



County of San Diego Elementary School Waiver

Application for a Waiver to Re-open In-Person Instruction for TK-6 Elementary Education.

Please submit one application for each local educational agency or equivalent. If applying on behalf of a school district, please submit one application for the elementary schools in the district that are seeking to reopen for in-person instruction. If applying for an independent, private, faith-based, or charter school, please submit an application for each school.

If all documentation is not included application can not be processed.

Once the waiver is approved, your information will be posted on the County of San Diego website, <http://Coronavirus-sd.com/K12Schools>

School Name

The Community School of San Diego

District name

Private School

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San Diego

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Type

Private School

Grades to be Reopened

1

2

3
4
5
6
K

Number of Students in Reopening Grades

8

Number of Staff at Reopening Sites

12

Proposed Reopening Date

09/08/20

Labor Organization

No labor organization. We asked each employee individually if they would return to campus given our plan. Only staff that said yes are being asked to participate in the waiver return plan.

Parent Organization

No parent organization. We asked each parent individually if they would allow their student to return to campus given our plan. Only parents that said yes are being asked to participate in the waiver return plan.

Community Organization

We have emailed the school districts of the students our return plan to see if they would agree to allow their students to return to campus. We asked the churches that we lease from and surround neighbors if they would be ok with students returning.

1. Published on Webpage

www.pioneerprograms.org

1.A) Webpage Section/Page

Page 1, Paragraph 2

1.B) Webpage Language

We would follow the plan below ([1. Webpage] which will be posted as a link on our website - www.PioneerPrograms.org >> click "Day School Programs" >> click "Elementary School Waiver").

2. Distance Learning

YES

2.A) Distance Learning Section/Page

Page 1, Paragraph 2

2.B) Distance Learning Language

[2. Distance Learning] Due to potential health risks and safety concerns, our program will provide families with the option to continue distance learning if they feel it's best for the safety of their child and/or household. If a student is unable to physically come to campus, we will continue to provide distance learning.

3. Physical Distancing

YES

3. A) Physical Distance Section/Page

Page 1, Paragraph 2; Page 2, Paragraph 2 and 4

3. B) Physical Distancing Language

We would [3. Physical Distancing] assign each student to their own room

[3. Physical Distancing] Students will be extremely spread out across the campuses to maximize social distancing. This includes outside and common spaces when possible.

[3. Physical Distancing] In order to increase social distancing and avoid groups of people in small spaces, staff and students will not use school vans. Any Community Based Instruction that requires vans will be on hold until further notice. Student outings will consist of walks, bike rides, and safe social distancing areas within walking distance of the school.

4. Stable Cohorts

YES

4. A) Stable Section/Page

Page 1, Paragraph 2; Page 2, Paragraph 1, 3 and 5

4. B) Stable Cohorts Language

[4. Stable Cohorts] Under optimal conditions, we would have four students come on Mondays and Wednesdays and four come on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The reason why we are reducing on campus hours is to [4. Stable Cohorts] avoid needing to break staff. This will reduce the exposure/spread of an asymptomatic person. When on campus, each student will work directly with their 1:1 support staff under guidance given by their teacher. Students will ideally only have one staff (no switches) (unless they are a student with a 2:1).

[4. Stable Cohorts] It should be noted that some staff members may be working with more than one student within a given week which can increase the amount of people students and staff are exposed to. We plan to do our best to minimize this risk and keep the same staff members working with the same student as often as possible. Parent concerns regarding exposure to more than one staff will be taken into account. When these situations are going to occur, Pioneer Programs will notify the parents/guardians in advance. If staff needs to be out, if we can find a replacement, we will give parents/guardians the option between a sub or distance learning for the day. If no sub can be found, we will provide distance learning.

[4. Stable Cohorts] Only necessary staffing personnel will be permitted to enter learning areas as needed for each student's program (i.e., 1:1 aide will assist students on campus in using materials and/or electronic online instruction from a teacher or service provider) in order to keep all staff and students exposed to the least amount of people as possible. Services and admin will limit entering workspaces (only when necessary). Teachers will remain distant as well to avoid cross exposure.

5. Face Coverings

YES

5.A)Face Covering Section/Page

Page 1, Paragraph 2; Page 4, Bullet 2 and Last Paragraph

5.B) Face Covering Language

[5. Face Covering & Other Essential Protective Gear] Students/staff will all be required to wear face masks. We understand this will be a challenge for some students but it's something we have to work on. Having said that, we will not engage in a power struggle with our students over masks as they are considered exempt.

[5. Face Covering & Other Essential Protective Gear] Students/staff will all be required to wear face masks. We understand this will be a challenge for some students but it's something we have to work on. Our students are considered exempt. (See CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings below)

[5. Face Covering & Other Essential Protective Gear] Following guidelines from the California Department of Public Health Industry Guidance for Schools and School Based programs, all students in grades 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th will be required to wear a face covering throughout the duration of the day, except during meal times and when outdoors if physical distancing can't be maintained. Grades TK, K, 1st and 2nd are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering. Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth. We will exempt students from wearing a face covering if they fall within the CDPH guidelines for individuals exempt. Individuals who refuse to wear a face covering but who are not exempt will not be permitted to remain on campus and will be given the option of distance learning. At check-in students will be reminded to wear their face covering, avoid touching their face covering and to wash their hands

frequently. Staff will be trained before the start of school on their requirements to wear a face covering and will remind students throughout the day on proper usage.

6. Cleaning and Disinfection

YES

6. A) Cleaning and Disinfecting Section/Page

Page 2, Paragraph 2

6. B) Cleaning and Disinfecting Language

[6. Cleaning or Disinfection] If any space is shared, such as a bathroom or piece of equipment, it will be disinfected immediately after each use. The school will use, and will provide for use, soap and water and, cleaning and disinfectant products approved for use against COVID-19, on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2" ("List N") labeled to be effective against emerging viral pathogens. There will be one extra staff in each space/zone whose responsibility is to maintain sanitation. They will disinfect bathrooms after every use (door handles, faucets, flushers, toilet seats, sinks, etc). Additionally, designated cleaning staff will disinfect all utilized areas and surfaces on scheduled intervals while staff/students are present. A full disinfection protocol will take place once all the students have gone home at the end of the day.

7. Entrance, Egress and Movement

YES

7. A) Entrance/Movement Section/Page

Page 1, Paragraph 2 and 3; Page 3, Paragraph 3

7. B) Entrance/Movement Language

[7. Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School] continue to not allow them to go into any other room (to avoid cross-contamination).

The first group of students will be dropped off at 9 am at [7. Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School] designated locations depending on their classroom

[7. Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School] Transportation will either be provided by the parent or the district (we will consider providing emergency transportation case by case in a van that allows maximized space between the student and driver when trained staff are willing).

8. Health Screenings

YES

8. A) Health Screening Section/Page

Page 1, Paragraph 3; Page 5, Symptoms Checklist

8. B) Health Screening Language

[8. Health Screenings for Students and Staff] At each entrance, there will be a table with [9. Healthy Hygiene Practices] hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, a thermometer and a symptoms checklist (see below). Anyone entering the campus will need to check themselves. If they answer yes to anything on the checklist, they will need to leave. Staff will arrive at 8:30 to prep spaces for the student's day. The first group of students will be dropped off at 9 am at [7. Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School] designated locations depending on their classroom and [8. Health Screenings for Students and Staff] checked for symptoms before leaving their vehicle.

[8. Health Screenings for Students and Staff]

Symptoms Checklist

Every day before you or your student leaves the house, make sure the answer is "No" to all the of the following questions:

Have you, your student or anyone in your household had:
a fever or felt feverish in the last 3 days?
any of the following new symptoms:

Cough

Runny Nose

Chills

Sore throat

Muscle pains/body aches

Extreme fatigue

Vomiting/Diarrhea

Loss of sense of taste or smell

Shortness of breath or trouble breathing

Contact with someone who is positive or highly likely to be positive with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

If the answer is "yes" to any of these questions, you should not come in or send your student to school. Please let us know immediately as we will quarantine anyone who was exposed for the safety of everyone.

8. C) Language for Symptomatic Students or Staff

Side note: If anyone were to get symptoms during the day, they would be separated from the group and sent home immediately.

9. Healthy Hygiene Practices

YES

9. A) Healthy Hygiene Section/Page

Page 1, Paragraph 3; Page 2, Paragraph 1

9. B) Healthy Hygiene Language

[8. Health Screenings for Students and Staff] At each entrance, there will be a table with [9. Healthy Hygiene Practices] hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, a thermometer and a symptoms checklist (see below).

[9. Healthy Hygiene Practices] Students will be required to wash their hands upon arrival, before and after breaks and lunchtime and anytime they use the restroom. Staff will model proper handwashing technique and will reinforce handwashing throughout the day. Note, there will be hand sanitizer or a place to wash hands in every room.

10. Identification and Tracing of Contacts

YES

10. A) Identification and Tracing Section/Page

Page 2, Paragraph 1; Page 3, Paragraph 2

10. B) Identification and Tracing Language

[10. Identification and Tracing of Contacts] If there is any cross exposure (need for extra support due to a behavior, staff out, etc), it will be logged so we can track who needs to be quarantined/contacted if someone gets sick.

[10. Identification and Tracing of Contacts] If a student or staff get symptoms, only that staff/student self-quarantines (instead of closing both campuses) for two weeks. Possibly others who share the space or transportation may also need to self-quarantine depending on exposure.

11. Staff Training and Family Education

YES

11. A) Staff Training and Family Edu. Section/Page

Page 3, Paragraph 4

11. B) Staff Training and Family Edu. Language

[11. Staff Training and Family Education] Families have received a copy of our return plan, covid-19 resource materials, and students will be given handwashing instructions. Staff have been trained on the Reopen Plan and Safety Protocols and were provided with educational materials and tools for implementing the protocols in their classrooms and with their students. We will also update staff and families as we receive new information.

12. Testing of Students and Staff

YES

12. A) Testing Section/Page

Page 3, Paragraph 3

12. B) Testing Language

[12. Testing of Students and Staff] Students and staff with symptoms of COVID-19 (even some without periodically) will be encouraged to get a test through their health care provider or community testing site. Asymptomatic students and staff will be encouraged to receive regular COVID-19 tests once local testing capacity allows. The Program Directors, HR department and CEO will be the COVID-19 Team and will be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. Staff will be trained and instructed to contact them should an issue arise. The COVID-19 Team will document and track potential exposure, notify local health officials, and notify parents as soon as possible if communication is warranted. We will follow the guidance flow charts of communication and quarantine as directed if there is an occurrence.

12. C) Staff Tested Periodically Language

[12. Testing of Students and Staff] Students and staff with symptoms of COVID-19 (even some without periodically) will be encouraged to get a test through their health care provider or community testing site. Asymptomatic students and staff will be encouraged to receive regular COVID-19 tests once local testing capacity allows. The Program Directors, HR department and CEO will be the COVID-19 Team and will be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. Staff will be trained and instructed to contact them should an issue arise. The COVID-19 Team will document and track potential exposure, notify local health officials, and notify parents as soon as possible if communication is warranted. We will follow the guidance flow charts of communication and quarantine as directed if there is an occurrence.

13. Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning

YES

13. A) Triggers to Dist. Learning Section/Page

Page 3, Paragraph 5

13.B) Triggers to Dist. Learning Language

[13. Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning]
Our school intends to work with County of San Diego public health officials to determine triggers for switching to distance learning and will be following the recommended measures outlined in the COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020- 2021 School Year.

14. Communication Plans

YES

14. A) Communication Plans Section/Page

Page 3, Paragraph 6

14. B) Communication Plans Language

[14. Communication Plans] Our school will email all families and staff should an urgent update be warranted (such as potential exposure or school closure). The school will also post all necessary information on our schools' website. Information communicated to school families, staff, public health officials and the community will maintain confidentiality as required by FERPA, HIPPA and state law related to privacy of educational records.

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