



Explore Las Vegas

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21/22 COVID Plan

Plans for Safe Return to In person instruction

To assure the safe return of all students and staff and in accordance with federal requirements under the America Rescue Plan Act (ARP), Explore Academy adopts the following policies:

1. For anyone that enters the school building the following mask policy applies:
 - a) Regardless of vaccination status, all students, staff, and visitors to campus must wear a mask during a community outbreak of COVID
 - b) Masking is required for anyone who has COVID-19 and is following shortened isolation and quarantine periods; an additional five days with a mask is required
 - d) Students, staff, and volunteers must wear a mask on school-sponsored public transportation
 - e) Masks are optional when the above criteria is not in consideration and when outdoors (please note that unmasked exposure to COVID will result in a five-day quarantine, whereas masked exposure will not)
2. Explore Academy will provide cleaning supplies in every classroom. Students and staff are asked to spray and clean after themselves regularly throughout the day. Classrooms will be cleaned nightly by cleaning staff.
3. Students and staff are reminded of a number of layered mitigation strategies, such as the importance of handwashing, respiratory etiquette, physical distancing, regular cleaning, and staying home when sick. The school works to maintain 6 feet of physical distance when possible, and to minimize exposure without masks (during lunch, for example) to one cohort. Teachers are encouraged to keep doors open to increase ventilation.
4. Explore Academy encourages all eligible students and staff to be vaccinated. To receive your vaccination, go to the website to <https://www.unlv.edu/coronavirus/vaccine>.
5. Any students or staff with a disability will receive appropriate accommodations. Please contact larsen@explore.academy for more information.
6. Explore Academy will coordinate with the local health authority and State Public Charter School Authority regarding any positive COVID cases in the immediate school community and comply with any advice or directives. This includes providing information on confirmed positive cases to the Southern Nevada Health District and following guidelines regarding isolation and quarantine.
7. Should the need to pivot to online learning arise, students would use their personal or school-provided chromebooks to attend online classes.

8. Explore Academy employs a COVID testing program for staff and students, and will work with parents to test suspected cases and to offer screening testing for teachers, staff, and students during periods of substantial and high transmission.
9. Explore Academy further employs a tracking system to monitor cases within our smaller school community, and will use this system to determine when school closure or mask use is necessary.

Quarantine and Isolation

The school will follow the most current recommendations regarding quarantine and isolation times, in accordance with Southern Nevada Health District and State Public Charter School Authority recommendations. For individuals following shortened isolation protocols, masks will be required for five days after return. For individuals exposed to COVID on campus, mask use will be used to determine whether an individual must quarantine.

Detecting School-wide Outbreaks

An outbreak shall be defined as a rapid increase in the number of positive cases that exceeds the local or national rate. The school will work closely with the Southern Nevada Health District to identify and respond to outbreaks, and to notify stakeholders of any changes as a result. Should an outbreak occur, everyone on campus will be required to wear a mask. The school will use ongoing, on- and off-site testing/screening data to monitor levels in the school community and determine when to close the outbreak.

COVID- 19 Path Forward Program

In accordance with guidance from the State Public Charter School Authority and the Governors Directives (No. 44), Explore Academy adopts the following in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Any student who has documentation from a medical professional related to a condition that would be compromised by attending school in-person or is quarantined on the advice of local public health officials will receive access to educational materials and support online, including access to the technology necessary to participate in distance education, including a computer and internet connectivity (Hotspot).
2. Students participating in distance education must demonstrate regular weekly progress in their classwork to be submitted through Google Classroom, then graded and recorded in Infinite Campus;
3. Each student participating full-time in distance education will be contacted via electronic means or by telephone by a licensed teacher or licensed substitute teacher at least once per instructional day; if a student's confirmed lack of access to a telephone or internet service results in an inability to be contacted, a licensed teacher or licensed substitute teacher will record attempted contact via other means (e.g., home visit) once per week and maintain a record of attempts;
4. The program of instruction will provide appropriate education for English Learners, students with Individualized Education Programs, and students with 504 Plans;
5. Licensed teachers and/or licensed substitutes will be accessible to students through the internet or by telephone during the school's regularly scheduled instructional hours; and
6. Stakeholders will be notified of any closures via email as early as possible. Email will also be the primary method of communication regarding reopening.