

Model COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

With some exceptions, all employers and places of employment are required to establish and implement an effective written COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) pursuant to an Emergency Temporary Standard in place for COVID-19 (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 8, section [3205\(c\)](#)). Cal/OSHA has developed this model program to assist employers with creating their own unique CPP tailored to their workplace.

Employers are not required to use this program. Employers may create their own program or use another CPP template. Employers can also create a written CPP by incorporating elements of this program into their existing Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP), if desired. Cal/OSHA encourages employers to engage with employees in the design, implementation and evolution of their COVID-19 Prevention Program.

Using this model alone does not ensure compliance with the emergency temporary standard. To use this model program effectively, the person(s) responsible for implementing the CPP should carefully review:

- All of the elements that may be required in the following CCR, Title 8 sections:
 - [3205, COVID-19 Prevention](#)
 - [3205.1, Multiple COVID-19 Infection and COVID-19 Outbreaks](#)
 - [3205.2, Major COVID-19 Outbreaks](#)
 - [3205.3, Prevention in Employer-Provided Housing](#)
 - [3205.4, COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Transportation to and from Work](#)
 - The four [Additional Considerations](#) provided at the end of this program to see if they are applicable to your workplace.
- The additional guidance materials available at www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/



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COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) for Trinity Lutheran School

This CPP is designed to control exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that may occur in our workplace.

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Authority and Responsibility

Fran Sanders and Pastor Kevin Bergeson has overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace. In addition, all managers and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the CPP in their assigned work areas and for ensuring employees receive answers to questions about the program in a language they understand.

All employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies and procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards

We will implement the following in our workplace:

- Conduct workplace-specific evaluations using the **Appendix A: Identification of COVID-19 Hazards** form.
- Evaluate employees' potential workplace exposures to all persons at, or who may enter, our workplace.
- Review applicable orders and general and industry-specific guidance from the State of California, Cal/OSHA, and the local health department related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention.
- Evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls in our workplace and the need for different or additional controls.
- Conduct periodic inspections using the **Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections form** as needed to identify unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures related to COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with our COVID-19 policies and procedures.
- **Evaluation measure will be adjusted as needed.**

Employee participation

Employees and their authorized employees' representatives are encouraged to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards by: **Employees will monitor entrance and egress along with the staggering of students at recess and lunch time. Classroom teachers will work to maintain physical distancing and make corrections as needed.**

Employee screening

We screen our employees by: **directly screening employees when they come to work and an option for self-screening and reporting according to CDPH guidelines. Ensure that face coverings are used during screening by both screeners and employees and, temperatures are measured utilizing a non-contact thermometer.**

Correction of COVID-19 Hazards

Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures will be documented on the **Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections** form, and corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards, as follows:

The severity of the hazard will be assessed, and correction time frames assigned, accordingly.

Individuals are identified as being responsible for timely correction.

Follow-up measures are taken to ensure timely correction.

Control of COVID-19 Hazards

Physical Distancing

Where possible, we ensure at least six feet of physical distancing at all times in our workplace by:

- **Eliminating the need for workers to be in the workplace – e.g., telework or other remote work arrangements.**
- **Reducing the number of persons in an area at one time, including visitors.**
- **Visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate where employees and others should be located or their direction and path of travel.**
- **Staggered arrival, departure, work, and break times.**
- **Adjusted work processes or procedures, such as reducing production speed, to allow greater distance between employees.**

Individuals will be kept as far apart as possible when there are situations where six feet of physical distancing cannot be achieved.

Face Coverings

We provide clean, undamaged face coverings and ensure they are properly worn by employees over the nose and mouth when indoors, and when outdoors and less than six feet away from another person, including non-employees, and where required by orders from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) or local health department. **Face coverings will be provided for any staff and/or student that requires a mask. Additional masks are available in the main office. All staff and students have been instructed to always have a face covering on.**

The following are exceptions to the use of face coverings in our workplace:

- When an employee is alone in a room.
- While eating and drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and outside air supply to the area, if indoors, has been maximized to the extent possible.
- Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person. Alternatives will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Any employee not wearing a face covering, face shield with a drape or other effective alternative, or respiratory protection, for any reason, shall be at least six feet apart from all other persons unless the unmasked employee is tested at least twice weekly for COVID-19.

Engineering controls

We implement the following measures for situations where we cannot maintain at least six feet between individuals: **installation solid partitions.**

We maximize, to the extent feasible, the quantity of outside air for our buildings with mechanical or natural ventilation systems by:

- Keeping classroom doors and windows open to allow for maximum outside airflow.
- High efficiency air purifiers will be installed in classroom and non-classroom spaces to ensure a better quality of air especially in the case of unhealthy air quality.
- **The ventilation system will be properly maintained and adjusted by an authorized HVAC company.**

Cleaning and disinfecting

We implement the following cleaning and disinfection measures for frequently touched surfaces:

Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected on the hour. Additionally, all classroom areas, offices and additional spaces will be sprayed at the end of each day and provided time for the surfaces to be sanitized.

- **Adequate supplies are on hand and readily available for the janitorial staff and adequate time has been factored in the work day.**
- **Informing the employees and authorized employee representatives of the frequency and scope of cleaning and disinfection.**

Should we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will implement the following procedures: Identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits 1 or more symptoms of COVID-19 while at school.

- Staff and students should self-monitor throughout the day for signs of illness; staff should observe students for signs or symptoms of illness to support students who are less able to self-monitor or less likely to self-report.
- Any students or staff exhibiting 1 or more symptoms should be required to wait in the previously identified isolation area until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility, as soon as practicable.
- If a student is exhibiting 1 or more symptoms of COVID-19, staff should communicate with the parent/caregiver and refer to the student's health history form and/or emergency card.

An outside janitorial company will come in and mitigate the area and provide sanitizing and disinfecting of any classroom, non-classroom or office space.

Shared tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE)

PPE must not be shared, e.g., gloves, goggles and face shields.

Items that employees come in regular physical contact with, such as phones, headsets, desks, keyboards, writing materials, instruments and tools must also not be shared, to the extent feasible. Where there must be sharing, the items will be disinfected between uses by **use of approved cleansers. Staff will be on hand to make sure those tasks are completed.**

Hand sanitizing

In order to implement effective hand sanitizing procedures, we:

- **Additional outdoor handwashing facilities with hand soap and paper towels have been purchased and installed.**
- **Encouraging and allowing time for employee handwashing.**
- **Providing employees with an effective hand sanitizer, and prohibit hand sanitizers that contain methanol (i.e., methyl alcohol).**
- **Encouraging employees to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds each time.**

Personal protective equipment (PPE) used to control employees' exposure to COVID-19

We evaluate the need for PPE (such as gloves, goggles, and face shields) as required by CCR Title 8, section 3380, and provide such PPE as needed.

When it comes to respiratory protection, we evaluate the need in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 5144 when the physical distancing requirements are not feasible or maintained. **[reference section 3205(c)(E) for details on required respirator and eye protection use.]**

Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases

This will be accomplished by using the **Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases** form.

Employees who had potential COVID-19 exposure in our workplace will be:

- **Offered COVID-19 testing at no cost during their working hours.**
- **The information on benefits described in Training and Instruction, and Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases, below, will be provided to them.**

System for Communicating

Our goal is to ensure that we have effective two-way communication with our employees, in a form they can readily understand, and that it includes the following information:

- Who employees should report COVID-19 symptoms and possible hazards to, and how **Employees should report symptoms to the school office or administrator. They will be provided with time to get a COVID19 test.**
- That employees can report symptoms and hazards without fear of reprisal.
- Our procedures or policies for accommodating employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness.
- Where testing is not required, how employees can access COVID-19 testing **Employees are able to access a test through health plans or local testing centers. Employees will be provided with the tools to get tested when they have symptoms to reduce the likelihood of bringing the virus to work.**
- In the event we are required to provide testing because of a workplace exposure or outbreak, we will communicate the plan for providing testing and inform affected employees of the reason for the testing and the possible consequences of a positive test. **Employees are able to access a test through health plans or local testing centers. Employees will be provided with the tools to get tested when they have symptoms to reduce the likelihood of bringing the virus to work. Including when the testing is in response to CCR Title 8 section 3205.1, Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks, as well as section 3205.2, Major COVID-19 Outbreaks. It is recommended that the plan be developed in advance for large or high-risk workplaces.]**
- Information about COVID-19 hazards employees (including other employers and individuals in contact with our workplace) may be exposed to, what is being done to control those hazards, and our COVID-19 policies and procedures.
- **Teacher and staff meetings, direct emails as a place to remind and check for questions, or problems.**

Training and Instruction

We will provide effective training and instruction that includes:

- Our COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards.
- Information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws.
- The fact that:
 - COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air.
 - COVID-19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.
 - An infectious person may have no symptoms.
- Methods of physical distancing of at least six feet and the importance of combining physical distancing with the wearing of face coverings.
- The fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing must be combined with other controls, including face coverings and hand hygiene, to be effective.
- The importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or hand washing facility, and that hand sanitizer does not work if the hands are soiled.
- Proper use of face coverings and the fact that face coverings are not respiratory protective equipment - face coverings are intended to primarily protect other individuals from the wearer of the face covering.
- COVID-19 symptoms, and the importance of obtaining a COVID-19 test and not coming to work if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.

Appendix D: COVID-19 Training Roster will be used to document this training.

Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases

Where we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will limit transmission by:

- Ensuring that COVID-19 cases are excluded from the workplace until our return-to-work requirements are met.
- Excluding employees with COVID-19 exposure from the workplace for 14 days after the last known COVID-19 exposure to a COVID-19 case.
- Continuing and maintaining an employee's earnings, seniority, and all other employee rights and benefits whenever we've demonstrated that the COVID-19 exposure is work related. This will be accomplished **by employer-provided employee sick leave benefits.**
- Providing employees at the time of exclusion with information on available benefits.

Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Access

It is our policy to:



- Report information about COVID-19 cases at our workplace to the local health department whenever required by law, and provide any related information requested by the local health department.
- Report immediately to Cal/OSHA any COVID-19-related serious illnesses or death, as defined under CCR Title 8 section 330(h), of an employee occurring in our place of employment or in connection with any employment.
- Maintain records of the steps taken to implement our written COVID-19 Prevention Program in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 3203(b).
- Make our written COVID-19 Prevention Program available at the workplace to employees, authorized employee representatives, and to representatives of Cal/OSHA immediately upon request.
- Use the **Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases** form to keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases. The information will be made available to employees, authorized employee representatives, or as otherwise required by law, with personal identifying information removed.

Return-to-Work Criteria

- COVID-19 cases with COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until all the following have occurred:
 - At least 72 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications.
 - COVID-19 symptoms have improved.
 - At least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared.
 - COVID-19 cases who tested positive but never developed COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until a minimum of 10 days have passed since the date of specimen collection of their first positive COVID-19 test.
 - A negative COVID-19 test will not be required for an employee to return to work.
 - If an order to isolate or quarantine an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee will not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted. If no period was specified, then the period will be 10 days from the time the order to isolate was effective, or 14 days from the time the order to quarantine was effective.
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