

**Adelante Safe In-Person Instruction
COVID-19 Safety Plan
2022-2023**



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This update includes the removal of the weekly requirement for testing of unvaccinated employees and volunteers. Additionally, it includes information about the Adelante's COVID testing program, as required by AB 1479.

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Introduction and Intent:

The COVID-19 Pandemic has changed the way we currently live our lives and the way we interact with one another. The school environment has been impacted since March of 2020 and will continue to be impacted. During the 2022-2023 school year and beyond, we will continue to take all reasonable steps to protect the health of our students and staff.

The purpose of this Safe In-Person Instruction Plan is to provide for an in-person educational program for all students in a safe environment. Adelante Charter School is committed to balancing the health of our students, staff, and families while at the same time continuing to provide an outstanding bilingual education to all our students. Our goal is to maximize instructional time by reducing the amount of time students and staff need to quarantine or isolate, while also supporting the social and emotional needs of our students and staff as we focus on the whole individual.

This plan is based on information gathered from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) (CDPH K-12 Schools Guidelines), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (SBCPHD). Given the continually evolving situation with Covid-19, we can expect public health guidance may be updated throughout the school year. Adelante will update its practice to align with this guidance while protecting the health and safety of our students and staff.

PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

In the case of the COVID-19 pandemic, the situation continues to be monitored on a daily basis and therefore, this plan will change as new information and new guidelines become available. This plan is based on the following assumptions:

1. COVID-19 is and will continue to pose a public health issue for the foreseeable future;
2. SBCPHD will provide guidance and most current information. Adelante Charter School will follow the most recent guidance as provided by CalOSHA, SBCPHD and CDPH;
3. SBCPHD will inform districts/schools on the measures a school district/school must take in order to maintain open campuses;
4. Adelante will focus on providing a welcoming and supportive environment to students and staff through a rigorous in-person educational program
5. Adelante recognizes that the pandemic is ongoing and individual staff members, students, entire class, and/or entire school may be required to quarantine in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19. Decisions of this magnitude will be directed by SBCPHD;
6. Adelante will be providing in-person instruction: SBCPHD and the CDPH may instruct Adelante to close the school or class(es) based on the number of Covid-19 cases at the time.
7. Adelante will use the CDPH definition of fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Current Guidance for Face Coverings

Adelante will follow the most current CDPH, SBCPHD, and CalOSHA guidelines for masking.

Student Health and Safety Measures for In-Person Instruction

- Parents/Guardians are to health screen students before leaving for school (observe for symptoms outlined by public health officials, no temperature above 100.4 Fahrenheit) and keep the students at home if they have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19. When in doubt, please err on the side of caution and keep your student home.
- Students should also stay at home if anyone in the household has COVID or COVID-like symptoms and has not yet been tested.

COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sore throat
 - Headache
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Fatigue
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Muscle or body aches
- Staff will monitor students each day for COVID-19 symptoms. Students with symptoms will be seen in the office and may be sent home.

Staff Health and Safety Measures for In-Person Instruction

- All staff should self-screen before leaving for work or upon arriving at their work facility (check temperature to ensure temperature is below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit), check for symptoms outlined by public health officials, and stay home if they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- All teachers will have an emergency substitute plan, daily schedule, and weekly schedule on file in the school office or a designated location in the classroom.
- Staff is required to follow all CalOSHA COVID requirements.

Volunteer Protocols for In-Person Instruction

Volunteers who are experiencing symptoms of illness should not be on campuses.

Classroom Protocols for In-Person Instruction

- To the extent possible, wash hands with soap and water when students mix to play with equipment during recess or breaks.
- Staff will informally monitor students throughout the day for signs of illness.
- Staff may use outdoor space for instruction weather permitting.
- Doors and windows should be kept open to the extent possible when weather permits.
- Fans should be placed in windows facing out to draw out air and aid in ventilation.

Mental Health Support

Parents/Guardians with students needing mental health support should contact their teacher or the school office. School-based counseling, which is short-term and related to issues impacting a student's ability to learn, is available during and after school hours for the 2022-23 school year.

Campus Access-Visitors and Guests

To protect the health and safety of all our students and staff, visitors and guests should not come on campus if they are experiencing any COVID symptoms.

Field Trips

- Field trips shall comply with the CDPH Guidelines.
- In the event of student illness, a parent/guardian shall agree to immediately pick-up the child from the field trip to avoid further potential transmission of the illness.

Communication

The Executive Director (in collaboration with site Health Support Staff) is the COVID-19 liaison to act as the communication point for all COVID-19 concerns. The liaison will communicate to staff, students, and parents about any new, COVID-19 related protocols as released by the CDPH or

SBCPHD. We will use Parent Square for messaging. Please ensure that your correct phone number and email addresses are provided to your school office. This plan will be posted on our website.

Cleaning and Operations:

- Custodial staff will clean classrooms daily as it was done pre-pandemic.
- Staff will clean frequently touched surfaces at school daily.
- Support healthy hygiene by providing adequate supplies: Soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, disinfectant wipes, and cloth face coverings as practicable.

Custodial staff will provide this cleaning following CDC guidelines found at

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

When Engaged in Cleaning:

- Frequent hand washing
- Wear gloves when cleaning and handling trash
- Do not touch your face while cleaning

Symptomatic Student

Students who develop symptoms of illness need to be evaluated in the office.

- Parents/guardians will be notified that a student who is COVID positive is not to return to school until they have met the SBCPHD isolation criteria to discontinue home isolation.
- SBCPHD and the CDPH may instruct Adelante to close the school based on the number of Covid-19 cases at the time.
- Vaccination is the most effective at preventing transmission and severe illness.

Symptomatic Staff Member

What to do if a staff member is symptomatic while entering campus or during the school day

- Staff member shall immediately inform the Principal or designee and be released from their duty assignment.
- Once released, staff member will self-isolate and vacate the school campus. Staff member will avoid further contact with students and other staff.

- Any staff member exhibiting symptoms should be required to immediately wear a face covering/respirator.
- Advise staff member he/she is not to return to school until he/she has been seen and cleared by a medical professional and met CalOSHA and SBCPHD criteria to discontinue home isolation.

Positive or Close Contact of a Staff Member/Volunteer

Staff/Employees/Volunteers who test positive or have had close contact to a positive case regardless of vaccination status, previous infection or lack of symptoms should follow the Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public with the following exceptions per Cal/OSHA regulations:

1. Required Testing on days 3-5 after exposure, AND,
2. Required masking indoors through day 10

To meet the return to work criteria, a COVID-19 test may be both self-administered and self-read only if another means of independent verification of the results can be provided (e.g., a time-stamped photograph of the results).

Adelante's COVID Testing Program

Adelante partners with Aptitude Labs to provide access to the Aptitude PCR testing offered throughout the county. Additionally, Adelante offers free over-the-counter COVID tests to parents/guardians of students and staff members who are experiencing symptoms. Adelante staff do not administer testing.

Social-Emotional Learning and Support

Students will be monitored to identify who may need support due to the stress and trauma resulting from COVID-19 impacts.

Substitute Plan for In-person Instruction

- Teachers are to have at least one day of emergency substitute plans for a quarantine situation or just for an unforeseen family situation when a teacher is unexpectedly absent.
- Emergency substitute plans are to be located in the office or in a place where office personnel can easily access the plans if needed.

- Substitute teachers will be made aware of Adelante's health and safety protocols.
- As needed, substitute teachers will be provided a face mask.

*** This plan is subject to change per updates in the guidance from SBPH, CalOSHA, and CDP**