

CANDEO SCHOOLS

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SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

Candeo Schools utilizes the following comprehensive plan to mitigate the risk of exposure and spread of COVID-19 on both its Peoria and North Scottsdale campuses. The information contained herein details specific safety measures and protocols to keep the virus out and to reduce the viral load and has been reviewed and adopted by the Governing Board of Directors of each school pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute A.R.S 15-183 (E) (8). The schools will continue to monitor and adjust these protocols as needed and as authorized by government mandates.

SCREENINGS

Screening for COVID-19 symptoms or exposure is both a home and a school endeavor, and is the first step in keeping the virus out of our schools.

Home: Screening begins at home and is the responsibility of individual families and employees. Each is provided information on how to identify symptoms and determine whether to stay home. Families are encouraged to self report their symptoms to the school. Staff are asked to self-report their symptoms to the Head of School.

School: Teachers and staff will monitor students and themselves throughout the school day for symptoms of COVID-19. If a student presents symptoms of the illness, he or she will be sent to the office for further screening. If the student is determined to have a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, parents will be called to pick up their student from school at that time.

If an employee presents symptoms of the virus while at school, he or she will likewise report to the office for further screening. If a temperature of 100 degrees or greater is registered and other symptoms of the illness are confirmed, the employee is dismissed to return home.

Visitors: Candeo Schools limits non-essential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations, particularly in areas where there is moderate-to-high COVID-19 community transmission. Any visitor to the school must pass symptom pre-screening in the front office prior to school entry. If a visitor is admitted, he or she will follow the standard protocols for an employee.

QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION

Positive Covid-19 Test, Covid-19 Diagnosis, Or Awaiting Test Results

Isolation/Quarantine Guidelines	School Actions
Return to school contingent upon completion of all three: 1. 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medications 2. Improvement in respiratory symptoms 3. 10 days have passed since onset of symptoms IF symptoms are mild to moderate OR 10 days from positive test if subject is	1. Case is reported to the Maricopa County Public Health Department and the Head of School. 2. Close off and disinfect all non porous surfaces. 3. Determine level of close contact with infected individuals, defined as within 3 feet for an accumulated period of more than 15 minutes and communicate directly to all who have

<p>asymptomatic OR 20 days have passed if symptoms are severe to critical or subject is immunocompromised.</p>	<p>come into close contact within the previous 48 hours. Close contacts are advised to watch for the appearance of symptoms over the following two weeks and are not required to quarantine unless they develop symptoms. Communications (notice of exposure) will be delivered in a manner consistent with other infectious disease notifications and legal confidentiality requirements as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All faculty when subject is a faculty member b. All families in the same section as the subject, whether teacher or student c. All teachers of a student who is infected. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. If the subject is a teacher or staff member, determine a coverage plan for work-related responsibilities. 5. School closure or section/grade level quarantines are determined by the Administrative team under advisement from the Maricopa County Department of Health.
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Student, Teacher, Or Staff Member Presents With Covid-19 Symptoms (Not a pre-existing condition such as asthma and known allergies)

Isolation/Quarantine Guidelines	School Actions
<p>Symptoms of COVID-19 are defined as follows:</p> <p>Cough Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Fever Chills Repeated shaking with chills Muscle pain or body aches Headache Sore throat Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea Fatigue Congestion or runny nose New loss of taste or smell (not attributed to another factor)* <i>*In the case of new loss of taste and smell as described above, the subject should be treated as having COVID-19.</i> <i>Please note, loss of taste and smell is not determined to be a symptom of the Delta Variant.</i></p> <p>Information on testing may be provided to the individual, but testing cannot be required.</p> <p>If tested and positive, see guidelines for Positive COVID-19 test.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Symptomatic individuals are immediately sent home. 2. Contact areas of symptomatic individuals are cleaned and disinfected. 3. Coverage is determined if the individual is a teacher. 4. Testing is not required.

<p>If tested and negative, remain home and away from others until a full 24 hours have passed since the fever (including chills, shakes, and body/muscle aches) has gone away without the use of fever-reducing medications AND respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat, congestion or runny nose) have resolved. If symptoms remain present, a return to campus is permitted with a doctor’s note.</p> <p>If not tested, but seen by a doctor, and the doctor suspects COVID-19 or symptoms are unique to COVID-19, follow guidelines for Positive COVID-19 test. If symptoms can be attributed to some other illness as determined by a health professional, a return to campus is allowed after a full 24 hours have passed since a fever has resolved without fever-reducing medications AND all symptoms have fully resolved. A return to campus is also allowed with a doctor’s note if symptoms are still present and the doctor does not suspect COVID-19.</p>	
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Close Contact with Someone Who Tested Positive for COVID-19

Isolation/Quarantine Guidelines	School Actions
<p>Close contact is defined as follows:</p> <p>Someone who was within 3 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, regardless of whether masks were worn, you might need to quarantine at home for 10 days.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For close contacts who are symptomatic, refer to guidelines for symptomatic individuals. Without symptoms, students may choose to quarantine for 10 days or return to school at any time and are recommended to wear a mask for 10 days. For positive cases within the home, all siblings would quarantine at home for 10 days. Asymptomatic teachers should remain at work and are recommended to wear a mask for 10 days unless symptoms develop. All close contacts should not test until 6 days after exposure. 2. If mild to moderate symptoms develop and the individual tests positive for COVID-10, begin quarantine and return 10 days after onset of symptoms and 24 hours of being fever free without medication or 20 days if symptoms are severe to critical or if the patient is severely immunocompromised. 3. If mild to moderate symptoms develop and the individual does not test or tests negative, he or she may return a full 24 hours after symptoms 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The school will send a general exposure notice to individuals or groups who are considered to have been exposed through close contact with an infected individual. 2. If an exposed individual has symptoms, see guidelines for symptomatic individuals. If the exposed individual does not have symptoms, he or she may return to school and are recommended to wear a mask for 10 days. 3. If a visitor to campus later tests positive (within 72 hours of visit), determine if the visitor had close contact with anyone on campus. Notify those who had close contact with the visitor of possible exposure.

have fully resolved without fever-reducing medications and are advised to wear a mask for 14 days from exposure.	
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Second-Degree Exposure (close contact with someone who has had close contact with someone who tested positive)

Isolation/Quarantine Guidelines	School Actions
None	None

Two or More Positive Cases Reported on a Campus in a 14-Day Period (epidemiologically linked, but not of the same household, not identified as close contacts from off campus, but possible contact on campus)

Isolation/Quarantine Guidelines	School Actions
Determined after discussion with Maricopa County Health Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Positive cases reported to MCDHS. 2. Communication sent to all staff, faculty, families, parents, and guardians. 3. In coordination with the MCDHS, determine if additional measures, such as quarantining a section or grade level or closing the school, are needed. The Head of School makes the call.

REDUCING THE VIRAL LOAD

Ventilation

Improving ventilation is an important virus prevention strategy that can reduce the number of virus particles in the air. Bringing fresh outdoor air into our buildings helps keep virus particles from concentrating inside. Where possible and weather permitting, Candeo opens doors and windows and adds child-safe fans to increase effectiveness. The schools also ensure the following:

- Air filters are of elevated quality and changed regularly (every 4 - 6 months).
- HVAC system components are cleaned regularly to reduce trapped dust which may harbor germs.
- Heating, refrigeration, and air conditioning units are properly maintained and upgraded where possible to improve ventilation and air quality.

Cleaning And Disinfection

Candeo Schools adheres to a thorough daily regimen of cleaning and disinfecting, to include increased disinfecting of high touch areas nightly. Teachers and midday support staff sanitize high-traffic zones, such as doorknobs and pencil sharpeners, between teaching sessions. In places where a person has been sick, the following advanced response is instituted before reuse of the area:

1. Close off the area(s) used by the person.
2. Open any outside doors and windows that would increase air circulation in the area(s).
3. Where possible, wait 24 hours before staff cleans and disinfects.
4. Utilize a non-toxic anti-viral fogger in the main area of use of the person who is sick.
5. Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, including offices, classrooms, bathrooms, common areas, and electronic equipment.

Classroom Supplies

Where possible, student belongings will be kept in individual bins or cubbies labeled with each student's name. When feasible, sharing of school supplies among students will be restricted. If a school supply or piece of equipment must be shared by students, it will be cleaned and wiped with disinfectant after each use.

Physical Distancing

To the extent possible within its existing structures, Candeo Schools works to achieve a physical distance between students (3 feet) and between staff and students (6 feet).

Mask Wearing

Candeo Schools recognizes that parents have the right to determine if their child wears a mask when attending school in the absence of a state mandate. As long as the State of Arizona does not mandate the wearing of masks to school, parents have the option to send their child to school with or without a mask. We will not discourage mask wearing, and will model civility and promote goodwill between those who chose to wear a mask and those who do not. If a campus experiences a concerning rise in cases, administrators can decide to reinstate mask requirements as an added layer of protection.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

People should practice handwashing and respiratory etiquette to keep from getting and spreading infectious illnesses, including COVID-19. Candeo Schools teaches and reinforces these behaviors and provides adequate hand washing supplies.

Candeo Schools will:

- Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Regular hand washing will be instituted before and after lunch, prior to and after snack breaks, and before and after recess.
- Post hand washing instructions near every sink.
- Assist young children with hand washing.
- Provide hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol in every classroom for when hand washing is not possible.
- Teach students and staff to cough and sneeze into a tissue and dispose of the tissue in the wastebasket. If a tissue is not available, students and staff will cough or sneeze into their bent elbow.
- Strategically place signs as reminders of respiratory etiquette.