

PINECREST ACADEMY OF NEVADA

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 Pinecrest Academy of Nevada. If an outbreak of COVID-19 is identified by the Southern Nevada Health District, SNHD, Pinecrest Academy will implement masking and/or other mitigation measures at the direction of the local health authority. The masking requirement and/or any other mitigation measures will be in effect until the local health authority determines the outbreak is closed. In the event of an outbreak, Pinecrest Academy will communicate directly with affected families via email or other methods as needed.

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

Pinecrest Academy of Nevada campuses employ certified nurses (RN) on campuses and a clinical aide five (5) days a week. In the event of a positive test, these employees work directly with SNHD to enact immediate contact tracing and exclusion practices consistent with the most recent SNHD guidance. Each day, the school nurse/clinical aide will follow up with all families with sick children, with the 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. Families are encouraged to keep children home when feeling sick and to notify the health office. Social distancing is practiced, where possible, to allow for physical distancing in the classroom and when moving throughout the buildings. Social distancing stickers are placed on all campuses. As state and local COVID-19 prevalence decreases, the need for strict social distancing and the use of face coverings have lessened. We continue to follow guidance from state and local health departments and make adjustments as needed. All campuses maintain proper ventilation systems and most campuses are newer facilities and systems.

Through a partnership with BinaxNow, Pinecrest Academy campuses have an onsite COVID-19 testing program in place to provide testing for any staff or students with symptoms or exposure concerns. Testing results are immediate and reported within 24 hours to the State of Nevada Website for COVID-19 reporting, and all current CDC/DHHS protocols are followed regarding isolation and quarantine periods.

Respiratory etiquette is taught and reinforced throughout the buildings to minimize the transmission of respiratory pathogens. Pinecrest Academy of Nevada provides hand washing/sanitizing stations throughout the campuses. High-touch surfaces are cleaned throughout the day. Staff includes students in the classroom cleaning procedures to the greatest extent possible including frequent opportunities to wash hands, sanitize hands, and wipe down high touch surfaces between activities and classes. Pinecrest Academy provides information to families to increase access and awareness of vaccines in the community. The use of student cohorts is not in place at this time and students are permitted to attend virtually, for positive cases reported or necessary quarantines. Students may also be approved for virtual instruction by submitting a request and associated documentation of need for administrative approval.