

Oasis Academy's COVID-19 Mitigations Plan Based on Emergency Directive 052

Mitigation Strategies

Promoting Vaccination

Oasis Academy recognizes that achieving high levels of vaccination among eligible students as well as teachers, staff and household members is one of the most critical strategies to help schools safely maintain full in person operations. As such we have promoted vaccination by providing multiple clinics on campus as well as providing families with the Churchill County vaccine clinic schedules on a regular and ongoing basis.

Cleaning and Ventilation

OA will continue to sanitize the school and maintain ventilation levels in accordance with the [Oasis Academy Plan for a Safe, Efficient, and Equitable Return to School 20-21](#).

Test To Stay

Oasis Academy will utilize Test to Stay for employees in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services 2/17/22 guidance. **The test to stay practice will require the following criteria to be met:**

- The close contact exposure must occur within the school setting only (not applicable to household exposures)
- Both the index case and school-based close contact had to be correctly and consistently masked during the exposure
- The close contacts must adhere to correct and consistent use of wearing a mask while participating in TTS.
- The close contact must remain asymptomatic to attend in-person while participating in TTS.
- Close contacts must agree to quarantine at home when not in school and adhere to CDC's quarantine guidance outside the K-12 setting.
- When feasible individuals will adhere to physical distancing.
- Testing will occur as soon as possible after the exposure and again on day 5. If day 5 is not a school day, testing must occur on the next scheduled school day.

Should DHHS update their guidelines for TTS, Oasis Academy would adhere to the most recent guidelines.

Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette

Oasis will practice handwashing and respiratory etiquette by teaching students how to properly do so, reminding them to do so, and posting illustrations of the proper etiquette in relevant locations (i.e. bathrooms).

Physical Distancing & Cohorting

Oasis Academy will maintain 3 feet of social distancing to the best of their ability. Students will rotate classes with their assigned cohort and will eat lunch with their assigned cohort to minimize contact tracing efforts as well as minimize the number of students needing to quarantine should a positive case occur.

Stay Home When Sick

Students, teachers and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza or COVID-19 should stay home. Staying home when sick is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of the school and prevent spread. Oasis has educated staff and families about when they and their children should stay home and when they can return to school. Oasis Academy has a robust testing program that is available to all symptomatic students and staff.

[Exclusion criteria](#) is based on DHHS guidelines dated 2/17/22 (page 8) and will be updated in the event DHHS does so.

Face Coverings

Oasis Academy will only require masks if the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services requires them to do so in the event of an outbreak.

Oasis Academy is implementing shortened isolation and quarantine protocols and as such will use the additional five days of masking after 5 days of isolation **or quarantine** as detailed below under quarantine and isolation protocols.

Oasis Academy does not utilize any form of transportation or own any vehicles. As such, face covering rules applicable to transportation are not relevant to the school.

Isolation

[Isolation](#) is separating people who have COVID-19 or [symptoms of COVID-19](#) from those who are not infected or showing symptoms in order to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Individuals who have confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should isolate.

Students, teachers, and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and never develop symptoms should isolate for at least 5 days. Day 0 is the day of the positive viral test (based on the date of testing) and day 1 is the first full day after the specimen was collected for the positive test.

- If they continue to have no symptoms, they can end isolation after at least 5 days.
- They should continue to wear a [well-fitting mask](#) around others at home and in public until day 10 (day 6 through day 10). If they are unable to wear a mask when around others, they should continue to isolate for 10 days.
- Avoid people who are [immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease](#), and nursing homes and other high-risk settings, until after at least 10 days.
- If they develop [symptoms](#) after testing positive, the 5-day isolation period should start over. Day 0 is the first day of symptoms. Follow the recommendations above for [ending isolation for people who had COVID-19 and had symptoms](#).
- Please visit CDC's [COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation](#) page for more specific guidance on isolation outside of the K-12 setting.

People who have COVID-19 and have or had [symptoms](#) should isolate for at least 5 days. To calculate the 5-day isolation period, day 0 is the first day of symptoms. Day 1 is the first full day after their symptoms developed.

- They can end isolation after 5 full days if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved (loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation).
- They should continue to wear a [well-fitting mask](#) around others at home and in public for 5 additional days (day 6 through day 10) after the end of their 5-day isolation period. If they are unable to wear a mask when around others, they should continue to isolate for 10 days.
- Avoid people who are [immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease](#), and nursing homes and other high-risk settings, until after at least 10 days.
- If they continue to have fever or other symptoms have not improved after 5 days of isolation, they should wait to end isolation until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their other symptoms have improved. They should continue to wear a well-fitting mask and contact their healthcare provider with questions.
- Please visit CDC's [COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation](#) page for more specific guidance on isolation outside of the K-12 setting.

People with [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, including people who are awaiting test results or have not been tested should isolate in accordance with the CDC guidance above.

Household Contacts

Household contacts have *ongoing* exposure, meaning they will be repeatedly exposed until that person is no longer able to spread the virus to other people. Household contacts should quarantine for 5 days after the release of the positive patient and should wear a well fitting mask through day 10.

Quarantine

A close contact on the school site is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. An infected person can spread SARS-CoV-2 starting from 2 days before they have symptoms until they meet the criteria for discontinuing home isolation. **Oasis Academy has always, and will continue to conduct contact tracing and notify staff and parents who have been exposed and deemed close contacts of quarantine protocols outlined below.**

Quarantine is a strategy used to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, by keeping people who have been in [close contact](#) with someone with COVID-19 apart from others. Individuals who are not vaccinated, are under vaccinated, or do not have temporary 90-day immunity should quarantine according to CDC guidance as follows:

- Stay home and away from other people for at least 5 days (day 0 through day 5) after their last close contact with a person who has COVID-19. The date of exposure is considered day 0. Wear a [well-fitting mask](#) when around others at home, if possible.
- For 10 days after their last close contact to someone with COVID-19, watch for fever (100.4°F or greater), cough, shortness of breath, or other [COVID-19 symptoms](#).
- If they develop symptoms, [get tested](#) immediately and isolate until they receive their test results. If they test positive, follow [isolation](#) procedures.
- If they do not develop symptoms, [get tested](#) at least 5 days after they last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
 - If they test negative, they can leave home, but continue to wear a [well-fitting mask](#) when around others at home and in public until 10 days after their last close contact with someone with COVID-19.
 - If they test positive, they should isolate for at least 5 days from the date of their positive test (if they do not have symptoms). If they do develop [COVID-19 symptoms](#), isolate for at least 5 days from the date their symptoms began (the date the symptoms started is day 0). Follow recommendations in the [isolation](#) section.
 - If they are unable to get a test 5 days after their last close contact with someone with COVID-19, they can leave their home after day 5 if they have been without [COVID-19 symptoms](#) throughout the 5-day period. Wear a [well-fitting mask](#) for 10 days after the date of last close contact when around others at home and in public.
 - Avoid people who are [immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease](#), and nursing homes and other high-risk settings, until after at least 10 days.
- If possible, stay away from people they live with, especially people who are at [higher risk](#) for getting very sick from COVID-19, as well as others outside their home throughout the full 10 days after their last close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- If they are unable to quarantine, they should wear a [well-fitting mask](#) for 10 days when around others at home and in public.
- If they are unable to wear a mask when around others, they should continue to quarantine for 10 days.

- Avoid people who are [immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease](#), and nursing homes and other high-risk settings, until after at least 10 days.

Regular Testing Program

Oasis Academy has a robust and well established testing program using both rapid testing and PCR testing via the Color System which will remain in effect.

Symptomatic Individuals

Oasis Academy will continue to offer both rapid and PCR testing to all symptomatic students and staff on a voluntary basis.

Asymptomatic Individuals

Oasis Academy will continue to test asymptomatic individuals who have been in close contact with positive COVID-19 cases on day 5 on a voluntary basis.

High School Co Curricular Activities, Including Athletics

Students participating in low and moderate risk activities, as defined by the NIAA, will only be tested if they are symptomatic as described above. Random testing of 10% of unvaccinated students participating in high risk activities, as defined by the NIAA, will be tested weekly.

Positive cases of COVID-19 will reported to the SPCSA and DHHS on a daily basis through a protected log. This information has been shared with Cameron Ginn and will continue to be shared and updated in real time. Additionally, this protected document will be shared with Dr. Ted McDonald, Churchill County's Chief County Health Officer

Detecting Future Outbreaks

Oasis Academy will use the outbreak definition provided by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services "School Related Cluster and Outbreak Reporting". CSTE Definitions include:

- Cluster- A k-12 school associated cluster is defined as an education institution that has been found by their local health department to have:
 - Multiple cases comprising at least 10% of students, teachers, or staff, within a specified core group OR
 - At least 3 cases within a specified core group meeting criteria for a probable or confirmed school associated COVID-19 case with symptoms onset or positive test results within 14 days of each other, AND no likely known epidemiologic link to a case outside of the school setting.

- Outbreak- A K-12 outbreak is defined as an educational institution that has been found by school leadership or the local health department to have
 - Multiple cases comprising at least 10% of the students or staff within a specified core group OR
 - At least three 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 of each other; who were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting outside of the school; AND
 - Epidemiologically linked in the school setting or a school-sanctioned co curricular activity.

Oasis Academy has a robust tracking system which tracks all symptomatic students, all testing results, as well as core groups of students. By tracking core students groups school administration, in consultation with the school nurse will monitor for outbreaks based on the above definitions. The school administration, in consultation with the school nurse will declare outbreaks when those definitions have been met.

Outbreak Monitoring

Upon outbreak declaration an email be sent to the SPCSA, DHHS, and the families, staff, and board of Oasis Academy. The email will include the required outbreak mitigation measures:

- Universal masking
- Quarantine and Isolation according to CDC guidelines and outlined in this plan
- To the best of the school ability maintain 3 foot social distancing
- Weekly testing for co curricular activities
- Cleaning and disinfecting, hand-washing and respiratory etiquette, and improved ventilation as defined in this plan.

Outbreak Closure

It typically takes at least one incubation period of 14 days for the impact of implemented mitigation measures to be reflected in the case data. To declare an outbreak over the school administration, in consultation with the school nurse, will monitor weekly for a consistent and sustained reduction in disease transmission over at least 2 incubation periods (28 days).

Declaring the outbreak closures is based on case data and other contextual information. Once an outbreak is declared over, an email notification will be sent to all key stakeholders.