

Plymouth Christian
School
Whittier, CA

COVID-19
SCHOOL EXPOSURE
MANAGEMENT PLAN

2021-2022

Plymouth Christian School goal is to maintain our ongoing reputation of being a ***COVID-19 FREE*** educational facility. Our administration, staff and parents have had to be very honest and transparent during this ongoing pandemic.

Everyone entering our campus has at some point had to undergo the following health screening questions:

- 1) Be open to receiving daily temperature checks.
- 2) Be willing to answer questions to include:
 - a) Have you been exposed to COVID-19?
 - b) Have you or any family member living in your household been tested positive for Coronavirus?
 - c) Have you traveled outside of the USA in the past 14 days?
 - d) Have you had any Coronavirus symptoms in the last 3, 5, 7, 10 to 14 days?

While we are aware that a lot still remains unknown about the Coronavirus, we trust the Science and health experts to guide us to being the healthiest that we can possibly be during a pandemic and therefore accept their guidelines as the bases for our School Exposure Management Plan. In addition, parents are told to keep their children at home if they are sick (see handbooks).

COVID-19 TEAM

Plymouth Christian Schools designated COVID-19 Compliance Officer is the School Administrator, Mrs. Johnson. Working closely together as a team with Mrs. Johnson is Miss Jamies our Vice Principal/Preschool Director. Additionally, members of this team include our Administrative staff Mrs. Alvarez school Accountant, and Mrs. Lourdes school Secretary.

EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT for 1 COVID-19 Case at School

- Any student or staff member showing any signs of COVID-19 will immediately be quarantined in ROOM 101 with a member from the COVID-19 Team.
- Students will remain in ROOM 101 until their parent picks them up.
- Staff will be given time off to home quarantine and see if symptoms persist. If symptoms continue after 48 hrs, staff must be tested for Coronavirus and present a negative test reading, and a RETURN to WORK letter in order to return to work. PCS will pay for the testing if the staff member presents the receipt along with the proper reimbursement form.
- Upon pickup, student must walk directly to their car and will not be allowed to re-enter the classroom until they are clear of all said symptoms and do not have a fever.
- If a child remains sick after 48hrs days, PCS will require the child to present a RETURN to SCHOOL letter from their doctor.

Parents and staff are asked to immediately notify the School Administrator when a child has symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Plymouth Christian School will maintain records of all families and staff that report COVID-19 symptoms and any **positive** confirmations of COVID-19.

If a student tests **positive**, the family will be given:

- 1) Instructions to stay home to isolate.
- 2) A copy of the Public Health Emergency Isolation Order
- 3) The family will be informed that they will be contacted by the department of health Case and Contact Investigation Program.
- 4) Plymouth will notify the schools contacts of exposure. The school contacts will be instructed to quarantine at home, and to test for COVID-19 due to their exposure.
- 5) Families who have been identified as contacts, will be issued the Public Health Emergency Quarantine Order.

- 6) PCS will submit a report to Department of Public Health within 1 business day with the information on the confirmed case and persons who were identified as exposed to the case on the campus.

Plymouth Christian School will promptly notify our PCS community and the local health department of any confirmed exposures. We will maintain confidentiality of staff or student's names and will only release this list of names/information to the local health department.

Parents will be notified through inter-school communications and written communication should we believe that their child has been exposed.

Mrs. Johnson, our school Administrator will notify the School Board of any on campus exposure immediately. She will then initiate contact tracing by calling the parents and interviewing them along with the student.

CLOSE CONTACT

While trying to identify all individuals who may have come into contact with the positive case, Plymouth Christian School will not assume that just because a group of students were in the classroom together that they are considered to have been exposed. We will follow the current health department guidelines which state

A PERSON IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO A CASE DURING THE INFECTIOUS PERIOD* IF AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET:

*Being within 6ft of the infected person for 15 minutes **or** more than over a 24hour period.

*Having had unprotected contact with the infected person's body fluids and/or secretions of a person with confirmed COVID-19 (E.G., BEING COUGHED OR SNEEZED ON, SHARING UTENSILS OR SALIVA, OR PROVIDING CARE WITHOUT USING APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT).

*The infectious period is from 2 days before their symptoms first appeared until the time they are no longer require to be isolated. A person with a positive COVID-19 test but no symptoms is considered infectious from 2 days before their test was taken until 10 days after their test.

EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT for 2 COVID-19 Cases at School within a 14-day Period

Upon identifying that Plymouth Christian School has 2 confirmed cases of Covid-19 within a 14-day period, PCS will first follow the steps for 1 confirmed case.

The next step-

Plymouth Christian School will then contact the Public Health department to determine whether the 2 cases are epidemiologically linked. This means the 2 cases were both present at some point in the same setting, during the same time frame, while either or the both were infectious. If epidemiologically links exist, PCS will implement additional infection control measures to likely include a 48-72hour closure for industrial cleaning. PCS would also take advisement and directions from the local health department.

EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT for 3+ COVID-19 Cases at School within a 14-day Period

Upon identifying that Plymouth Christian School has 3 or more cases at school within a 14-day Period, our next step will be to report the cluster of 3 or more immediately to the Department of Public Health by calling the TK-12 School COVID-19 Case Reporting Call Center. If we are unsuccessful at reaching a person, we will then manually report by downloading and completing the COVID-19 Case and Contact Line List for the Education Sector and would email it to ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov. PCS will then await a response which is generally received within one business day. In their response, they will instruct Plymouth Christian School on the next steps to take.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

If Plymouth Christian School has to temporarily close due to COVID-19 on campus, we will work closely with our local health officials to determine what directions we should take to proceed with reopening our campus as quickly and safely as possible. Until reopening, we will resume Distance Learning as we did in 2019/20 and 2020/21. Families will be immediately notified and any discounts

will be decided on by the School Board. Discounts will not be considered for closures lasting 1-30 days. The academic school day will be on normal schedule, online, to include PE, ART MASTERS and WEEKLY CHAPEL.

Plymouth Christian School will continue to remind parents (students) and staff that they are not to come to school/work if they are sick.

In all of these cases, Plymouth Christian School will report this information to the local Public Health Department and Cal Osha should a death result.