

"Safe & Responsible Learning Plan" (subject to change as new information becomes available)

CAMPUS SAFETY

Safety, like learning, requires the same commitment and partnership between PHCA & parents. PHCA cannot guarantee that you or your child will not become infected with a communicable disease, including COVID-19. Attending and participating in programs and activities on campus and/or in person could increase the risk of contracting a communicable disease. Even when a school carefully plans and prepares, students and staff have still tested positive for COVID-19, so it is imperative that PHCA maintains safety protocols, sanitation practices and a committed partnership with parents. To God be the glory for last school year as we successfully reopened in-person learning without any community spread or known positive COVID-19 contact here on campus.

PHCA recognizes the multiple health benefits of students attending school in person - this includes the educational, social and emotional benefits of on-campus participation. These benefits must be in conjunction with a strategic plan that will assist in the prevention and mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 at school, PHCA and it's families must continue. to be committed to follow this plan. In the event there is a close contact or positive case, PHCA follows Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) guidelines for isolation and/or quarantine.

CORE ESSENTIALS *PSH=Parent Student Handbook

The priorities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and keep our campus safe revolves around these core essentials:

•Stay home if you have/have been exposed to COVID-19, feel ill or have any flu-like symptoms (*PSH, p. 41). Be fully recovered/symptom free before returning to school. •Practice and encourage Healthy Hand Hygiene at home

and at school - sanitize/wash frequently.

•Wear a face mask whenever you are inside as required. Core essentials will be layered with the following procedures to further mitigate the spread of germs.

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Absence Reporting

The school office must be informed of the reason a student is absent in order to be re-admitted to school (PSH p. 28) as well as any suspected/actual exposure to or positive test results for COVID-19 in your immediate household.

Health Screening - Home and School

Parents/guardians should screen for any illnesses at home before coming to school. Parents (Before Care/Preschool) use the free-standing scanner and are responsible for scanning temperature prior to signing in. PHCA staff will scan all other students upon arrival and monitor health throughout the day. Students with with a temperature of 99.7° or higher, with symptoms (PHS, p. 41), or who are noticeably feeling ill will be required to go home.

Arriving At School. (PSH, p. 23)

Students not enrolled in Before Care will only be allowed on campus at the times listed below. Preschool: Parents must personally sign in @ 7:45AM K-5th: Drop off via the auto line @ 7:45AM MS/HS: May use auto line or walk up @ 7:35AM *K-5th students with siblings in 6th or above may drive through the auto line at 7:35AM. Please do not drive up or block the auto line if it is not yet your drop off time. School Dismissal (PSH, p. 24)

Students who are not enrolled in After Care must be picked up within 15 minutes of school ending (PSH, p. 25). **Preschool**: Student must be signed out & any older siblings (K-5th) will be sent to you at Preschool designated area. K-5th: Parents may drive or walk up to designated pickup area and students will be sent out to designated area. MS/HS: Students are dismissed to leave campus when school ends. Parents should coordinate pick-up point.

Parents/Visitors may not come on to campus or enter the classrooms during arrival or dismissal times.

CAMPUS VISITORS

The office is open to all, however classroom visits are by appointment only and must be for an "essential" purpose.

CLEANING & DISINFECTION

CCPH provides a high standard of cleaning including daily and monthly disinfection treatments, virus level air filters and hand sanitizing stations throughout the campus.

COVID-19 VACCINE

Taking this vaccine is a personal choice. PHCA does not require staff, students or volunteers to be vaccinated.

FACE MASKS Not required for outside activities

Must be worn prior to going indoors and for any activity deemed necessary. Masks may be lowered/removed for eating, drinking, PE, and when students are seated at their desk.

FIELD TRIPS Venues/Buses may require masks Excursions will be resumed as venues reopen and buses are available to safely transport to and from our venues.

FOOD & SNACKS

Food items can not be shared unless pre-approved, storebought and individually wrapped/packaged for distribution. **HEALTHY HAND HYGIENE**

"Handwashing: Keeping Your Family Healthy" (CDC flyer) was provided with Summer Studies. This practice is a major factor in reducing the spread of germs & diseases.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Distancing will be practiced to the extent possible without neglecting the proven benefit of interaction and collaboration. Other mitigation strategies are in place to foster the interaction. DOH guidance for schools three feet separation when possible.

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

PHCA follows Safe Travels Hawaii guidelines and must be provided the same documentation for guarantine clearance.

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COVID-19 RESPONSE GUIDELINES*

COVID-19 affects some individuals with mild to moderate upper-respiratory tract illnesses, similar to the common cold. SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID-19 has also caused serious illness, such as severe acute respiratory syndrome, and even death - while some people walk away with no symptoms at all. In any case, COVID-19 was declared a life-threatening pandemic and we all must be active and responsible in stopping the spread of this virus. Even if an individual is asymptomatic, a positive case on campus will require isolation of those who are positive, guarantine for those who were exposed and possible closure of classrooms or the entire facility.

PHCA follows the CDC and HDOH guidelines for isolation and/ or guarantine. In many cases, the public health nurse (PHN), will advise our school to defer to the student's primary care physician. Parents must inform the school if their student has COVID-19 symptoms, been exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19. COVID-19 is transmitted through direct contact with respiratory droplets of an infected person (generated through coughing and sneezing). Individuals can also be infected from and touching surfaces contaminated with the virus and touching their face (e.g., eyes, nose, mouth). Hence, the importance of our core essentials:

- Stay home if you're sick, 1)
- Wash/Sanitize your hands frequently 2)
- 3) Wear a mask indoors as required.

A person can be contagious 48 hours prior to symptoms and incubation period after exposure varies before symptoms appear. **SYMPTOMS INCLUDE**: fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea.

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SCHOOL NOTIFICATION

Parents must agree to disclose any COVID-19 symptoms, suspected/actual exposure to or positive test results for COVID-19 in your immediate household.

Students with COVID-19 Symptoms

Parents/guardians should be aware of COVID-19 symptoms. If student is displaying COVID-19 related symptoms, keep them at home and consult your physician.

Return to School: Student must provide a doctor's note that states they are clear to return to school and must be fever free for twenty-four hours without medications and resolved of symptoms. If a student has symptoms and was a Direct Contact, please see the following section. **Students that are a Direct Contact**

Students exposed to someone positive with COVID-19 must quarantine for 5-10 days, depending on physician's recommendation after their known exposure to COVID-19. *Return to School:* Student must be symptom-free and:

- 1) Provide a doctor's note that lists the required time for guarantine and its completion **OR**
- 2) A negative COVID test result (no home tests) from a test administered five days from date of exposure.

In general, a "Direct Contact" is defined below. However, there may be other circumstances considered :

• A student who is within 3 feet of a person with COVID-19 infection for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

PHCA also has this added policy regarding Direct Contacts: "If there is a "Direct Contact" in the immediate household of a PHCA student, the student and family members should remain away from the school campus until the "Direct Contact" tests negative or the "Direct Contact" individual's guarantine period has ended."

Due to breakthrough cases, PHCA students who are direct contacts must guarantine regardless of vaccination status.

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Students with Positive COVID-19 Test

Anyone with positive COVID should remain off campus and complete isolation. If student is identified positive at school, they will be immediately isolated and parents must be available for immediate pick-up.

Any Direct Contacts to a student who was positive or considered contagious will also be notified and will need to guarantine as describe in previous section.

Please note: Students may be asymptomatic and/or tests results are not always received immediately. The school can only notify Direct Contacts as we are notified - which may be days after the initial contact.

Confidentiality: The school community will be notified only if needed. The identity of the positive case will be protected, remains confidential and will not be disclosed to direct contacts or the school community.

Return to School: Students may return to school when their prescribed isolation time is completed and *after all* symptoms have been resolved for twenty-four hours without medications. A Doctor's Clearance is required and must include the following:

- 1) Dates/Completion of the required quarantine period
- 2) Date that Student is cleared to return to school
- 3) Stipulations needed, if any, for attending school

After a confirmed positive result, student does not need provide a negative test for COVID-19 to return to school as long as all requirements met above. Doctor's may require students to mask at all times for an additional 5 days. If so, students may be excused from participating in PE.

*All guidance is continually subject to change depending on CDC and HDOH research and findings, as well as PHCA's Board of Directors/Administrators determination of protocols that are in the best interest of the school's mission & safety. Mahalo for everyone's flexibility during this time.