

Tree of Life International Charter School



2021-2022 RE-OPENING PLAN

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2021-22 PROPOSED INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

Tree of Life International Charter School is preparing to open in a full school day, in-person instructional model for the 2021-22 School Year.

Tree of Life will not be offering an online independent study (Zoom in) option for the 2021-22 school year.

FULL SCHOOL DAY, IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

Traditional in-person instruction with safety modifications as mandated. The district will continue to follow health and safety protocols as mandated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and/or Shasta County Public Health (SCPH).

Safety Considerations:

- Face Covering (as mandated by CDPH)
- Social Distancing (as mandated by CDPH)
- Cleaning and disinfecting
- HVAC/Ventilation
- Regular handwashing and use of hand sanitizer

Tree of Life Charter will not be offering a regular, Daily online Independent Study Program for the 2021-22 School Year.

INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM

- Tree of Life will offer a SHORT-TERM Independent Study Program for planned absences of 3-15 days.
- Includes daily packets and /or independent online work to be turned in weekly to the teacher to grade

Tree of Life International Charter School plans to return to school in a full-day in-person instructional model in the Fall. Due to the unique requirements of a Dual Immersion Instructional Model, we will not be offering an **online independent study (Zoom Option) this year.**

Listed in this document is information for both the full-time in-person instructional model as well as contingency plan models *to be used only if the State mandates requirements that cannot be met in a full day in-person model.*

FULL-TIME IN-PERSON INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

Students are back in school in an instructional model similar to the school day prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Traditional in-person instruction will be utilized. Tree of Life International will continue to follow health and safety protocols as mandated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Shasta County Public Health (SCPH). Please note these health and safety protocols will likely change throughout the duration of the pandemic as CDPH and/or SCPH make adjustments based on the severity of the pandemic.

Health and Safety Considerations Currently Include:

- Facial Coverings (as mandated by CDPH)
- Social Distancing (as mandated by CDPH)
- Cleaning
- Adult Vaccination Status
- HVAC/Ventilation Considerations
- Mandated weekly testing of all unvaccinated staff

General School-Wide Guidelines

To ensure a safe and welcoming start of the 2021-22 school year, TLC has developed the following guidelines.



ON CAMPUS GUIDELINES

Face Coverings

- All public schools are required to follow CDPH/SCPH guidelines regarding facial coverings, including public Charter Schools like Tree of Life.
 - **At this time, per CDPH guidelines, students are required to wear masks indoors only.** TLC will keep student masks in the classroom for daily, in class usage. Mask usage outdoors is optional.
 - ***Please consider donating a box of child size disposable masks to your child's classroom***
 - All school staff are required to wear a face covering regardless of vaccination status

Medical Exemption: A student with certain medical conditions may be exempt from wearing a mask. **This must be determined by your medical professional and the exemption requires a signed doctor's note.**

- Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a **face shield with a drape on the bottom edge**, as long as their condition permits it.
- If you have respiratory conditions and are concerned about wearing a mask safely, discuss with your healthcare provider the benefits and potential risks of wearing a mask.

Cafeteria and Recess Protocols

- To the extent it is possible, students will maintain 3 feet of distance while unmasked for the purpose of eating and drinking.
- Where feasible, multiple serving stations will be set up on each campus.
- Workers or other persons handling or serving food must use gloves in addition to face coverings.

Social-Distancing in Classrooms/Meeting Spaces

- All schools will maximize space between seating and desks.
 - Teacher and other staff desks will be distanced to the greatest extent practicable.
 - Student desks will be distanced to the greatest extent practicable.

AIR QUALITY & DISINFECTION

Air Circulation/HVAC.

- HVAC system filters will be replaced as needed.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Daily cleaning of schools done by custodial personnel.
- Disinfection after a positive case.
- Classrooms will be supplied with soap and hand sanitizer.

Sharing of Equipment/Materials - Students and staff are requested to clean shared classroom equipment on a regular basis.



CO & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Performances/Club/Athletic Events

- TLC will follow guidance provided by CDPH.
- Event attendees will be expected to follow the CDPH Guidelines.
- Concessions, if open, may be limited.
- Restrooms and sanitization stations will be available.
- Visiting spectators will be required to abide by all district rules, guidelines and expectations.
- Post-game, non-participants may not enter the playing field/competition area.
 - Non-participants may meet their participant(s) in the spectator area.
- Coaches and participants are required to have a completed and signed Participation Liability Waiver, on file with the school.
- Non-essential visitor attendance may be limited to comply with CDPH/SCPH guidelines.



TRANSPORTATION

Tree of Life International Charter School will follow California Department of Public Health/Shasta County Public Health Guidelines as they pertain to transportation.

School Bus Guidelines

- TLC will follow California Department of Public Health/Shasta County Public Health guidelines as they pertain to school buses and any vehicle affiliated with the District used to transport students, staff, or teachers to and/or from a school site.
- Each bus will be equipped with extra unused face coverings for students who may have inadvertently failed to bring one.
- Buses are disinfected after each bus route is complete.



CONFIRMED CASES

Close Contact Tracing, Quarantine and Modified Quarantine

- TLC will follow guidance provided by CDPH
 - If a school becomes aware of a COVID-19 positive case (“confirmed case”), send home immediately. This individual is to isolate for 10 days from symptom onset or from the test date, if asymptomatic.
 - Determine close contacts and communicate with Shasta Co Public Health
 - Individuals who are close contacts are required to quarantine for 10 days from last exposure to the positive case, if they remain asymptomatic

- **Modified Quarantine**
 - Unvaccinated Tk-12th grade students exposed in the school setting, and when both parties were wearing a mask, **may continue to attend school in person for a modified 10 day quarantine if they remain asymptomatic, continue to wear face coverings, and quarantine from all extra curricular activities.**
 - Unvaccinated school staff must quarantine for 10 days if the employer is subject to the CalOSHA Emergency Temporary Standards

- **Exceptions to Quarantine:**
 - The individual is fully vaccinated before the exposure and remains asymptomatic for COVID-19 **or**
 - The individual tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days and has remained asymptomatic.
 - The CDC recommends all close contacts test 3-5 days after exposure to a COVID case, regardless of vaccination status.
 - **Only close contacts of confirmed cases will need to quarantine.** No action needs to be taken for persons who are close contacts of contacts to a confirmed case but were not directly exposed to a case.

- **School Closure and Subsequent Reopening**
 - Superintendents, in consultation with Shasta County Public Health, will determine if a school needs to close in-person school in response to COVID-19 cases.
 - The school will reopen after 14 days and cleaning and disinfection has taken place

SHORT-TERM INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM

TLC Students who are required to quarantine or have a planned absence of 3-15 days due to illness or other family consideration, will be required to participate in a Short-Term Independent study program. Teachers will assign students work packets and online assignments of up to 3 hrs per day (Grades TK-K) or 4 hrs per day (Grades 1st-8th) that must be completed and turned in at the end of the approved Independent Study period in order to receive credit for attendance.

CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS

Tree of Life International plans to open in a full school day, in-person instructional model for the 2021-22 School Year.

Contingency Models are being developed in the event of State or local government **MANDATED** closures.

HYBRID LEARNING

- A modified traditional in-person (AM/PM or A/B) instructional model will only be utilized if mandated by the State.
- Schools will resume in-person instruction within 10 school days of when mandates are lifted.

DISTANCE LEARNING

- Distance learning will only be utilized if school closures are mandated by the State.
- Instruction will be provided by classroom teachers for the time schools are mandated to be online.
- Schools will resume in-person instruction within 10 school days of when mandates are lifted.

While we hope to remain in a full-time, in-person instructional model for all of 2021-2022, we are making contingency plans to ensure a smooth transition should changes to the school day be mandated by the State.

DISTANCE LEARNING (NO IN-PERSON) INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

The Distance Learning Model will only be utilized if required to meet State mandates. Distance Learning is the most restrictive educational environment. Students receive instruction remotely in an online model. Most students will not receive in-person instruction. There may be limited in-person instruction for students with identified needs.

FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS

- There will be daily instruction utilizing an online platform as well as daily online teacher contact. Standards-based instruction and assessment will continue. Student grades will be based upon attendance at all online meetings, completion of work assigned and subject area competency.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (GRADES TK-8)

- All students transition to online learning utilizing designated curriculum.

ONLINE RESOURCES

State of California Safe Schools For All Hub

California's Safe Schools for All Plan provides the support and accountability to establish a clear path to minimize in-school transmissions and enable, first, a phased return to in-person instruction, and then ongoing safe in-person instruction.

The Safe Schools For All Hub consolidates key resources and information related to COVID-19 and schools. New resources will be added to the Hub on a routine basis.

- <https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/>

Shasta County Department of Public Health (SCPH)

- <https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/hhsa/public-health>

California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

- <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19-K12-Schools-InPerson-Instruction.aspx>
- COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22
School Year:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>

Mental Health & Wellness Resources

Our district has been working hard to increase health and wellness resources for our students and families. We believe in fostering the health, safety and well-being of students, staff and parents. Please reach out to our counselor or principal if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

To [access mental health services](#) 24 hours a day, call (530) 225-5252 or (888) 385-5201. The line will be answered by a professional and compassionate staff member of the Health and Human Services Agency.