



## Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan



The protocols in response to the pandemic have been continuously changing. We have accounted for as many scenarios as possible while planning to safely reopen for the 2021/2022 school year. We will continue to update this document as necessary.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

**School Site Covid Liaison:** Kinetic Academy Health Assistant

### Masks/Face Coverings:

**Required:** TK-12 students are required to mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status, with exemptions per CDPH face mask guidance.

**Required:** Adults in TK-12 school settings are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with students.

**Optional:** Students and Adults in outdoor school settings (Arrival/Dismissal, Walk & Talk, Recess, Lunch, PE, transitions to and from classes, Outdoor assemblies/events, etc.)

*Recommended* for adults who walk up and drop off or pick up students.

*Optional for employees* when alone in a room or private office.

Exemption Process:

Medical exemptions are permitted, and must be completed by a fully licensed physician (MD or DO) or a Physician's Assistant or Registered Nurse working under a physician's license. These requests should be submitted to Kinetic Academy's Health Office. Kinetic Academy's Admin Team will review and may need to contact the physician to gain clarification on why the exemption is necessary, and a follow up meeting with parents may be required.

Students will need to wear their masks where required, until the review process is complete and the mask exemption has been approved. Parents will be notified, in writing, when approval has been granted.

If the mask exemption is approved, Kinetic Academy will follow CDPH guidelines, and a student will need to wear a face shield while indoors, or where a typical face covering would be required.

### [K-12 Guidance](#)

#### Enforcement Procedures

Kinetic Academy's objective for mask enforcement will prioritize maintaining student access to instruction to the greatest extent possible through consistent compliance with the CDPH mask mandate. All students will be treated with respect and sensitivity as mask requirements will be enforced. Mask enforcement will not be a disciplinary issue, but one of choice, education, and consequence related to compliance with the state's mandate.

- Every effort will be made to provide increased outdoor learning opportunities for students, where masks are not required.
- A disposable mask will be provided if the student does not have one.
- Should a student (or a student directed by their parent/guardian) refuse a mask, staff will counsel the student on the importance of using and wearing a mask while indoors.
- Should a student (or a student directed by their parent/guardian) continue to refuse to wear a mask indoors, site administrators will contact parents/guardians.

- Should a student (or student directed by their parent/guardian) continue to refuse despite repeated counsel, support, and opportunities to comply, they will be excluded from attending school due to failure to comply with CDPH mandated health and safety protocols.
- Exclusion from school, for this reason, would be recorded as an unexcused absence and ultimately lead to a referral to the School Attendance Review Team (SART).
- At any time during this process, a student may choose to comply with the mask mandate and resume regular attendance in-person at school, without restrictions.

## Physical Distancing:

Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are implemented. This is consistent with [CDC K-12 School Guidance](#).

## Ventilation:

All classroom and other indoor spaces will be properly ventilated.

Windows and doors will remain open, when possible. All indoor spaces will contain Air Purification systems which will remain on during school hours.

## Health Screenings:

### Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested

Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as [influenza](#) (flu) or [COVID-19](#), should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. Staying home when sick with COVID-19 is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of schools and prevent spread to others. It also is essential for people who are not fully vaccinated to quarantine after a recent exposure to someone with COVID-19.

### Before leaving home all students, employees and parents must conduct a self-check.

Ask these questions:

- Do I have a fever?
- Do I have a cough?
- Am I experiencing shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- Am I experiencing any other symptoms?
- Have I been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
- In the last two weeks, have I been directed to quarantine, isolate or take a COVID-19 Test?

If you respond "yes" to any of the questions, you must stay home, and it is recommended that you contact your primary care physician for further medical advice.

Staff and students who stay home from school due to illness will be encouraged to complete an Independent Study, if they are well enough to do so.

If students are sent to school and either report that they have had any of the following symptoms in either category **OR** have visible symptoms in either category, parents will be contacted and they will be sent home.

# Student Symptom Decision Tree

Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

## Low-risk: general symptoms



Fever ( $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ )



Sore throat



Congestion/runny nose



Headache



Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea



Fatigue/muscle or body aches

## High-risk: red flag symptoms



Cough



Difficulty breathing



Loss of taste/smell

If your child has had NO exposure to a Covid-19 positive person, and your child has one of the low risk symptoms, then they will be able to return to school 24 hours after the symptoms have been resolved. If your child has had NO exposure to a Covid-19 positive person and they have 1 high risk symptom **OR** more than 1 low risk symptom then they must be evaluated by a health care provider.

### Symptomatic and exposure to a COVID-19 positive person?

*within 6 ft of a COVID + or clinically compatible person for >15 min in a 24 hr period, regardless of masking*

NO

► 1 low risk symptom



Send home



Return to school 24 hrs after symptom resolution (without fever reducing medication)

►  $\geq 2$  low risk symptoms  
OR 1 high risk symptom



Send home



Evaluation by health care provider

Health care provider confirms alternative

A student that tests positive may return 10 days after symptoms onset and 24 hours without fever.

If your child has been exposed to a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 and they are vaccinated, the following applies:

**YES**

(within 6 feet for >15 min in a 24 hr period, regardless of masking)

► **Vaccinated or Documented COVID within 90-days**

1 Any symptoms



- Isolation for 10 days regardless of test results
- Get tested
- Get care

2 No Symptoms



- No quarantine
- No required testing\*
- Continue to monitor for symptoms through day 14

*\*CDC recommends testing between day 3-5*

If your child has been exposed to a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 and they are unvaccinated, the following applies:

*\*CDC recommends testing between day 3-5*

► **Unvaccinated**

1 Face covering (well-fitting and used correctly) on BOTH infected and exposed person

1 No symptoms



Modified 10-day quarantine while attending school in-person if:

- Wears a mask (inside and outside)
- Tests 2x per week for the 10 days, at least 3 days apart
- Quarantine from any extra-curricular activity for 14 days
- Modified quarantine may end at day 7 if test (-) after 5 days from last exposure (students may return to extracurricular activities as well)

2 Symptoms develop

2 No face covering on EITHER infected or exposed person

1 Symptoms



- Isolation for 10 days regardless of test results
- Get tested
- Get care

2 No symptoms



- Home self-quarantine until after 10 days from last exposure (if not tested) OR
- May return to school after 7 days if test negative after 5 days from last exposure (students may return to extracurricular activities as well)

If your child is suspected of having COVID-19, is awaiting test results, or tests positive for COVID-19, please keep your child at home and notify the School Office.

If anyone in your household is suspected of having COVID-19, is awaiting test results, or tests positive for COVID-19, please keep your unvaccinated child at home and notify the School Office.

If there is a known health issue (such as allergies), a doctor's note would be helpful to have on file or informing the health office.

## **Isolation Location:**

Any student/staff that begins to develop symptoms while on campus, the student/staff will be isolated until they can leave or be picked up from campus. Testing is recommended when symptomatic.

## **Testing:**

The state of California has mandated that all school staff submit proof of vaccination or be tested weekly. All school staff must adhere to this and have either vaccination proof on file or weekly testing on file with the school's health office.

In addition, all visitors are subjected to the same guidelines, including outside contractors and volunteers. For this reason, Kinetic Academy will be focusing on transitioning students back for full days and limiting visitors, unless necessary for the time being.

## **REPORTING AND CONTACT TRACING**

All Orange County schools will continue to report new COVID-19 cases to the Health Care Agency (OCHCA), through the School/Shared Portal for Outbreak Tracking, or SPOT. SPOT is an electronic reporting system that's aligned with California's case investigation and contact tracing data management system. SPOT will ensure compliance with state and local reporting requirements..

If an individual (student or staff) tests positive for COVID-19, isolation is required and the specific timeline for return will be determined in coordination with OCHCA.

Unvaccinated individuals (student and staff) will be required to quarantine should they be in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19.

Vaccinated individuals (student and staff) who have been identified as a close contact but remain asymptomatic are not required to quarantine, but are recommended to test for COVID-19 three to five days after the exposure.

### **Required Teacher Quarantine:**

If a teacher is out and required to quarantine, Kinetic Academy will place a substitute in the classroom for the duration of the quarantine.

### **Required Class Closure/Quarantine:**

We will work with OCHCA on any Covid positive cases with staff or students. In the event of an outbreak, and we are required to quarantine the class, we will move to Independent Study with live online teacher interaction via Zoom or Webex.

## **COMMUNICATION PROCESS**

In the event that there is a positive case, affected individuals will be contacted directly by school staff, and they will receive notification that may include self-isolation directions and other important information.

Families of students who are not affected will not receive a notification letter and no action will be required.

Please note that Kinetic Academy will only communicate and provide data on our dashboard for confirmed COVID-19 cases.

## ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL AT SCHOOL: ENTRANCE/EXIT

### KINETIC WEST

#### Contactless Valet- Arrival and Dismissal:

**-Valet Drive Through (Arrival):** Students will walk to designated entrance and go to Walk & Talk area

**-Valet Drive Through(Ddismissal):** Valet will begin at 2:55 and students will be called out to meet the cone their car is located next to.

#### Valet Rules:

Students must be able to get themselves with all their belongings in and out of their cars.

Left Turns are Not Allowed into or out of the parking lot

-Right turn from Beach Blvd

-Right turn into the Kinetic parking lot

-Right turn out of the Kinetic parking lot

- Do not block the driveway to the apartments.

- Do not park in the parking lots of local businesses.

-Parents should remain in cars at all times.

#### Walk Up- Arrival and Dismissal

**-Walk Up (Arrival):** Students may walk to the designated entrance (Gate B). Parents can walk students up and drop them off at the Driveway exit.

**-Walk Up (Dismissal):** TK/Kinder parents may walk up to Gate C between 2:40 and 2:50 to pick up TK or Kinder Students. All parents must exit the parking lot when valet starts at 2:55. After 2:55, parents should pick up students from the Exit side of the driveway.

#### Student Walkers:

Students (3rd grade and above) may walk off campus with parent guardian consent by completing a WALKER FORM.

Students in 2nd grade and below may walk off campus with an older sibling. If there are no older siblings, and parents/guardians would like their child to be able to walk off campus, consideration may be given depending on the circumstances. Parents should call the school office.

## ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL AT SCHOOL: ENTRANCE/EXIT

### KINETIC EAST

#### Contactless Valet- Arrival and Dismissal:

When arriving from Harding Lane, enter the main parking lot, stay right

and follow the yellow line around to the far-left gate for drop-off and pick-up.

If arriving from Hamden enter the second parking lot, follow the yellow line around to the far-left gate for drop-off and pick-up.



- ❖ Contactless Valet- Arrival & Dismissal
- ❖ All students must exit the car on the passenger side.
- ❖ Parents may not exit their car when proceeding through the value line.
- ❖ When entering the car, students need to be able to fasten their safety belts to keep the valet line flowing smoothly.

## FOOD & DRINKS

### Lunch

With a return to full day instruction, students will be having lunch on campus during the school day. All food and meals will be eaten outside, unless there is an inclement weather day that would require us to keep students inside.

For lunch recess, students will eat first so that we can ensure they wash their hands before eating. Tables will be cleaned before the next group of students.

### Water

Students will also be encouraged to bring their own water bottles to refill at indoor sinks or water refilling station. (Please note: water fountains at both campuses will be closed indoors and outdoors to minimize COVID-19 exposure.)

## OTHER SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- Common high touch surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized daily (e.g. countertops, door handles, restrooms, student desks, student chairs).
- Staff and students will be expected and instructed to wash/sanitize their hands regularly.
- Teachers and staff will limit sharing of supplies between students to the extent possible and encourage students to take home personal items for cleaning daily.
- For Specials classes, students will wash hands upon entering and exiting.
- Playground equipment will be regularly cleaned for student use.

## INDEPENDENT STUDY

For a student who is required to be out quarantining for exposure to a Covid positive person (as per the Student Symptom Decision described above) or a positive test for themselves, Independent Study will be an option so that the student can keep up on daily school work and assignments. Please contact the school office to follow our regular request process.

## COVID 19 VACCINATION, TESTING, AND REPORTING

All school staff must show proof of vaccinations status OR be tested weekly and submit results to the school health office. In addition, all outside service providers who are regularly on campus will also need to submit proof of vaccination or submit weekly Covid testing results to the Kinetic Academy Health Office.

## FACILITY CLEANING

### KINETIC WEST & EAST

#### **Daily Cleaning and Sanitizing of:**

- Classrooms
- Office
- Hallways
- Common Areas

#### **Daily Cleaning and Disinfection of the following surfaces/areas:**

- Horizontal and high touch surfaces
- Door handles
- Handrails
- Restrooms
- Light switches
- Common areas

## SANITATION PROTOCOLS & EDUCATION

#### **Healthy Hygiene Practices: Handwashing**

Handwashing is strongly encouraged as one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of any biological pathogen, including COVID-19. All students and staff will have dedicated handwashing times during their onsite school day and will be encouraged to:

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Thoroughly dry hands

## WASH YOUR HANDS



WATER AND SOAP



PALM TO PALM



BETWEEN FINGERS



FOCUS ON THUMBS



BACK OF HANDS



FOCUS ON WHISTS

### Water Fountains & Drinking Stations

- Drinking Fountains are CLOSED at this time and are not to be used
- Students are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottles and use the refillable filtered drinking station

### Indoor Air Quality

- Kinetic has added an air purifier to every classroom and enclosed common area
- Teachers have been asked to keep classroom doors and windows open to assist with air circulation

### Staff Training & Family Education

- COVID Prevention Plan
- Safe Reopening Plan
- Weekly memos to staff with protocols and reminders
- CDPH School Guidance linked on website

## RESOURCES

- [Covid 19 Information](#)
- [School Guidance](#)
- [Student Decision Tree](#)
- [Symptoms & Risks](#)
- [CDC- FAQ](#)

