



COVID-19 Learning Procedures ~ Academic Year 2021-2022

After meeting with Contra Costa Public Health Services, all evidence from around the world indicates that schools are not considered spreading sites when students and faculty are enforced with masking policies, especially if teachers are vaccinated. All of our staff is fully vaccinated and most of our students over 12 have been vaccinated as well. The majority of the new cases in Contra Costa County are from those that remain unvaccinated and while there are some through breakthrough infections, they are much milder after having the vaccine. At this time, we intend to open in person and follow mask mandates per state requirements, as well as cleaning requirements. We have a 100% mask on indoors policy. We continue to work with our contracted partner, Joffe Emergency Services, as well as the Contra Costa Public Health Services and the Contra Costa Department of Education to stay abreast of the everchanging requirements and will pass along pertinent updates to our Springstone community as they unfold.

Per AB130, if you decide to not send your student to school, we will provide independent study work for them to complete, there will be no online learning this year unless there is a mandated lockdown from the state. Please let the administration know immediately if your intention is to keep your student home for the academic year or any part thereof.

We are requiring submission of a copy of your student's COVID-19 vaccination card by 8/11.

Cohorts:

Students will remain co-horted in class (1:8 ratio, teacher to students) and teachers will rotate around them, per The Springstone School method. This will also be the same for lunch, Physical Education, Social Skills, and Occupational Therapy. Our ACCESS program will have some mixed grade groups, in our largest rooms and/or outdoors. The Springstone School will access and use outdoor spaces as much as possible. Students will keep their belongings at the desk to avoid cross contact.



Masks:

We have mandated masks to be worn by all students and staff while indoors policy. Masks will be mandated for all staff and students regardless of vaccination status when in classrooms and indoors. Masks are optional when outdoors or when actively eating/drinking. Students must wear a clean/fresh mask each day and have one to two back-ups in their backpacks in case of soiling. Springstone has single use emergency masks on supply if needed, but daily clean/fresh masks are a student supply requirement. Masks need to be well-fitted coverings over the nose and mouth without gaps.

Drop Off/Pick Ups:

Students and staff will need to be temperature and symptom checked upon entering the school each morning. If your student is being transported via district transport (bus/cab/other) and exhibits symptoms upon drop off, your student will be removed to an isolation room (Occupational Therapy Room) for pick up. If your student exhibits symptoms throughout the day, parents will be called to pick up students and students must wait in the isolation room until pick up.

Isolation Room:

Students that exhibit symptoms will be placed in the isolation room, which will be in our Occupational Therapy Room and parents will be notified for pick up. The room will remain closed and cleaned within 24 hours, then remain closed for the following 72 hours.

Lunch:

Students will continue to be responsible for bringing their own cold sack lunch daily. Students will be hand sanitizing or hand washing before lunch and snacks. There will not be microwaves accessible at this time, please plan for cold lunches that are easy for the student to open and do not require staff assistance. Students will eat outside as much as possible (weather permitting). Springstone has purchased additional picnic tables and benches for students to accommodate outdoor dining that will be arriving soon.



Restrooms/Shared Spaces:

Shared spaces will be limited use at this time. Restrooms will be used on a one student at a time basis and will be monitored by staff throughout the day. Signage will be placed around the school reminding students of their expectations.

Occupational Therapy Equipment/Transitions:

Recent studies indicate that COVID-19 is not transmitted through shared materials when students and staff wearing masks and following hand washing procedures. Occupational Therapy (O.T.) Equipment can be shared at this time and students will have access to equipment as their needs determine and all items will be cleaned at the end of the day. The O.T. room will be used for its intended purpose of O.T. transitions unless in use as an isolation room.

Visitors and Off Time Pick Ups:

Visitors will not be allowed in to the school. Should you need to pick up your student early, you will need to plan and let the office know ahead of time either by email (info@thespringstoneschool.org) or by phone (925.962.9660). We understand that sometimes things happen beyond your control and you may need to pick up your student without notice. Please park in Creekside Commons Parking Lot A and access the office by walking through the Mindful Garden. You can then knock on the school office window/Dutch door that leads to the outside to sign out your student. We will then retrieve your student while you wait outside.

Cleaning:

Cleaning will happen on high touch surfaces as needed throughout the day by Springstone staff and at the end of the day via Janitorial crew. Cleaning supplies will be available in each classroom at all times. We are using CDC approved cleaning products. Windows will be left open to allow for ventilation. Air conditioning/heater filters have been replaced to CDC aligned models. Doors will also remain propped open (weather permitting) to allow for further ventilation. Middle school classrooms have two doors which will remain open for



cross ventilation while most high school classrooms have one door which will remain open.

Unvaccinated Students:

If your student remains unvaccinated, **Springstone is requiring monthly negative COVID-19 tests due by the last Monday of the month** (August 30, September 27, October 25, November 29, December 27, January 31, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 30). If you need information on testing facilities, please reach out to administration.

Potential Infections for Unvaccinated Students:

Quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated students for exposures when both parties were wearing a mask, as required in K-12 indoor settings. These are adapted from the CDC K-12 guidance and CDC definition of a close contact:

1. When both parties were wearing a mask in the indoor classroom setting, unvaccinated students who are close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period with 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:

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

Quarantine recommendation for unvaccinated close contacts who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the indoor exposure; or vaccinated students as described in above.

1. For those contacts, those who remain asymptomatic, meaning they have not had any symptoms, may discontinue self-quarantine under the following conditions

- a. Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing; OR



- b. Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative.
2. To discontinue quarantine before 14 days following last known exposure, asymptomatic close contacts must:
 - a. Continue daily self-monitoring for symptoms throughout Day 15 from last known exposure; AND
 - b. Follow all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., wearing a mask when around others, hand washing, avoiding crowds) through Day 14 from last known exposure.
3. If any symptoms develop during this 14-day period, the exposure person must immediately isolate, get tested, and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care.

Vaccinated Students Potential Infection:

If your student is fully vaccinated and been in close contact with COVID-19, but is not experiencing or reporting symptoms, your student does not need to quarantine at home and may self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure. Please do inform Springstone immediately. If COVID symptoms appear within 14 days of exposure, please isolate at home right away, inform your healthcare provider, and COVID testing is recommended.

Thank you:

We thank you all for your continued patience and flexibility through this time. We look forward to being back on campus full time. As mentioned, The Springstone School continues to ask that parents support our teachers and administrators by communicating respectfully and know that we will continue to keep safety as our number one priority. Springstone continues to work with our pandemic coordinators, county, and state health recommendations, and will update information as needed. Thank you for your trust and partnership.



The Springstone Middle & Community High School

K-12 Classroom/Indoor COVID Student Close Contact¹ Follow-up Steps

