



COVID-19 Mitigation Plan:

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Subject to Change

Section 1 - The CDC Prevention Strategies

Promoting vaccination

- Weekly promoting of ongoing community vaccine events to students AND staff
 - <https://covid19washoe.com/community-vaccine-schedule/>
 - www.vaccines.gov

Consistent and correct mask use

- Little Flower Catholic School plans on notifying classrooms when a case has been in attendance while infectious.

Masking Upon Return from Isolation for Cases

- Cases who return from isolation on Day 6 after onset/first positive test in absence of symptoms MUST wear a mask on Days 6 through 10.

Masking for Exposed Contacts

Both conditions must be met

1. Contacts who are not required to stay home for quarantine (are up-to-date with vaccine series) will mask for 10 full days regardless of vaccination status*
*Exception for those aged 5 to 17 years who are fully vaccinated, booster eligible, but not boosted, they are permitted to be exempt from quarantine
2. Contacts who must stay home for five days due to not being up-to-date with vaccine series may only return from quarantine on Day 6 through 10 after last date exposed if masked

Screening testing for COVID-19

- Little Flower Catholic School will look into testing options for our school.
- For right now, Little Flower Catholic School encourages individuals displaying symptoms or have known exposure to a positive individual to test. Little Flower Catholic School has testing kits for use by symptomatic or exposed students and staff.
- We will continue to recommend students and staff be tested as soon as possible after they develop one or more COVID-19 symptoms or if one of their household members or non-household close contacts test positive for COVID-19. If they choose not to be tested, they will be treated as a positive case and quarantined for the five day period.

Staying home when sick and getting tested

- If a person is out with symptoms and opts to be tested, they are not to use an at-home test for verifying a negative result.
- A symptomatic person who tests positive with an at-home test is to be encouraged to seek a non- at-home test.

Contact tracing in combination with quarantine: Exposed persons will be excluded in accordance with most up-to-date CDC guidance

Discussion of the Following Layered Mitigation Techniques

- Ventilation – we have air purifiers in each room. Fans are left on during the day. Doors are left open during the day.
- Handwashing- Students are instructed to wash their hands throughout the day. Students are given hand sanitizer when they enter the room in the morning. Students are given wipers when they come in from recess.
- Cleaning and disinfecting – teachers clean desks 2 times a day. Our janitor cleans each room each night. Each day they wipe down all the surfaces and door handles.
- Physical distancing- students are sitting 3-6 feet apart from each other in the classroom.

Section 2 - Positive case reporting to LHAs

- Report via email to epicenter@washoecounty.gov using the attached Positive Case Report form **see Attachment 1**

Section 3 - Outbreaks

How will an outbreak be defined?

- See CSTE definition of clusters and outbreaks outlined in **Attachment 3**
- If criteria for a cluster OR an outbreak are met, must report to Washoe County Health District epidemiology program via epicenter@washoecounty.gov OR by calling 775-328-2447

What mechanism will be used for outbreak declaration and notification of the outbreak?

- If criteria for a cluster OR an outbreak are met, must report to Washoe County Health District epidemiology program via epicenter@washoecounty.gov OR by calling 775-328-2447
- If cluster OR outbreak criteria are met, an outbreak will be declared by the Washoe County Health District

What mitigation measures will be in place once an outbreak is declared?

- Aggregate report line listing at least once per week **see Attachment 4**
- Recommend that symptomatic persons obtain a non at-home test to prove symptoms are not COVID-19 related which could reduce the outbreak declaration duration
At minimum, weekly reporting of line lists, daily is preferred

Select at minimum, six (6) of the layered prevention and mitigation techniques to be enhanced from Section One, with the option for an alternative not listed as option #10:

1. Screening testing for COVID-19 – In Weekly newsletter Screening protocols are attached.
2. Staying home when sick and getting tested- Parents call in or email in if someone isn't feeling well. We follow up to check on them, if needed we encourage them to test.
3. Contact tracing in combination with quarantine – If we know if a student that has

been at school with COVID, we call each of the student's parents sitting next to the positive case.

4. Ventilation- Fans will continue to be utilized and air purifiers.

5. Handwashing - students will continue to be reminded to wash their hands regular throughout the day. Handsanitizer will be available in each classroom and spots where there is a lot of traffic.

6. Cleaning and disinfecting- We will continue to clean regularly.

How will the outbreak be monitored?

- Aggregate report line listing at least once per week **see Attachment 4**

What criteria will be used to close an outbreak?

- Two full incubation periods (28 days for COVID-19, as 14 days is the full incubation period) without any new persons in the setting developing symptoms.
- Encourage testing to prove symptoms are not COVID-related, otherwise the 28 days will start over with each new onset OR positive test
- Positive at-home tests will be included for outbreak purposes

What mechanism will be used to notify of outbreak closures?

- Email notification to school point of contact and Washoe County Health District Outbreak Response Team which will officially declare the close of an outbreak.