



**CIVICA NEVADA**  
A Tuition-Free Public Charter School  
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## **Emergency Directive 052 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan**

In accordance with Emergency Directive 052, as of February 11, 2022, masks are optional for all school staff, students, and visitors at CIVICA Academy. Masks are available to all students and staff who may request one.

All CIVICA families are regularly reminded via Infinite Campus text messaging, social media, and email to keep students home if they are ill. Teachers are encouraged to monitor for illness in the classroom as well as inform parents to keep sick students home. Students who are in the classroom and appear ill are sent to the health office and asked to wear a mask to prevent possible spread until they exit campus. Their symptoms are evaluated, and it is then determined whether they will be excluded from school and asked to provide a COVID-19 test or are well enough to remain at school.

Should CIVICA learn of a positive case during the school day, contact tracing within the school is done by the school health team. If exposures are identified, the exposed students are excluded from the classroom and will cohort until parent/guardian can pick the students up from school for exclusion.

If an outbreak of COVID-19 is identified, CIVICA Academy will implement masking and/or other mitigation measures at the direction of the local health authority. An outbreak is defined as a higher-than-expected number of occurrences of disease in a specific location and time. To clarify further; multiple cases comprising at least 10% of students, teachers, or staff, within a specific core group (a “core” group includes but is not limited to extracurricular activity, cohort group, classroom, before/after school care, etc.) OR at least (3) cases within a specified core group meeting criteria for a probable or confirmed school associated COVID-19 case with symptom onset or positive test result within 14 days who were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting (i.e.,

Household) outside of the school setting; AND epidemiologically linked in the school setting or a school-sanctioned extracurricular activity.

Should an outbreak be defined in the school, it will be reported immediately to the local public health authority and the State Public Charter School Authority. The local public health authority will then assist in monitoring and provide guidance for action. In the event of an outbreak, CIVICA may implement a school wide mask mandate to help slow the spread. The mask requirement and/or any other mitigation measures will be in effect until the local public health authority determines the outbreak is closed. CIVICA would look to the public health authority to assist in the decision to close the building due to an outbreak. Should a closure need to occur, stakeholders will be notified via email, Infinite Campus text messaging, and/or phone communication.

In the event of an outbreak, CIVICA Academy will communicate directly with affected families via email and Infinite Campus text messaging, phone communication as well as social media.

Tracking of reported positive cases as well as close contacts of those who tested positive will be kept by the school health team and is in the health office.

In line with CDC guidance, masks will be required for 5 days for any students or staff utilizing the shortened quarantine and isolation period. CIVICA Academy will continue to follow CDC/DHHS guidance regarding masking requirements at the school related to quarantine and isolation periods.

CIVICA Academy employs a Registered Nurse (RN) on campus 2 days a week and a clinical aide 5 days a week. In the event of a positive test, these employees work directly with the SNHD to enact immediate contact tracing and exclusion practices consistent with the most recent SNHD guidance. Each day, the school nurse/clinical aide follows up with all families with sick children, with student(s) that have been quarantined due to a positive COVID-19 test, or with students that have been excluded due to contact tracing to determine if exclusions are necessary.

Through a partnership with SNHD, as well as other testing sites, CIVICA Academy has an onsite COVID-19 testing program in place to provide testing for any staff [or students]

with symptoms or exposure concerns. Current testing site locations are provided to families in the event testing is requested, or upon request. Onsite testing is done through Beechtree Laboratories. Test results are typically received within 24-48 hours, and all current CDC/DHHS protocols are followed regarding isolation and quarantine periods.

CIVICA Academy was built in 2021 and has a new ventilation system in place. The filters are maintained and changed every 3 months. Students are given multiple opportunities throughout the day to be outside in open air. In the event of an outbreak, if weather permits, classes could be held outside or in a larger space with more ventilation such as the multipurpose room.

CIVICA encourages social distancing when possible. Should an outbreak occur, student desks can be separated greater than 3 feet apart and faced the same direction in the classroom to reduce transmission. No communal items will be permitted to be used in the classroom. Weather permitting, lunches may be eaten outside on the lawn.

Respiratory etiquette is taught and reinforced throughout the building to minimize the transmission of respiratory pathogens. CIVICA Academy provides hand washing/sanitizing stations throughout the school. High-touch surfaces are cleaned throughout the day. Staff includes students in the classroom cleaning procedures to the greatest extent possible including frequent opportunities for hand sanitizing and wiping down high-touch surfaces between activities and classes. CIVICA Academy provides information to families to increase access and awareness of vaccines in the community and encourages families to consider COVID-19 vaccination.