

Nevada State High School COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

February 2022

In alignment with the requirements of Directive 052, February 10, 2022

Policy regarding consistent and correct use of face coverings for students, staff, and visitors while in school buildings or on school campuses

- School staff, students, and visitors are no longer required to wear masks in school. Students and staff electing to do so may continue to wear masks on campus.
- NSHS will have face masks available as well as hand sanitizer and disinfectant cleaning wipes or solutions for disinfecting high touch areas. In accordance with current local and state health requirements, visitors will be reminded to wear masks as a prevention strategy.

Universal masking in the event of an outbreak

- In the event of an outbreak, the local health authority may require the use of masks in response to the outbreak. In such event, the requirement for staff, students, and parents at the campus(es) to wear masks will be communicated via direct messaging (email/Remind) and through the online Learning Management System.

Quarantine Periods

- Individuals who have come into close contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19 will need to quarantine for five days from the last known exposure if no symptoms have developed. Upon return, the student or staff member must wear a mask for a minimum of five additional days. In alignment with current DPHS guidance, this includes:
 - Individuals who completed the primary series of vaccinations, but have not received a recommended booster shot.
 - People who are not vaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series.
- In alignment with current DPHS guidance, this NOT include:
 - Individuals age 18 or older who have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters.
 - Students 12-17 years old who have completed their primary vaccine series but have not yet received all eligible boosters.
 - Individuals who have had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days.

Isolation Periods (For those that test positive for COVID-19)

- Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of whether they are symptomatic or vaccination status, must isolate at home for a minimum of 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or have resolving symptoms after 5 days, they can discontinue isolation but must continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. Isolation begins on the date of testing or of symptom onset, in alignment with DPHS guidance.

Promoting Vaccination

- NSHS will communicate college vaccination requirements to families and promote vaccinations among staff, families, and students by sharing information in the Learning Management System.
- NSHS will promote ongoing community vaccine events to students and staff.
- NSHS will provide specific information regarding community options for vaccination, including through the Southern Nevada Health District directly (<https://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/vaccine/distribution/>) as well as vaccination clinics offered at the three campuses of the College of Southern Nevada (<https://www.csn.edu/vax>).

Other Mitigation Measures

- Staff will observe students to ensure social distancing is followed throughout the building, in alignment with current local and state requirements.
- NSHS will continue to utilize an online appointment scheduling system to schedule on campus appointments, limiting the number of people on site in accordance with local and state gathering restrictions. As guidelines change, NSHS will update processes to reflect updates.
- When arriving on campus, staff and students will be directed to follow instructions related to personal preventative measures, in alignment with current local and state health requirements.
- Staff will observe students to ensure social distancing is followed throughout the building, in alignment with current local and state requirements, along with CDC recommendation of maintaining at least three feet of physical distance of students in the classroom.
- Staff and students will continue to be encouraged to follow regular hygiene measures including hand sanitizer in all classroom areas and use of disinfectant cleaning wipes or solutions for disinfecting high touch areas between classes. Students will be encouraged to participate in regular handwashing.
- If staff or students have any signs of illness, they will be instructed to separate themselves from others and return home and encouraged to get tested.
- NSHS will close off areas used by individuals with COVID-19 and wait ideally 24 hours before beginning to clean and disinfect to minimize potential exposure; and will open outside doors to increase air circulation.

COVID-19 Testing Program

- NSHS does not require regular, mandatory testing of staff and students for COVID-19. All staff have been required to provide proof of vaccination status. Pursuant to Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) requirements, students have been required to provide proof of vaccination status or eligible exemption, prior to the rescinding of the mandate.
- Any staff or students who come into contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive must quarantine, following current guidelines of quarantine/isolation and mask usage as noted above.
- Students/staff who may have been within close contact with the individual confirmed positive for COVID-19 will be notified so that quarantine procedures can be followed and they can encouraged to test for COVID-19.
- Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 will be directed toward community resources for testing. This includes testing through the Southern Nevada Health District directly (<https://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/testing/>) as well as through testing at the three campuses of the College of Southern Nevada:
 - Main Campus: <https://registration.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/covid-testing?location=csnwc>
 - Henderson: <https://registration.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/covid-testing?location=csnh>
 - North Las Vegas: <https://registration.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/covid-testing?location=csnnlv>

COVID-19 Outbreaks

- In alignment with CDC guidelines, an outbreak is defined as two or more cases of COVID-19 that are epidemiologically linked (e.g., two individuals who received a diagnosis of COVID-19 found to work/attend in the same school, and only one or neither of them was listed as a contact to the other).
- The outbreak will be communicated to families including, but not limited to methods: announcements in the Learning Management System, Remind text messages, emails, virtual meetings, and phone calls.
- The outbreak will be communicated to staff via email.
- Local health authorities will be notified in alignment with current reporting requirements, reporting any suspected outbreaks to schoolcovid@snhd.org or calling 705-759-1300.
- In the event of an outbreak at a campus(es), additional mitigation measures, including universal masking, increased cleaning and sanitation, additional measures as identified by local health authorities, and/or a temporary return to distance learning may be put in place.

- In the event that a campus(es) needs to be closed due to an outbreak, communication with families, staff, and other stakeholders may include, but not be limited to announcements in the Learning Management System, Remind text messages, emails, virtual meetings, social media posts, and phone calls.
- An outbreak will be considered closed when there are no longer two or more cases of COVID-19 that are epidemiologically linked at the campus.