



Redlands, California

VALLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

An International Baccalaureate World School

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

FEVER/SNEEZING/COUGHING

Please be reminded that a student is not allowed on-campus (or will be sent home) if they ...

- **Have a fever of 100.4 or above.** If a student is sent-home, they must be fever-free (without medication) for 24hrs before returning to campus. In other words, if your child is sent home on Monday, they could not return to school until Wednesday. The school will always confirm the temperature by using two different hand-held, touchless thermometers (not including the kiosks near the stage).
- **Are continually sneezing and/or coughing.** If a student is sent home, they may return the next day, so long as they are not continually sneezing and/or coughing.

SCREENING FOR COVID-19

1. Please **keep your child at-home and inform the school immediately** if they have either of the following symptoms: (1) temperature of 100.4 and above; (2) consistent coughing and/or sneezing.
2. Please **consider keeping your child at-home** if they have any of the following symptoms: shortness of breath; fatigue; body aches; headache; loss of taste and/or smell; nausea and/or vomiting; diarrhea; sore throat; congestion or runny nose.
3. Please **keep your child at-home and inform the school immediately** if, in the past 14 days, your child (or a member of the household) has been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for at least 15 minutes) with a person who is known to have Covid-19.

ON-CAMPUS SAFETY

- Face-coverings are REQUIRED at Valley Prep for K-8th (and strongly recommended for Preschool & PK).
- Where possible, VPS has increased distance between seats (and bedding in PS/PK) in classrooms.
- Student temperatures are taken daily upon arrival. If a student has a temp of **100.4**, they will be sent home. Parents are strongly encouraged to take their child's temperature each day before leaving the house. If a student is sent-home with a temperature above 100.4, the child must be temperature-free for 24-hours.
- Teachers constantly promote good hand hygiene (handwashing and use of hand sanitizer). Hand sanitizer is available in each classroom and around the campus. Two outdoor sinks are also available for handwashing.
- Teachers constantly promote respiratory etiquette by reminding students to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or an elbow or shoulder if no tissue is available) and to keep their hands away from their nose, mouth, and eyes (obviously this is more challenging with younger students).
- Classrooms and outdoor play-equipment are consistently wiped-down throughout the day.
- There will be no fieldtrips, inter-school sporting events, or large on-campus gatherings until further notice.
- Teachers will do as much classwork outdoors as possible.
- Teachers will constantly discourage the sharing of supplies and food.
- Installation continues of Bi-Polar Ionization kits into each classroom. Studies have shown that these air-filters have a 99.4% reduction rate on a SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) surface strain.
- All staff members are being tested for Covid-19 on a rotational basis.

CONFIRMED TO HAVE COVID-19

If a student (or staff member) in a particular class is confirmed to have Covid-19, then the entire class (including the teacher) must **quarantine for 14 days**. Other classes would likely not be required to close. All students in the closed classroom would transition to 100% Distance Learning during the quarantine. After the 14-day period, each student (and the teacher) would need to **submit a "clear/negative" test result** before returning to campus.

EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19

- If a student (or staff member) in a particular class is exposed to someone confirmed to have (or suspected of having) Covid-19, then the student (or staff member) must **submit a "clear/negative" test result** in order to be on-campus. If the test result is "positive," then the procedure outlined above will be implemented.
- **While waiting for the test result**, other students in the class have the option of transitioning to Distance Learning (CDPH does not require a class to be closed while waiting for a test result).
- Further, regardless of their own test result, if the student (or staff member) **resides in the same household as someone confirmed to have Covid-19**, then the student (or staff member) must quarantine themselves for 14-days beyond the quarantine period of the person in the household who has Covid-19 (i.e. if the person with Covid ends their quarantine on the 1st of the month, then those residing with them must continue to quarantine until the 14th of the month).