

Midway School COVID-19 (variant) Safety Plan 2021-22



****In-person Instruction****

Students attend School 5 days a week

7:50 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Guiding Principles

- ❖ Plan to reopen in a manner consistent with guidance released by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) COVID-19 Industry Guidance for schools and school based programs; the California Department of Education (CDE); and Kern County Public Health Department (KCPHD).
- ❖ Take great care to protect the safety of our students and staff.
- ❖ Ensure that we are available to answer any questions or concerns from all of our stakeholders.
- ❖ Ensure quality instruction is being developed and offered to all students.
- ❖ Ensure student engagement and accountability in both learning environments – on Campus or Independent Study.

Transportation

- ❖ Bus will be disinfected before and after AM/PM scheduled trips.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be provided by bus driver and required before boarding bus.
- ❖ face masks will be required (all students TK-8) for both scheduled trips.

On Campus Before School Starts

7:40 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.

- ❖ Classrooms will be disinfected daily before students arrive each day.
- ❖ Main gate will open at 7:40 a.m. for student drop-off.
- ❖ Parents will not be allowed to walk students to class.
- ❖ Please have students come to school with their own face mask. We will supply one at school if needed.

In The Classroom

- ❖ Students will come to school with a water bottle to limit movement and contact. They will have access to safely refill their bottles in the classroom.
- ❖ Students will hand sanitize before entering the classroom - sanitizer will be provided.
- ❖ Each student will be assigned a Chromebook computer.
- ❖ Teacher and aide will wear a face shield or face mask when in class with students.
- ❖ Students will have to wash hands / hand sanitizer before exiting and returning from restroom or the office.
- ❖ Facial tissues will be provided by the district and mounted or weighted down so students do not have to touch tissue box.
- ❖ HVAC system filters have been changed and outside air will be circulated continuously into the classrooms. Filters will be replaced regularly.

Recess

- ❖ Wash hands / hand sanitize before exiting to recess.
- ❖ Masks will not be required while outdoors.
- ❖ Outside water fountains will be shut off.
- ❖ students will need permission from recess aide to use restroom.
- ❖ No sharing of snacks.
- ❖ Play equipment will need to be checked out and then cleaned in-between recess periods.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be used before entering back into the classroom.

Lunch

- ❖ Cleaning between lunch sessions.
- ❖ No sharing of food.
- ❖ Students must put their mask back on when they finish eating their lunch.

Visitors

- ❖ Dropping items off for students / general business will only occur at main office (hand sanitizer and facial mask required).
- ❖ Must adhere to all COVID-19 safety protocols when attending an assessment, IEP or governance meeting on campus.
- ❖ Parent volunteers must wear facial mask when on campus.

Field Trips / Assemblies

- ❖ All field trips and events (Sports, dances, carnival, oral language, Christmas program, etc). are uncertain at this time. We will notify families of status as soon as we are given the clearance to proceed.
- ❖ Staff and students must wear facial masks inside the auditorium when attending assemblies.

Protocol for Exposure

When both parties wear masks in the indoor classroom setting, unvaccinated students who are close contact (more than 15 minutes over a 24 hour period within 0-6 feet indoors) may undergo a modified 10 day quarantine as follows. They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:

- Are asymptomatic;
- Continue to appropriately mask, as required
- Undergo at least twice weekly testing during the 10-day quarantine; and
- Continue to quarantine for extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.

Protocol for Failed Screening

- ❖ Relocate potentially exposed students and staff to the nurses office to isolate before departing school.
- ❖ Send potentially exposed students/staff home until KCPHD can conduct contact tracing to confirm or deny exposure.
- ❖ Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms will need to be tested and quarantined for a minimum of 10 days, and fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- ❖ individuals who test positive for COVID-19 to provide a medical clearance note from a doctor or a clearance note from a Public Health Nurse before returning to school.