

MATER ACADEMY OF NEVADA

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 MATER ACADEMY OF NEVADA. If a school-wide outbreak of COVID-19 is identified by the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), MATER ACADEMY OF NEVADA will implement masking and/or other mitigation measures at the direction of the local health authority. The mask requirement and/or any other mitigation measures will be in effect until the local health authority determines the outbreak is closed. An outbreak is defined as, two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases among students or staff at school with onset of illness within a 14-day period, do not share a household, and are not listed as a close contact of each other outside of school during contact tracing.

The following mitigation strategies will be implemented in the event that outbreak is declared:

1. Consistent and correct use of universal masking in indoor settings such as classrooms, hallways, food halls where members from different households may interact
2. Screening testing of asymptomatic persons without recent known or suspected exposure to SARS-CoV-2 for early identification, isolation, and disease prevention
3. Encourage students, faculty, and staff to perform daily health screenings for infectious illnesses, including COVID-19
4. Communicating with parents about keeping student home when sick and getting tested
5. Hosting vaccination clinics on campus to promote vaccination
6. Constant cleaning and disinfection of high-touched surfaces
7. Educate students on handwashing and respiratory etiquette
8. Contact tracing in combination with quarantine
9. Increase airflow and ventilation
10. Promote social distancing
11. When necessary, Mater Academy of Nevada will switch to in person or virtual cohorts.

In addition, signage will be placed in highly visible locations (such as building entrances, restrooms, and dining areas) and communicate with students, faculty, and staff via email and social media about prevention strategies, such as getting a COVID-19 vaccine, consistent and correct use of masks, physical distancing, handwashing (or use of hand sanitizer), covering their mouths and noses with a tissue or use the inside of their elbow or mask if they cough or sneeze.

In the event of an outbreak, MATER ACADEMY OF NEVADA will communicate directly with affected families via phone or email.

Face Coverings and Quarantine

In line with Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, if a student or staff tests positive, the individual will need to isolate from others for 5 days and continue to wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days.

If a student or staff member is exposed to COVID-19 and is not up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations, the individual will be quarantined for at least 5 days and will be required to get tested at least 5 days after last contact with the positive close contact. Furthermore, they will be required to wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days.

If a student or staff member is exposed to COVID-19 and is up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations, the individual will not be required to quarantine, unless they develop symptoms and will be required to get tested at least 5 days after last contact with the positive close contact. Furthermore, they will be required to wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days.

If a student or staff member is exposed to COVID-19 within the past 90 days, the individual will not be required to isolate, unless they develop symptoms. If they develop symptoms, they will require to stay home and get tested. Furthermore, they will be required to wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days.

Effective February 25, 2022, the CDC does not require that individuals wear masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems. Universal indoor masking including on buses is optional for faculty, staff and students when community levels are low or medium. Masks will be encouraged at any large school-based events or gatherings.

In-Person Learning: Health and Safety

Respiratory etiquette is taught and reinforced throughout the buildings to minimize the transmission of any respiratory pathogens. MATER ACADEMY OF NEVADA provides hand washing/sanitizing stations throughout the school. Frequently touched surfaces are disinfected 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 frequently touched surfaces between activities and classes.

Student/Staff Staying Home

Vaccines are up-to-date:

Staff and students may return to work/school as long as they are asymptomatic (without symptoms of COVID-19).

Staff and students must wear a mask for 10 days after exposure.

Staff and students are encouraged to test on day 5, if possible.

Vaccines are NOT up-to-date:

Staff and students must stay home for 5 days.

After returning to work/school, staff and students will continue to wear a mask for 5 additional days.

Staff and students must be without symptoms of COVID- 19 to return to work/school on day 6.

Staff and students are encouraged to test on day 5, if possible.

Covid-19 Vaccination Promotion

MATER ACADEMY OF NEVADA will continue to promote COVID-19 vaccination among all eligible faculty, staff and students.

In collaboration with Immunize Nevada, MATER ACADEMY OF NEVADA, serves as COVID-19 vaccination site. Mater Academy East, Mater Academy Bonanza and Mater Academy Mountain Vista hosts a monthly resources fair to provide COVID-19 vaccinations for students, faculty, staff and the community.

MATER ACADEMY OF NEVADA provides information to faculty, staff and families to increase access and awareness of vaccines in the community, encouraging vaccine trust and confidence, establishing practices that make getting vaccinated as easy and convenient as possible.

Faculty, staff and students are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Tracking implementations include keeping record of vaccine status for staff, inputting students' vaccination status in infinite campus, and routinely screen testing unvaccinated individuals.

In addition, MATER ACADEMY OF NEVADA, provides parents and staff with up-to-date resources on locations available to receive a COVID test, COVID vaccine, vaccine information and information about treatments.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Through a partnership with Wellhealth, MATER ACADEMY OF NEVADA has an onsite polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 testing program in place to provide testing for any staff or students with symptoms or exposure concerns. Testing results are typically received within 24-72 hours. Positive cases will be reported to Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) and the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA). All current CDC, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Nevada State Public Charter Authority (SPCSA) recommendations are followed regarding isolation and quarantine periods.

In addition, Binax Now rapid testing is readily available on school campus for staff, students and athletes. Symptomatic individuals who test via Binax Rapid test will be recommended to be tested using the standard PCR test. If any staff member or student is not feeling well and having multiple symptoms, that person will need to stay home.

Screening testing is offered to students and staff who have not been fully vaccinated when levels of transmission are moderate, substantial or high. Screening testing occurs at least once per week.

Contact Tracing

MATER ACADEMY OF NEVADA employs a Registered Nurse (RN) on campus five days a week and a First Aid/Safety Assistant (FASA) 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 and FASA follow 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.

MATER ACADEMY OF NEVADA will continue to follow the most recent (CDC), (DHHS) and (SPCSA) guidance regarding masking requirements at school related to quarantine and isolation periods.