



NCSA COVID-19 Testing Plan 2021-2022

Nevada City School of the Arts Information:

Students 422

Staff 76

This plan is to guide the practices in Nevada City School of the Arts (NCSA) to effectively assess, manage, and control the transmission of the COVID -19 virus while on school premises. This plan is specific to NCSA learning community members in conjunction and guidance of Nevada County Public Health, California Department of Public Health, and Center for Disease Control. The strategies and practices that are listed in this document are referred to as guidance from California Department of Public Health.

OBJECTIVE:

The health and welfare of every member of the learning community is of the utmost importance when on the NCSA premises. To effectively keep all members safe, assist in preventing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and to contact trace all members who have come in direct contact of a positive case, the school has designed thorough testing and monitoring protocols to help mitigate the spreading of the virus. NCSA also developed and approved a School Plan for Safe Reopening posted on the school website. This plan addresses all the safety precautions NCSA is taking daily to ensure continued safety.

TESTING:

Daily Self-Check

All members of the NCSA learning community must administer a daily symptom self-check. If any symptoms are present, and to decrease the risk of in-school transmission and spread of COVID-19 infections in school, students and staff with symptoms of an illness, regardless of vaccination status, are recommended to stay home from school, or go home if at school, and seek testing. **If positive**, they must immediately isolate for 10 days. If they receive a negative PCR, they may enter the school's premises. (At home self-test will not be accepted, all tests must be administered by a medical professional or a trained school official)

Modified Quarantine (Students ONLY) – Student with a supervised school exposure to someone with presumed or confirmed COVID-19, where both parties wore face coverings may attend school if they meet the following criteria:

1. Remain asymptomatic
2. Continue to wear face coverings
3. Undergo a least twice weekly testing during the 10 days following exposure date. (PCR or rapid antigen test OK if performed by/observed by trained school staff or healthcare provider.) ex. immediately, day 3-5, then again in 3 days.

Shortened Quarantine - Student/staff with an exposure (school or home/community) must self-quarantine at home until they meet the following criteria:

1. Remains asymptomatic.
2. COVID-19 PCR or rapid antigen test is performed by/observed by trained school staff or healthcare provider on or after Day 5 from date of last exposure
3. If Negative test results collected on or after Day 5, then quarantine may end after Day 7 (returning to school and all other activities on Day 8)

STAFFING FOR TESTING:

All staff voluntarily participating in the school testing program have been trained through the CDPH testing program and are familiar with the CDPH testing program playbook. Testing will start with the approval of this plan from NCPH. PPE such as face coverings, gloves, and hand sanitizer will be provided and available at the testing locations. Fit tested N95 masks will be worn when testing symptomatic students/staff.

PCR & Antigen Testing

Testing focus will be primarily for students who come in direct contact exposure and are symptomatic and non-symptomatic. The school will follow the CDPH guidance for contact tracing and testing for all who may have had a direct contact of a positive COVID-19 case while on school premises. To remain in class during a modified quarantine, students will be tested twice weekly using the BINAXnow rapid antigen test using the Primary.Health program provided by CDPH. For students who choose not to test, they must quarantine for the remainder of 10 days based on date of exposure. Weekly Antigen or PCR testing (through the Color program) will be mandatory for all employees who are not vaccinated per CDPH's guidance or for any employees who choose to be tested. *(See Table Below)*

NCSA has test kits on hand and personnel on site to perform testing as needed for those who are asymptomatic. Parents will be notified within 24 hours of notification of possible direct contact and testing that will be available for those who choose to get tested. Having tests available can minimize missed school days and optimize in-person instruction time.

CONTACT TRACING:

Contact tracing is a public health intervention that involves identifying and notifying individuals who have tested positive for an infectious disease or who have possibly been exposed to someone who tested positive while they were infectious.

Public health contact tracing staff will contact these individuals to let them know what to do next to keep themselves and their loved ones safe. Public health departments have used contact tracing for decades to fight the spread of infectious diseases. Contact tracing is a core tool for reducing the spread of COVID-19.

When an exposure to a person with COVID-19 happens in a school setting, school staff will be asked to help their local public health department with some parts of the contact tracing process, in accordance with California's privacy laws and in compliance with Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Schools are required to report positive COVID-19 cases to their local health officer when schools have been notified of a positive case.

Once informed, NCSA will contact trace to determine who may have come into close contact. A close contact is anyone who may come within 6' of a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19 for a cumulative 15 minutes over a 24-hour period, regardless of face coverings. Once people are notified, direction will be given based on the three scenarios in the below table.

Contact tracers will report through SPOT (CDPH program) all intake forms and will maintain a list of students who are vaccinated and or have been COVID positive in the last 90 days.

TESTING SCHEDULE:

STUDENTS:

Non-symptomatic Antigen/PCR testing will be scheduled on an as needed basis for all students that come in direct contact of a positive case while on the school premises. Testing will be available for non-symptomatic students within 24 hours of notification of direct contact. Below are the shortened and modified quarantine testing schedules for students based on the day of exposure. The rapid Antigen test will be given for non-symptomatic students who are on a modified quarantine schedule. The PCR test will be provided for non-symptomatic students who are on the shortened quarantine schedule or if they test positive with the rapid antigen test. Tests will only be administered to those students who have pre-registered and parent's consent has been given. Those who choose not to test must quarantine for the remainder of the 10 days. If at any time a student becomes symptomatic, they must isolate and seek a medical professional for testing and care. Any students who may become symptomatic or test positive for the COVID-19 virus should contact the school immediately to provide information that will assist in contact tracing.

TESTING SCHEDULE FOR STUDENTS

Below is the testing schedule for modified and shortened quarantine for students who have a direct contact while at school and are asymptomatic.

Modified Student Quarantine (Wearing a Face Cover)

	Week 1					Week 2							
Day Exposed/Day Tested	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Monday		Test 1			Test 2			Test 3					
Tuesday			Test 1			Test 2			Test 3				
Wednesday				Test 1			Test 2			Test 3			
Thursday					Test 1			Test 2			Test 3		
Friday						Test 1			Test 2			Test 3	

Shortened Student Quarantine*
(Not wearing a Face Cover)

	Week 1							Week 2						
Day Exposed/Day Tested	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	
Monday							Test		Can come back to school if negative					
Tuesday								Test		Can come back to school if negative				
Wednesday									Test		Can come back to school if negative			
Thursday										Test		Can come back to school if negative		
Friday											Test		Can come back to school if negative	

****This test must be a PCR test. Not a rapid test.***

STAFF and Volunteers:

All staff and volunteers must show proof of vaccinations to be exempt from testing. All employees and volunteers who are unvaccinated are required to test on a weekly basis based on CDPH’s guidance. The primary test is an antigen test. At any time, staff members can request the rapid antigen test if available. The testing schedule is attached. If a staff member has any COVID symptoms, they can contact the COVID Coordinator or the Business Manager to schedule a PCR test. This test will be provided in a drive-thru setting and will be delivered to the NCSoS drop box location to be sent to the lab.

Staff Testing Schedule

Testing Schedule

Monday through Friday

Testing Times	
Business Office	8:30AM – 4:00PM Or prescheduled
Expect 48 hours to get results back.	

COVID-19 Response Team

<u>School Site</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Description of Duties</u>
Covid Intake Coordinator	Megan Williamson	Lead- Works collaboratively with NCPH in contact tracing and COVID-19 testing
School Nurse	Stacie LaJeunesse	Oversight of School COVID-19 testing for employees and students
Business Tech	Kerin Fegley	Assists in COVID-19 testing of students and staff
Receptionist-Lower Campus	Emma Olafsson-Goldberg	Assists in contact tracing and COVID-19 testing
Business Manager	Melissa Brokenshire	Assists in COVID-19 testing of students and staff

Student COVID Exposure Table

10/1/2021

What to do if a student has a close contact while at school?

Close Contact - Asymptomatic
Unvaccinated, Unmasked

Close Contact - Asymptomatic
Vaccinated Unvaccinated

COVID-19 Positive

Regular

- Quarantine at home
- Quarantine ends on Day 11 if no symptoms ever developed.

OR

Shortened

- Quarantine at home
- If asymptomatic with a negative test on or after Day 5 they may return to school on Day 8*.

Masked/Unmasked

- No quarantine is necessary for vaccinated students, either masked or unmasked, as long as asymptomatic.

Both wearing Masked
(Modified)

- Continues to attend school
- Does not participate in extra-curricular at school/community
- Continues to wear mask indoors
- Undergo testing at least twice weekly*

**Home tests will not be accepted. Student must be tested by trained school staff or healthcare provider.*

Masked/Unmasked

Full at-home isolation for 10 days from day of positive test or symptoms.