

Under Directive 052 from the Governor of the State of Nevada, Delta Academy “shall adopt a COVID-19 mitigation plan. The plan must include:

- A policy on whether and under what circumstances face coverings will be required for students and staff while in school buildings or on school campuses;
- A regular COVID-19 testing program for students and staff or volunteers, including but not limited to coaches, leaders, and advisors. If a student, staff member, or volunteer tests positive for COVID-19, current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for isolation and quarantine must be followed; and
- A method for detecting school-wide outbreaks of COVID-19 and a plan for responding to and mitigating the outbreak.”

Per Section 4 of the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency Directive 052 Implementation, dated February 14, 2022, from the State of Nevada provides updated guidance which prescribes that plans must be posted to LEA websites and revisited every six months. The memo also outlines that current plans do not become effective until they are updated, submitted, and approved in writing by the local health authority.

The following pages contain descriptions of how Delta Academy intends to meet the requirements of Directive 052.

Circumstances where face masks are required.

Based upon approval from the SNHD, alignment with Directives 052 from the State of Nevada, and collaboration with local and state officials, Delta Academy will no longer continue universal masking as a mitigation strategy and will implement the following adjustments to the mask policy:

1. Face Mask Use After Exposure
 - a. Vaccines are up to date (all primary series and a booster shot):
 - i. Staff including health care staff and students may return to school/work site, as long as they are asymptomatic (without symptoms of COVID-19).
 - ii. Staff and students must wear a mask for ten days after exposure.
 - iii. Staff and students are encouraged to test for COVID-19 on day five, if possible.
 - b. Vaccines are NOT up to date (primary series completed or less)
 - i. Staff including health care staff and students must stay home for at least five days.
 - ii. Staff and students must be without symptoms of COVID-19 to return to school/work site on day six.
 - iii. After returning to school/work site, staff and students will continue to wear a mask for five additional days.
 - iv. Staff and students are encouraged to test for COVID-19 on day five, if possible.
2. Face Mask Use After Testing Positive for COVID-19
 - a. Staff including health care staff and students must stay home for five days.
 - b. After returning to school/work site, staff and students will continue to wear a mask for five additional days (day six through day ten).
 - c. Symptoms must have improved, and staff/students must be without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication to return to school/work site on day six.

3. Cluster and Outbreak Masking
 - a. Delta will continue to contact tracing and identify individuals in the school/work site that are symptomatic, exposed, or who tested positive for COVID-19.
 - b. If a cluster or outbreak is identified, Delta will communicate those findings to the local health authority and quarantine individuals on a case-by-case basis.

Individuals, classrooms, or cohorts identified as close contacts will follow the **Face Mask Use After Exposure guidelines** for masking set forth above.

As community health conditions improve, these recommendations may be relaxed if allowed under state and local guidance. If health conditions deteriorate, these recommendations will be adjusted to align with state and local guidance.

All staff and students have been provided with guidance that requires face masks to cover the individual's face from the bridge of the nose to snugly under the chin and fit snugly against the sides of the face with no gaps for air to enter or exit.

School-Related Cluster and Outbreak Activity, Reporting, and Communications

Delta has adopted and utilizes the national Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists' (CSTE) Standardized COVID-19 K-12 School Surveillance Guidance for Classification of Clusters and Outbreaks along with the 2021-22-School-COVID-Guidance Update.

CSTE Definitions:

- A K-12 school-associated **cluster** is defined as multiple cases comprising at least ten percent of students, teachers, or staff within a specified core group OR at least three within a specified core group meeting criteria for a school-associated COVID-19 case; with symptom onset or positive COVID-19 test result within 14 days of each other, AND NO likely known epidemiologic link to a case outside of the school/work site.
- A K-12 school-associated COVID-19 case (confirmed or probable) is defined as:
 - A student or staff who is physically present in the school/work site or participating in a school sanctioned extracurricular activity within 14 days prior to illness onset (or a positive COVID-19 test result) **OR** within ten days after illness onset (or a positive COVID-19 test result).
- A K-12 school-associated **outbreak** is defined as an educational institution that has been found by their local health department to have:
 - Multiple cases comprising at least ten percent of students, teachers, 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 COVID-19 test result within 14 days of each other; who were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting (i.e., household) outside of the school setting; AND

- Epidemiologically linked in the school setting or a school-sanctioned extracurricular activity.

Note: COVID-19 cases who may have shared exposure on school grounds and are from different households are included. Case counts for school-related outbreaks include those associated with before- and after-school programs (e.g. tutoring, social clubs, etc).

Identifying Outbreaks Within Schools:

- Site administrators are notified daily of all students and staff who are isolated or quarantined.
- Administration and the school nurse reviews each positive case to determine if tenpercent of students, teachers, or staff, within a specified core group **OR** at least threecases within a specified core group meet criteria for a probable or confirmed school-associated COVID-19 outbreak.
 - A core group includes, but is not limited to, extracurricular activities, cohortgroup, classroom, before- and after-school tutoring.
 - A school sanctioned extracurricular activity is defined as a voluntary activity sponsored by the school.
- Per Directive 052, if the local public health authority becomes aware of a school/work site that is experiencing an outbreak and has not implemented the agreed upon mitigation measures, the local public health authority may require the mandatory and immediate use of face coverings for all students and staff in the affected school building(s) and any additional mitigation measures deemed necessary by the local health authority.

Declaration and Notification of Outbreaks in Schools/Work Sites:

Outbreak declarations must be reported to the local public health authority, the SNHD, immediately at (702) 759-0925 (24 hours), or schoolcovid@snhd.org.

The school administrators will inform parents/guardians and staff of the outbreak and mitigation response by the school. Communication with families and the community is crucial to ensure they understand the reason for the closure and what is being done to address the outbreak.

Mitigation Response

- Delta will collaborate with the SNHD to determine the appropriate outbreak response, which is not limited to:
 - Core group quarantine.
 - Universal school/work site masking.
 - Proper sanitation.
 - Increased ventilation.
 - Changing HVAC filters in rooms and/or buildings.
 - School building/work site closure.
 - Possible suspension of school gatherings both on or off school campus.

Outbreak Monitoring

Parents/Guardians will be encouraged to continue to report any students who become symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19 to Delta administration and they will continue to monitor case numbers at the school site to determine when the epidemic curve starts to decline.

Closing an Outbreak

An outbreak ends when the number of new reported illnesses drops back to baseline or under ten percent of students, teachers, or staff within a specified core group OR at least three cases within a specified core group. Once the baseline of COVID-19 has been achieved for two incubation periods (28 days) the outbreak will be declared closed by the SNHD.

Notification of Outbreak Closure

The Delta Administration will inform families and staff via ParentLink, school website, and/or email when the outbreak has been contained and normal school activities may resume.