional special education, court and community schools as well as Pathways Charter. The plan will be modified as public health guidelines are updated.

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Please note: This document will be updated as we receive guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and input from other stakeholders such as staff, students, parents and community members. Our ultimate goal is to maximize learning and success for all students through in-person instruction, while doing everything reasonably possible to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and community.
The Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) operates unique programs serving a variety of students and families. Students are served in Regional Special Education classrooms located on comprehensive school sites, Regional Special Education classrooms located on isolated school sites, and PCOE educational programs located on PCOE school sites. Regional Special Education programs located on comprehensive school sites will follow the host district’s framework/plan in regards to health and safety protocols.

As required by law, the Placer County Office of Education is following guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Emergency Temporary Standards from the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Cal/OSHA) to limit the spread of COVID and safeguard public health. These actions along with additional community mitigation strategies are outlined in this framework for PCOE student programs.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Placer County Office of Education is committed to the following guiding principles:

1. **Health and Safety** - The health and safety of staff and students is the single highest priority.

2. **Procedures and Protocols** - Specific safety protocols will be implemented and aligned with those issued from CDPH and Cal/OSHA.

3. **Academic Success** - In-class instruction provides an effective learning environment for students to meet learning objectives and to access instructional support from caring adults.

4. **Social Emotional Support** – Relationships and in-person connectivity are a critical component of social development for students.
CDPH GUIDANCE

Health and Safety Protocols:

As required by law, the Placer County Office of Education will follow guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Emergency Temporary Standards from the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Cal/OSHA) to limit the spread of COVID and safeguard public health. This include protocols for masking, testing, exposure group-tracing notification, isolation and quarantine. **Current guidance is available on the CDPH website.**

Cleaning:

a. In general, cleaning once a day is usually enough to sufficiently remove potential virus that may be on surfaces. Disinfecting (using disinfectants on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency COVID-19 list) removes any remaining germs on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection.

b. If a facility has had a sick person with COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, clean AND disinfect the spaces occupied by that person during that time.

Snacks and Lunches:

a. Maximize physical distance as much as possible while eating (especially indoors). Using additional spaces outside of the cafeteria for mealtime seating such as classrooms can help facilitate distancing. Arrange for eating outdoors as much as feasible.

b. Clean frequently touched surfaces. Surfaces that come in contact with food should be washed, rinsed, and sanitized before and after meals.

c. Given very low risk of transmission from surfaces and shared objects, there is no need to limit food service approaches to single use items and packaged meals.

REGIONAL PROGRAMS & VISITORS

PCOE Regional Programs:
All parents will need to follow their district of residence transportation policies.

School Visitors:
School visitors and parent volunteers will be required to provide proof of vaccination or negative test for COVID-19 every week as required by the State Public Health Officer Order “Vaccination Verification for Workers in Schools.”
KEY RESOURCES

For Students, Families and School Communities:
1. CDPH COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year
2. Placer County COVID Response Scenarios for School Nurses and Educational Leaders, 2021-22 School Year
3. California Safe Schools for All Website
4. Placer County Coronavirus Webpage
5. Placer County Office of Education Crisis Response Webpage
6. PCOE Childcare Referrals for Essential Workers: childcare@placercoe.org

For PCOE Staff
1. CDPH Public Health Order: Vaccine Verification for Workers in Schools
2. Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this overview document, staffing and logistics, please contact your school principal or program coordinator. You may also email PCOEprograms@placercoe.org.