



# **REOPENING CAMPUS**

## **2021-2022**

**A Detailed FAQ Guide for  
Trinity School Families**



# OVERVIEW

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*The Reopening Guide at Trinity School is constructed from the San Mateo County Office of Education Guidelines and the [Pandemic Recovery Framework](#), released on August 2, 2021. The Pandemic Recovery Framework is our baseline for reopening. In specific areas, we take a more conservative approach to the health and safety of our students and community.*

*It is important to note that Trinity, and all preschools and elementary schools, is a unique setting. It is the one place where there is a potential for a large population of vaccinated people to mix with an entirely unvaccinated population. We take this unique setting very seriously, and our plan reflects our conservative approach.*

*Our success over the next year will be largely dependent on our attention and diligence to community adherence to the health and safety protocols. In addition, please comply with directives issued by state and local government health departments, including the school, regarding all measures imposed to reduce the spread of COVID-19.*

## IN THIS FAQ

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*For ease, we have grouped the FAQs by subject matter, and we strongly encourage you to read this reopening guide in its entirety so that you feel well-prepared for our first days back on both campuses. Please also visit our website, [trinity-mp.org](http://trinity-mp.org), for more COVID-19 related information.*

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# TRINITY'S QUARANTINE POLICY

## **Q: Can you explain the school's quarantine policy?**

A: Per the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE), guidelines have been modified for 2021 - 2022.

Quarantine for students for exposures - when both parties are wearing a mask:

- Students may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:
  - Are asymptomatic;
  - Continue to mask appropriately, as required;
  - Undergo at least twice weekly testing during the 10-day period; and
  - Continue to strictly adhere to Cohort requirements (see Physical Distancing and Cohorts section) in all settings.

Quarantine for unvaccinated close contacts - who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask:

- Quarantine for a 10 Day or 7 Day quarantine and:
  - Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure; or
  - Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a Covid test is taken after Day 5 from the date of the last exposure and the test is negative;
  - Continue daily self-monitoring for symptoms through Day 14;
  - Are asymptomatic.

## **Q: What is considered a Close Contact?**

A: Students are considered close contacts if they are within 0-6 feet indoors and for more than 15 minutes over 24 hours with a person infected with COVID-19.

## **Q: Will students need to quarantine after traveling?**

A: We ask that you avoid all unnecessary travel. While there is not a quarantine for traveling within California, we know there is a higher risk of contracting COVID-19 while traveling. Following in-state travel, the quarantine policy (see above, first question) applies. Please get in touch with the school if your family is considering international travel.

## **Q: What is the quarantine for students who test positive for COVID-19?**

A: If a student tests positive for COVID-19, there is a requirement of quarantine. Specifically:

- Symptomatic students may return to school after ten days from the onset of symptoms without testing AND

- at least 24 hours have passed since the resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND
- other symptoms have improved.
- Asymptomatic students may return to school when at least ten days have passed since the date of the first positive COVID-19 test. If they develop symptoms, then the strategies for discontinuing isolation for symptomatic persons (see above) should be used.
- Students cannot test out of quarantine.

**Q: If a parent/guardian is traveling, is there a quarantine period for the student?**

A: There is not a quarantine period for students following parent/guardian travel. The previously stated quarantine policy continues to apply.

**Q: If relatives or family friends travel and we host, is there a quarantine period for the student?**

A: There is not a quarantine period for students following hosting relatives or family friends. The previously stated quarantine policy continues to apply.

**Q: Will there be a weekly quarantine for all students following Thanksgiving, Winter, February, and Spring Breaks?**

A: Currently, we do not need the required quarantine (and distance learning) following school breaks. However, if your unvaccinated child travels outside of California, the previously stated quarantine does apply.

## **DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS**

**Q: Will there be a health screening for students each day?**

A: Families on both campuses will be required to complete the Magnus Health Screening each day before school. School personnel will be checking the status of the screening upon student arrival on both campuses. Students will not be allowed on campus until screening is completed. This procedure is a new process for Lower Campus families, and the school will provide instructions on or before Aug 23, 2021.

# VISITOR POLICY: PARENTS, GUARDIANS, VENDORS, OTHER

**Q: What is the overarching approach to visitors (parents, guardians, vendors, others) on campus?**

A: For the first six weeks of the year, we will not allow campus visitors because of our unique environment where the entire student population is unvaccinated (with few exceptions). Exceptions may include:

- On the Lower Campus, a sequential schedule for walking students to classrooms during the initial transition period.
- On both campuses, an opportunity to schedule a time to meet your child's teacher before school starts.
- Essential meetings with teachers or administrators.

**Q: For the chosen times when visitors are allowed on campus, does the visitor need to be vaccinated?**

A: Only fully vaccinated visitors will be allowed on campus. Proof of vaccination will be required through Magnus Health (for Trinity families) and for non-Trinity visitors.

**Q: Will there be Back-to-School Night on both campuses?**

A: The format for Back-to-School Nights on each campus is still being determined and almost certainly virtual. Back-to-School-Nights are an important time to provide program information, and we will choose the safest way to hold these events.

**Q: What is the status of Trinity Parent Association (TPA) Events?**

A: The TPA involves the community on all levels, and the events are vital to our sense of community. As stated previously, Trinity is a unique environment where the potential for interaction among vaccinated people and unvaccinated people is significant at community events. While the best format for TPA events is still to be determined, it is safe to assume the events will be remote for the first six weeks of the year.

## FACE COVERINGS

**Q: Are masks required for all students?**

A: Yes. Our school policy is that masks are required for students on both campuses except when they are eating. While the CDC and CDPH Guidelines specify wearing masks for all indoor activities, Trinity requires wearing masks indoors and outdoors. If your child may require accommodations due to sensory, health, or other needs, please reach out to [Colette McWilliams](mailto:Colette McWilliams), Director Upper Campus at [cmcwilliams@trinity-mp.org](mailto:cmcwilliams@trinity-mp.org)

or [Sue Krishna](#), Director of Lower Campus at [skrishna@trinity-mp.org](mailto:skrishna@trinity-mp.org) to discuss further.

**Q: How many masks should my child have at school, and what if my child loses a mask?**

A: Your child should have a mask that will last them throughout the day without breaking. However, please send your child with an extra mask. Please mark your child's name on the masks. Additional masks will be available on campus in case a student loses or forgets their mask.



**Q: Are all types of masks allowed?**

A: All masks are allowed except those with vents.

## **MATERIALS AND STUDENT GEAR**

**Q: Will students be able to share materials?**

A: In most cases, due to the updated guidance on contact transmission, students can share materials. Examples of shared materials are books, playground equipment, and classroom supplies. In some cases, students may not share materials. An example of this would be recorders in Music.

**Q: Will Specialty Classrooms be utilized?**

A: We will resume the full use of Specialist Classrooms (i.e., Science Lab, Art Studio, Makerspace, Library, Spanish, and Music Rooms) on the Upper Campus and Specialist lessons on both campuses.

# PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND COHORTS

**Q: Will students need to be 6 feet or 3 feet apart?**

A: No, we do not require physical distancing for the upcoming year for students.

**Q: Will teachers need to maintain 6 feet or 3 feet distance from students?**

A: No, teachers are not required for the upcoming year to maintain physical distance from students. All teachers will be masked.

**Q: Will students be in Cohorts again?**

A: During the 2020-2021 school year, students were in Stable Cohorts (Upper Campus) and Bubble Cohorts (Lower Campus). These bubbles significantly restricted the opportunities for students to mix with other students and a wide circle of teachers. For example, on the Upper Campus, a Grade 3 student could only interact with other Grade 3 students in all areas - classroom, designed spaces for lunch and playtimes - and had limited access to Specialist Teachers and Specialist Classrooms (Stable Cohorts). On the Lower Campus, for example, students in the Laurel Room could only interact with other students and teachers in the Laurel Room and had no interaction with students in the Pine and Tierra rooms (Bubble Cohort).

For 2021-2022, Trinity is not required to maintain Bubble and Stable Cohorts. However, to minimize the impact of a COVID-19 spread in case of an outbreak, we will retain the system cohort, but we will expand it.

The Lower Campus Cohort will be the Pine, Laurel, and Tierra Rooms.

The Upper Campus Cohorts will be Kindergarten to Grade 2 and Grade 3 to Grade 5.

The expanded cohorts will enable students to have a more extensive social mix, not have designated lunch areas, and access to all areas of the playgrounds. However, it will also consider the implications of an outbreak on the school's operations and potential quarantine period, depending on the scenario.

**Q: Will Chapel be in person?**

A: Yes, Chapel will be in person on each campus. There is enough space in the Chapel on the Upper Campus for students to maintain the modified Cohort system. Upper Campus will be able to meet with all classes together in Chapel. The Lower Campus will gather for an outdoor Chapel.



**Q: Will there be Extended Care?**

A: Yes, Extended Care will resume on each campus with the modified Cohort system (ECP, K - 2nd, 3rd - 5th). The Cohorts will also apply to Enrichment Classes.



## LUNCH

**Q: Is there a Hot Lunch option through a vendor that will deliver lunch to our campuses?**

A: Yes, we plan to resume the Hot Lunch Program (additional cost) on the Upper Campus and explore other options. However, School Foodies (our historical vendor) cannot provide service to Trinity for the 2021-2022 school year, and we are in contact with other vendors.

**Q: Can masks be removed during lunch and snacks?**

A: Yes, and students will put the masks on after lunch and snacks.

## CLEANING PRACTICES AND VENTILATION

**Q: Will cleaning and disinfection continue similar to last year?**



A: With the updated information from the CDC (4/16/2021), we will adapt our cleaning schedule for 2021-2022. Classrooms, as always, will be cleaned at the end of every day and in anticipation of the following day. Disinfection will occur weekly, and/or a person on campus is diagnosed with COVID-19.

**Q: Is there a schedule for student hand sanitizing/washing?**

A: Yes, students will be taught and reminded that hand-washing is an important strategy to slow the spread of COVID-19. Each classroom has a sink with running water, and hand washing/sanitizing schedules and routines are followed at transition points of the day.



**Q: How are the classroom ventilation systems?**

A: In partnership with the churches with whom we share our spaces, we upgraded to MERV 13 air filters in classrooms, and the filters are on a replacement schedule. In addition, we have air purifiers and fans in each classroom, along with excellent cross ventilation through multiple windows.

## **COVID TESTING, RESPONSE, AND TREATING ILLNESS ON CAMPUS**

**Q: What are the symptoms of COVID-19?**

A: The symptoms associated with COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

**Q: What doctors/epidemiologists are you working with to get county-specific information?**

A: We closely follow public health and educational agencies daily for the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 and best practices. The typical flow of information is from the CDC to the CDPH to the SMCOE, and we interact directly with the Office of the Superintendent at the SMCOE. We are grateful to have physicians and public health experts in our parent community as well. We also partner with The Village Doctor, a concierge medical practice in Woodside, who provides timely counsel to us on an on-call basis.

**Q: Will there be monthly testing for all faculty, staff, and students?**

A: In August, we will resume our Monthly Baseline Testing for faculty and staff on both campuses and all Upper Campus students. We are actively investigating the possibility of having more frequent testing, likely bi-weekly or weekly.



**Q: If a child is required to quarantine for COVID-19, can distance learning be accessed?**

A: If a child is in quarantine, distance learning will be made available and will be more asynchronous for 2021-2022. Distance learning is not available for regular absences (i.e., family vacations, typical cold/flu/illness, medical and dental appointments).

**Q: What happens if a faculty or staff member (vaccinated) is a close contact for COVID-19?**

A: Faculty and staff do not need to quarantine, be restricted from work, or be tested following an exposure to someone suspected or confirmed with COVID-19, as their risk of infection is low. Faculty and staff will be vigilant in checking for symptoms.

**Q: What happens if a student or staff member presents COVID-19 symptoms at home?**

A: Students and staff members who present symptoms of COVID-19 at home are not allowed to return to school until they have met the following criteria:

- At least 24 hours have passed since the resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and
- Other symptoms have improved; and
- They have a negative test for COVID-19, a healthcare provider has provided documentation of their underlying condition (i.e., allergies or asthma), or a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative name diagnosis (i.e., Streptococcal, Pharyngitis) OR at least ten days have passed symptoms onset.

**Q: What happens if a student or staff member presents COVID-19 symptoms at school?**

A: The health and safety protocols remain the same as the presentation of symptoms at-home scenario. However, the student will be isolated from other students and staff while awaiting pick up from parent/guardian. The faculty or staff member will depart campus immediately.