

## King's Valley Christian School

# 2021-2022 COVID-19 School Safety Plan

Updated July 21, 2021 (subject to change based on current health department requirements)

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## School Safety Mission Statement

King's Valley Christian School and Preschool continues to strive to be a diverse community of scholars dedicated to the ideals of Biblical integrity, excellence in academics, and cultivating student talent. KVCS and the members of our community are committed to ensuring the safety and health of our students so they can continue to grow, learn, and flourish despite the challenges of a health crisis. Together we have proposed the following modifications to ensure a protective community for our youth.

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# General Considerations

## Based on California Department of Public Health Guidelines, July 12, 2021

Consideration should be given to both the direct school population as well as the surrounding community. The primary factors to consider include: 1) level of community transmission of COVID-19; 2) COVID-19 vaccination coverage in the community and among students, faculty, and staff; and 3) any local COVID-19 outbreaks or increasing trends. Discussion of these factors should occur in collaboration with local or state public health partners.

### 1. Masks

- a. From the CDHP guidelines on 7/12/21. Masks are optional outdoors for all K-12 school settings. K-12 students are required to mask indoors, with exemptions per CDPH face mask guidance. Adults, regardless of vaccination status, in K-12 school settings are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with students.
- b. Wristbands will be given to students who have medical reasons for not wearing a mask. These exemptions must be individually approved by school administration.
- c. Teachers may use clear face shields when necessary for instruction.
- d. Students should bring an additional mask to school in their backpack. The school will supply an extra mask if a child needs one or forgets to bring one.

### 2. Physical Distancing

- a. From the CDHP guidelines on 7/12/21. "Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are implemented. This is consistent with CDC K-12 Guidance.

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- b. Desks in the classroom will be spaced so that students are 3 feet apart when possible. There may be times when students will need to work in partners or groups for activities where indoor social distancing will not be possible.
  - c. Student lunches and recesses are staggered so they are in grade level cohorts. Chapels in the worship center and extended care will be held with K-2nd, 3-5th, and middle school groups.
  - d. Electives will return to a normal schedule this school year, rotating daily for students.

### 3. Ventilation recommendations

- a. Ventilation will be optimized per CDC guidelines by keeping doors and windows open as much as possible.
- b. Classroom air circulation systems will run when the doors cannot be opened due to air temperature or quality.

### 4. Recommendations for staying home when sick and getting tested

- a. Staff and students who feel unwell should stay home. If a student or staff member becomes unwell during the school day they will be sent home.
- b. Getting tested for COVID-19 when symptoms are consistent with COVID-19 will help with rapid contact tracing and prevent possible spread at schools.
- c. Sick staff and students may not return for in-person instruction until:
  - i. They have been fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
  - ii. Other symptoms have improved.
  - iii. A negative test for SARS-CoV-2 or a doctor's note may be required in specific circumstances, or at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.

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## 5. Screening testing recommendations

- a. Staff and students are able to get a COVID-19 test through their health provider or by scheduling through the Contra Costa Health Department  
<https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-tested>

## 6. Case reporting, contact tracing, and investigation

- a. Schools are required to report COVID-19 cases to the local public health department.

## 7. Quarantine recommendations for vaccinated close contacts

- a. For those who are vaccinated, we will follow the CDPH Fully Vaccinated People Guidance regarding quarantine.

## 8. Quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated students for exposures at school when both parties were wearing a mask, as required in K-12 indoor settings. These are adapted from the CDC K-12 guidance and CDC definition of a close contact.

- a. When both parties were wearing a mask in the indoor classroom setting, unvaccinated students who are close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet indoors) may undergo a modified 10-day quarantine.
  - i. Students may continue to attend school if they are asymptomatic.
  - ii. Student screening will be increased at school.
  - iii. Students may be asked to quarantine from extracurricular activities at school.
- b. For unvaccinated close contacts at school who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the indoor exposure may be excluded from school and discontinue self-quarantine under the following conditions:

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- i. Asymptomatic contacts can discontinue quarantine at home after Day 10 from the date of the last exposure without testing.
  - ii. Asymptomatic contacts can discontinue quarantine at home after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative.
- c. Depending on the circumstances of the exposure, the entire classroom or grade level may be asked to quarantine at home. Distance learning will only be provided if the entire classroom/cohort is required to quarantine at home.

#### 9. Isolation recommendations

- a. For both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons, follow the CDPH Isolation Guidance for those diagnosed with COVID-19.

#### 10. Hand hygiene recommendations

- a. Staff will teach and reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.
- b. Students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently during the day, especially after coming in from recess and before eating.
- c. Soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer will be provided to maintain hand hygiene.

#### 11. Cleaning recommendations

- a. Frequently touched surfaces and desks will be cleaned at least once a day.
- b. Classrooms will be professionally cleaned and disinfected if the room has had a sick person with COVID-19 within the last 24 hours.

#### 12. Food service recommendations

- a. Students will be spaced apart as much as possible when eating indoors. An outside seating area will also be used when possible.

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### 13. Visitors

- a. Nonessential visitors and volunteers will continue to be limited. All volunteers must self-screen before coming on campus and must wear a mask.
- b. K-8th grade parents will continue to drop off and pick up their child from extended care or the car line. Dropping off or picking students up from the classroom is not permitted at this time.