



## **Shasta View Academy**

### **SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN**

**(Safe Return to In Person Instruction; Updated for the 2021/22 School Year)**

#### **Introduction**

Shasta View Academy (SVA) is fortunate that our personalized learning/independent study model allows us to continue our program with little interruption or adjustment required by the challenges of COVID-19. Our program's success is possible due to the commitment each parent/guardian makes to support their children with daily instruction at home. SVA employees are honored to partner with the families who make this commitment. During this difficult and challenging time, we are equally dedicated to the health and safety of students, families, and staff. This plan outlines our efforts to follow the Cal OSHA Guidelines for Schools, current [CDPH guidelines](#) regarding COVID-19, and the [Shasta County Health Department Recommendations for School Operations](#) and will be promptly updated to reflect any changes made to these guidelines in the future. The director as well as the school's designated COVID liaison will attend all collaborative meetings offered by the Shasta County Department of health to remain up to date on state and county health requirements regarding proper universal mask use, safe and clean facilities that allow for proper physical distancing, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, and proper air ventilation as well as plans and practices for isolation, quarantine and contact tracing. These practices and procedures have been clearly outlined in the CPP (COVID-19 Protection Plan) since January 2021 and the report and its accompanying checklist is updated and posted to the school website every 6 months. The school's accommodations for all students, as well as those with disabilities are outlined in detail in this document.

The school sought and received community feedback on its health and safety practices during its monthly governing board meetings, quarterly site council meetings, monthly parent-teacher

meetings and bi-annual student and parent surveys. The California Department of Public Health has defined health standards for school settings and has put forth in writing that masks continue to be required indoors for students and adults irrespective of vaccination status. We are highly mindful of students and employees in our school community who are health-compromised and note that there is no requirement for COVID vaccinations among children in California.

### **Guidelines to be Implemented as School Begins**

<b>Students</b>
Students will complete school assignments at home under the direction of their parents with the guidance of their assigned SVA Teacher.
Families and assigned SVA teachers will work together to determine the best way to meet together based on personal and community health. Options include meeting in person outdoors using appropriate distancing, indoors with face coverings OR to meet their together virtually using Zoom or Google Classroom.
When meeting with staff or coming to a school site, any student who has a member of the household who has a fever, a cough, shortness of breath, or a new loss of taste or smell is asked to stay home regardless of COVID vaccination status. All visitors are required to complete a health screener from the morning of the meeting.
The SVA Mathematics, Writing and Reading Specialists will be available to all students via onsite classes and/or by phone or virtually for assessment, instruction, and tutoring. Students may have the opportunity to meet a Specialist at an outdoor location or in a classroom while following the guidelines including mask use and other SCDH recommendations.
SVA is pleased to offer supplementary math and writing classes for students in grades K-12 both in-person and virtually.
<p>If students have occasion to be on-site at a Resource Center, the following guidelines will be followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will wear a face covering while indoors. If a student doesn't have one, one will be provided.</li> <li>• Students will wash their hands upon arriving at school or use hand sanitizer. Students will wash their hands frequently and thoroughly throughout the day, including before and after</li> </ul>

eating, after coughing or sneezing, after interaction with others, and before and after using the restroom.

- If unable to wear a mask as outlined in an IEP or 504 plan, students will maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet from others while at school. Attempts will be made to instruct students who are able in the use of face shields. Plexiglass barriers are provided for student and teacher safety for use when possible.

Students with special needs will receive onsite or virtual Special Education services tailored to student/parent preferences that meet the requirements of their Individualized Education Plan.

### **Parents/Guardians**

Parents/Guardians may accompany their student/s into school buildings to:

- Sign-in/out students.
- Meet with their child's assigned Teacher, Math, Writing and Reading Specialists, or High School Coordinator.
- Pick-up/Drop off student curriculum/materials, or assignments.

Parents/Guardians are required to complete the health screener questionnaire before visiting the site.

Curriculum, school assignments, and student work can be picked up and dropped off Monday through Friday from 9 am – 3:30 pm without an appointment at 2992 Innsbruck Dr. Redding, CA. Parents of students with special needs may utilize the school site at 2992 Innsbruck Dr., Redding, CA 96003 to exchange materials and paperwork with their special services provider or their assigned teacher.

Parents/Guardians are required to wear a face covering while at school. If a parent/guardian doesn't have one, one will be provided. Adults who are unable or unwilling to comply may wait outside while their student receives services.

### **Staff**

Any staff member who displays COVID-like symptoms or who has a member of the household who has a fever, a cough, shortness of breath, or a new loss of taste or smell is asked to stay home regardless of COVID vaccination status.

Staff will wear a face covering while at school. Assigned Teachers and Specialists may wear a face shield instead of a mask while interacting with students. Face shields will include a cloth drape attached across the bottom that is tucked into the shirt. Face coverings may be removed to eat or drink.

Staff will wash their hands upon entering a school building, or use hand sanitizer. Staff will wash their hands frequently and thoroughly throughout the day, including before and after eating, after coughing or sneezing, after classes where they handle shared items, and before and after using the restroom.

### **Visitors**

Visitors over the age of 2 years will wear a mask indoors.

### **Enrichment and Supplemental Activities and Social Emotional Well-Being**

Staff will receive training on Social Emotional Learning and Well-Being from our local resource partner, Lotus Educational Services in August 2021 and will provide mental health resources on ParentSquare and the school website. All staff completed suicide prevention training during the 2020-21 school year.

The Shasta County School's K-8 Cross Country program and field trips will resume during the 2021-2022 school year following all appropriate protocols.

Enrichment Vendor services may be provided to students using alternative methods including virtual meetings if providers are unable to follow county health guidelines.

Large student and community events will be held offered virtually for students and adults who are unable to wear a mask indoors or prefer not to do so. (Parent trainings and meetings, performances, etc.).

## **COVID-19 Protocols and Guidance for School Facilities**

### **Face Coverings**

Face coverings must be worn by adults and students in accordance with CDPH guidelines unless a person is exempt. The following chart shows the current face-covering requirements for children while indoors.

Age	Face Covering Requirement
Under 2 years old	NO
2 years old – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Yes, unless exempt
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade – High School	Yes, unless exempt

**Face Covering Exemptions:**

The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face covering and should consider wearing a face shield instead. (Face shields must include a cloth drape attached across the bottom that is tucked into the shirt):

- Staff members in limited situations where a face covering cannot be used for pedagogical or developmental reasons, (i.e. communicating or assisting young children or those with special needs). A face shield can be used instead of a cloth face covering while in the classroom as long as the wearer maintains physical distance from others, to the extent practicable. Staff must return to wearing a face-covering outside of the classroom.
- People with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.
- People who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- People while they are eating or drinking, provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet away from others. People who are engaged in outdoor work or exercise (PE).

**Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols**

**Cleaning**

- Custodial staff and any other workers who clean and disinfect the school site(s) will be equipped with proper protective equipment, including gloves, eye protection, respiratory protection, and other appropriate protective equipment as required by the product instructions. Staff must wash their hands immediately after cleaning and disinfecting.
- Each building/office will have an established cleaning schedule.
- Surfaces will be cleaned using soap and water, followed by a disinfectant.
- Staff will clean touched surfaces including tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, tablets, touch computer screens,

toilets, faucets, sinks, etc. throughout the day. The janitorial staff will also clean and disinfect all surfaces at the end of each day.

- Staff will ensure proper ventilation when cleaning and disinfecting. Fresh outdoor air will be introduced as much as possible.

### **Disinfecting**

When disinfecting surfaces, employees will use one of the following:

- An [EPA-registered household disinfectant](#) that meets the criteria for use against COVID-19, following the instructions on the label.
- Diluted household bleach solutions ( $\frac{1}{3}$  cup bleach: 1gallon water) Leave solution on the surface for at least 1 minute.
- Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol.

When cleaning soft surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes, employees will:

- Clean the surface using soap and water or with cleaners appropriate for use on these surfaces.
- Launder items (if possible) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely.

OR

Disinfect with an [EPA-registered household disinfectant](#).

- Vacuum as usual.

### **Directions for cleaning and disinfecting the building if someone is sick:**

- Close all areas that have been used by the person who is sick.
- Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area.
- Wait 24 hours before you clean or disinfect.
- Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment like tablets, touch screens, keyboards, doorknobs, desks, tables, etc.
- Vacuum and mop.
- Do not vacuum a room or space that has other people in it.
- Consider temporarily turning off room fans and the central HVAC system that services the room or space, so that particles that escape from vacuuming will not circulate throughout the facility.
- Once the area has been appropriately disinfected, it can be opened for use.
- Workers without close contact with the person who is sick can return to work immediately after disinfection.

- If more than 7 days have passed since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.
- Continue routine cleaning and disinfection.

**When cleaning:**

- Staff will be trained on cleaning and disinfecting procedures and chemicals.
- When cleaning, staff will wear disposable gloves and a face covering, and if cleaning after someone is sick staff may wear disposable gowns.
- Staff will wash their hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.

**Plan to be followed when a Staff Member, Student or Visitor Becomes Sick**

In accordance with the [Shasta County Public Health Department guidance](#), when a student, teacher, or staff member become sick at a school site, the following will be implemented:

- Each school building will have an isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19.
- Any students or staff exhibiting symptoms will immediately be required to wait in an isolation area, while wearing a face covering, until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility, as soon as practicable. Staff will call 911 if there is a serious injury or illness.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 include:
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - New loss of taste or smell
- The sick staff person or the parent of a sick student will be advised that the sick person must not return to school until they meet the CDPH guidelines to discontinue home isolation. Contact tracing will be used to identify students or staff members that may need to self-quarantine according to CDPH guidelines.

### Positive Cases

In accordance with the [Shasta County Public Health Department guidance](#), when a student, teacher, staff member, or a member of their household tests positive for COVID-19 and has exposed others at the school the following will be implemented:

1. Notify the School Director, who will, in turn, notify the County Health Department immediately of any positive case of COVID-19, and exposed staff and families as relevant while maintaining confidentiality as required by state and federal laws.
2. Close off all areas used by an individual suspected of being infected and do not use the area before cleaning and disinfection. To reduce the risk of exposure, wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting.
3. Sick staff members and students that test positive for COVID-19, will not return to school until they have met the CDPH criteria to discontinue home isolation.
4. In consultation with the local public health officials, the Director, or designee may consider whether school closure (or specific building closure) is warranted and length of time based on the risk level within the specific community as determined by the local public health officer.
5. The Director will follow the CDPH guidance [Responding to COVID-19 in the Workplace](#) as well as the procedures described in the school's CPP if any staff member tests positive for COVID-19.
6. In accordance with standard guidance for isolation at home after close contact, the classroom or office where the COVID-19-positive individual was based will typically need to close temporarily as students or staff isolate.
7. Additional close contacts at school outside of a classroom should also isolate at home.
8. Additional areas of the school visited by the COVID-19-positive individual may also need to be closed temporarily for cleaning and disinfection.

### Vaccinations and Testing

Information on vaccination and COVID-19 testing availability can be found on the [Shasta Ready](#) website. Vaccination information for staff, students and families will be posted on ParentSquare, the school's communication platform.

## Conclusion

Thank you for working with us to ensure the health and safety of our students, parents, and staff.

Our school has been working hard to increase health and wellness resources for our students and families. We believe in fostering the health, safety, and well-being of students, staff, and parents. Parents/guardians are encouraged to reach out to their teacher of record or the director if there are any questions or concerns about their child.

To [access mental health services](#) 24 hours a day, call (530) 225-5252 or (888) 385-5201. The line will be answered by a professional and compassionate staff member of the Health and Human Services Agency.

If you would like more information or have any questions, feel free to contact the following individuals:

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