

# Creekside Charter Covid-19 December Update

The intent of this document is to update our Board Approved Covid plan with relevant information and changes in policy. Given the main document is very lengthy, we hope this will allow parents a quicker reference for key information.



# Understanding Symptomatic, Confirmed Cases, Exposure, Health Screening, and Creekside Communication

## Symptomatic students/family members

- Students who are symptomatic (see covid symptoms on health screening form) must stay home from school until they receive a negative test and are symptom free for 3 days.
- Siblings of symptomatic students must stay home until the sibling receives a negative test, but do not need to wait until their sibling is symptom free.
- Children of symptomatic household members (i.e. parents) must stay home until the symptomatic household member has a negative test, but do not need to wait until the household member is symptom free.

## Confirmed cases of Covid-19

- Students who have a confirmed case of Covid-19 must stay home for 14 days, they do not need a negative test to return to school.
- Any student/ teacher (exposed students/teachers) who is in the same grade of the confirmed case must stay home for 14 days.
- Siblings of a confirmed case must stay home and quarantine for 14 days.

## Exposed students/staff

- Any student/staff who is within 6 feet for 15 minutes (within a 24 hour period) of a confirmed Covid positive person is considered exposed and must stay out of school for 14 days.
- Any student/ staff who is in the same classroom is considered exposed if a classmate/staff test positive for Covid.
- Siblings of exposed family members are allowed to attend school unless there is someone in their house that develop symptoms.
- Testing is recommended at day 5 and day 12 for exposed students/staff.

## Testing Information

- Option 1: Rideout testing site. This is for symptomatic and exposed students and staff only. No parents or other community members may use this site.  
[www.placercoe.org/schooltestingsites](http://www.placercoe.org/schooltestingsites)
- Option 2: The hospital will see symptomatic students. The process at the hospital is different. This is a medical appointment with a NP or MD. Call 530-582-3450. The hospital does use a rapid test and there are advantages to the speed of the test they use.
- Option 3: <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>. (Located on Donner Pass Rd across from Hospital in Truckee) For routine staff testing, exposed family members, or exposed students/staff.

## Health Screening Form

- The health screening form must be submitted Monday- Thursday.
- If a student is out on a pre-planned IS trip where the parent alerted the school 10 days ahead of time they do not need to do the form while away.
- If a student is suddenly absent from school they must still do the form.
- Failure to submit the form by 8:00 on multiple occasions will result in loss of campus privileges for one day.

## Placer County Office of Education Links

[School FAQ page](#)

[PCOE Testing Flyer](#)

## Communication

- Creekside will report positive student/staff cases to any exposed families as soon as possible.
- Creekside will report positive student/staff case counts to non exposed families in the weekly “chat”.
- Creekside will not report symptomatic students to the community.
- Creekside will not report exposed students to the community.

## Support for Symptomatic, Exposed or Positive students

Teachers will offer an office time Monday-Thursday and by appointment on Friday for symptomatic, exposed or positive students that are forced to quarantine. If your child is symptomatic or exposed and is unable to attend campus please reach out to your child’s teacher via email. They will contact you with the work your child should do (if healthy enough to do so), and a time to connect either on the phone or via Zoom. We know students don’t choose to stay home and we want to support them as best we can.. Your patience is appreciated with the teachers as they work getting assignments prepared.

## Face Coverings

The state has mandated that anyone over two years old wear a facemask in public. With the exception of eating and designated mask breaks, all students in grades TK-8th will wear masks during the day inside and outside.

## Updated Research/Articles: Why are schools allowed to stay open during shutdowns?

We are routinely asked why are schools being allowed to stay open even when the County has been placed in the most restrictive tier. Research is finding that the spread rarely starts at school.

- [WHO latest Transmission Report](#)
- [NPR Article with sited research](#)

## Closing Campus

Creekside campus will close when any of the following occur. The length of closure will be made by the Executive Director given the specific circumstances.

- There are 5% of positive cases of staff/students within a 14 day period
- Due to quarantine there is no one to manage the office
- Local testing sites are not able to get us reliable results within a 72 hour period
- The county or state mandate closure
- Extreme incimate weather. This would be for just the day, but given that students must eat outside there are times when we feel the mental and physical safety of our staff and students may warrant closure
- Inability to find a substitute teacher (this is class specific)

## Class Schedule

We are routinely asked, “When will school go back to full day”?

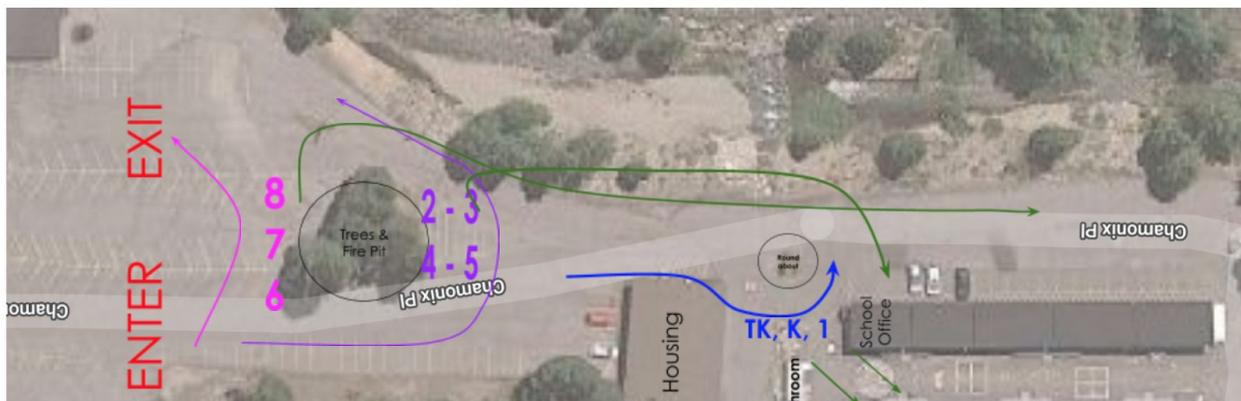
The rationale has not changed as outlined in our August 12th opening plan for a shorter day. We will continue to have an abbreviated day for the remainder of the year. We are considering a shift in start time to accommodate the ski traffic and the ski racer schedule. TBD

## New Drop Off and Pick Up

As mentioned in our chat we now have a new drop off and pick up procedure. No parents are allowed out of their vehicles.

### CREEKSIDE DROP OFF/PICK UP

**KEY**  
--- WALK PATH  
--- TK, K, 1 DROP OFF/PICK UP  
--- 2, 3, 4, 5, DROP OFF/PICK UP  
--- 6, 7, 8, DROP OFF/PICK UP



## Transportation

We are not facilitating TART or after school programs, but we have no jurisdiction in which to stop the use of it. We ask that parents emphasize the importance of wearing face masks while in carpools, TART or after school program shuttles.

## Choosing to go on Independent Study or Return from Independent Study

If parents feel they need their child to go on independent study because of rising Covid concerns in the community we will allow this and they do not have to wait until the start of a learning period, as referenced in our August plan. We will waive the 10 day IS notice requirements we typically enforce. Likewise, they are able to return at any point. Parents will be responsible for monitoring student work assigned by the teacher. The child will not be able to join the Zoom of other full time independent study students unless the parent indicates they would like the child to remain on independent study for the remainder of the year.

We ask that families consider the emotional impact that continually going in and out of the classroom may have. Additionally, we ask that if you are keeping your child home because of increased Covid concern that this decision be made for health reasons and you monitor the choices they make accordingly. We know students are often safer at school with increased safety protocols. We are concerned that students staying home for a short time period, but then allowed to attend outside programs and social gatherings could increase not only their risk, but the risk of our community. We ask parents who are keeping their child out of school because of covid risk to exercise good judgement.

Ski Team: We are seeing families take additional days out of school so their child's skiing is not impacted from possible quarantine exposure. Our school is here to support outside passions, but we do believe that even in that pursuit, education is extremely important. If your child is staying home because you are concerned about how an exposure may impact their skiing, we ask that you are extremely vigilant in making sure they are doing their work and keeping up with all standards. Given the high demands on our faculty, this burden falls on the parent. We are not supportive of families choosing this path, but as an IS school we will respect your choice.

Lastly, if a teacher determines that your child is not keeping up with standards you will be asked to make a decision to either send your child back to campus or have them join the full time IS program where they will be more closely monitored.

## Spanish Elective

Spanish will be moving online for 7th and 8th graders

## Lunch Notice

Students will always eat outside even if the weather is not great. Parents should send their children to school with appropriate clothing for all weather conditions.

## Full Time Independent Study Changes

### Grades TK-5th

Our August plan called for teachers to have a 30 minute Zoom with full time IS students everyday. In reality, some families chose not to have this. We will continue to offer this if your child needs it. Teachers will be available Monday-Thursday for 30 minutes on Zoom. Please reach out to your teacher if you require more time.

## **Grades 6th-8th**

We have transferred these full time IS students to a virtual curriculum. Teachers are available upon appointment and will check in at a minimum of once per week.