

COVID-19 Mitigation Plan K-3



Providing face-to-face instruction for the children of working families ensures that students get the best practices for learning and their parents can stay in the workforce. The information below provides guidance on policies and practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and comply with the State and Federal guidelines. Our goal is to have a safe and healthy learning environment for our students.

Pick-up/Drop-off of Students

- Pick-up and drop-off of children outside of the classrooms. If a parent enters the classroom, we ask that they remain 3 feet from the children and stay for a maximum of 15 minutes.
 - Provide hand sanitizer for anyone who enters the facility.
-

Health Screening

- Screen children and staff upon arrival.
 - Confirm that medications were not used to lower any individual's temperature.
 - Confirm that there has been no fever, shortness of breath or cough.
 - Require children and staff who have a fever at or above 100.4°F, cough, or shortness of breath to return home until they are fever and symptom-free for at least 48 hours or have followed current quarantine guidelines. (see below)
 - Keep a record of child and employee illness on the Illness Log.
-

Increased Sanitation and Hygiene Practice

- Practice frequent hand washing with soap, water, and vigorous rubbing for at least 20 seconds.
 - Practice hand washing upon arrival at the facility, before meals and snacks, after outdoor play, after using the bathroom, prior to going home, and after blowing your nose/assisting a child with blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - Use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if hand washing is not possible.
 - Advise children, families, and staff to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with their hands.
 - Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, throw the tissue in the trash, and clean hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer (if soap and water are not readily available).
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, cubbies, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
 - Disinfection service conducted after business hours monthly and additionally, as needed.
 - Books and other paper-based materials are not considered a high risk for transmission.
-

Meals/Snacks

- Meals and snacks will be provided in the classroom.
- Each child will be provided with individual meals and snacks.
- Family-style meals will not be served.
- Utensils or serving tools will only be handled by the person serving the food.
- Label personal drinking cups.

- Students should not drink from a communal water fountain.
-

Physical Distancing Strategies

- Avoid inside programs and large gatherings; minimize time standing in lines. Outdoor activities will continue.
 - Remind staff, children, and their families to maintain a safe distance (3 ft.) from each other when possible.
 - Keep groups together throughout the day.
 - Limit number of staff members visiting multiple classrooms.
 - Wash hands immediately after outdoor playtime.
-

Facility Operation

- Hand sinks and restrooms are operational and stocked with liquid soap and hand towels.
 - Hand sinks provide water at a minimum of 90°F and a maximum of 120°F.
 - Maintain proper sanitizing and disinfectant concentrations when cleaning. These are the disinfectants that are effective in removing COVID-19.
 - Staff members are trained on the increased sanitation and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements needed to limit the spread of infections in the school.
 - Provide hand sanitizer in the lobby for employees.
 - All employees are provided with available PPE.
-

COVID-19 Symptoms

- Fever (100.4 degrees or higher)
 - chills
 - shortness of breath
 - fatigue
 - congestion or runny nose
 - muscle or body aches
 - headache
 - sore throat
 - loss of taste or smell
 - nausea or vomiting
 - diarrhea
-

Children or staff who have presumed or confirmed COVID-19:

1. The person should be excluded from SpringStone for at least 5 days. Day 1 is the first full day after your symptoms developed or the day after a positive viral test.
2. Children and staff members without symptoms can end isolation after 5 full days and return to SpringStone if they are able and willing to consistently and correctly wear a mask for the 5 days while at school.
3. If they are not able or willing to wear a mask, then they must quarantine for 7 days, with a negative test on day 5 or later, or for a full 10 days without testing.
4. Children and staff who once had symptoms can end isolation after 5 full days and return to the school if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and if symptoms have improved.

If a household member of a child has COVID-19:

1. Children and staff should be excluded from school for a minimum of 5 days. Children and staff members without symptoms can end isolation after 5 full days and return to SpringStone if they are able and willing to consistently and correctly wear a mask for the 5 days while at school.
 2. If they are not able or willing to wear a mask, then they must quarantine for 7 days, with a negative test on day 5 or later, or for a full 10 days without testing.
 3. This period of time may be prolonged if the child develops symptoms.
 4. The person should contact their primary physician and follow the CDC's recommendations for COVID-19.
-

If a child or staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at school:

1. Immediately separate the person from others until the ill person can leave the facility. Ensure that the ill person wears a mask.
 2. Advise the employee or child's parent or caregiver to inform the facility immediately if the person is diagnosed with COVID-19.
 3. If a child or employee tests positive for COVID-19, provide the SNHD with relevant information.
 4. Take steps to immediately air out the facility and then follow school cleaning guidelines below. A possible classroom closure will depend on multiple factors, including most up-to-date information about COVID-19 and the specific cases in the community as well as guidance from SNHD.
 5. Symptom free children and staff should **not** attend or work at another school. Families of enrolled children who refuse testing for their children can also be excluded from the program for 5-7 days, depending on mask usage.
-

Who does not need to quarantine?

Children and staff who come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 do not need to quarantine if they are in one of the following groups:

- People who have received all recommended vaccine doses and are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines (including applicable boosters).
 - People who have had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (viral at-home test or PCR test).
-

School cleaning if someone is sick at SpringStone

1. If surfaces are dirty, clean surface using soap and water prior to disinfection.
 2. For disinfection, the school uses Purell disinfectant.
 3. For soft (porous) surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes, remove visible contamination if present and clean with appropriate cleaners indicated for use on these surfaces.
 4. Launder items if possible. Use the hottest appropriate water setting for the items and then dry items completely.
 5. Utilize our cleaning service to disinfect the affected areas.
-

Temporary classroom/school closures

In the event that a classroom or the school must close due to COVID-19, the students will receive distance education until the classroom/school can reopen. Tuition fees are the same for face-to-face instruction and distance education.

School Calendar

The current school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year will remain in effect. If in the event that there is a temporary school closure and distance education is not conducted, there will be additional contingency days added during the school year in order to maintain a total of 180 days of instruction. Distance virtual education days will count toward the 180 days. Worksheets and lessons will be provided.

Testing Plan

The school will require all unvaccinated teachers in the elementary program to test every two weeks. The school will keep test results of students, parents, guardians, teachers, or staff members confidential consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The test results will be shared with the Health Department as requested.

The school will refer parents, students and staff to locations where they can be tested in the community.

Masking Policy/Plan

Masking will not be required by any individual regardless of their vaccination status unless they had to quarantine for 5 days because of illness or exposure. In this case, individuals must use a mask for the 5 days following the quarantine period. The school may implement temporary mask usage due to surges or outbreaks or in accordance with recommendations with the State of Health Department.

This document will be updated based on guidance from SNHD, Nevada Department of Education or Government mandates