

# COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

## Manzanita Elementary School

This CPP is designed to control exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that may occur in our workplace.

**Date:** 1/20/2021

### **Authority and Responsibility**

Gary Rogers has overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace. In addition, all managers and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the CPP in their assigned work areas and for ensuring employees receive answers to questions about the program in a language they understand.

All employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies and procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

### **Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards**

We will implement the following in our workplace:

- Conduct workplace-specific evaluations using the Appendix A: Identification of COVID-19 Hazards form.
- Evaluate employees' potential workplace exposures to all persons at, or who may enter, our workplace.
- Review applicable orders and general and industry-specific guidance from the State of California, Cal/OSHA, and the local health department related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention.
- Evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls in our workplace and the need for different or additional controls.
- Conduct periodic inspections using the Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections form as needed to identify unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures related to COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

### **Employee Participation**

Employees and their authorized employees' representatives are encouraged to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards by:

### **Employee Screening**

We screen our employees by:

We screen our employees by: All employees are directed to do a self-screening each day. The following is the Guidelines that are outlined in the MESD Return to Work Area Plan and the IIPP:

#### Guidelines for Daily Wellness Checks

- Employees will complete a daily self-assessment wellness check prior to reporting to work.
- Each staff member will have a no-touch thermometer to check themselves and their class daily. Any student having a fever or symptoms flu or COVID-19 will be isolated in the nurses office and if a staff member has a fever they will be sent home. We will then follow the BCPH protocols.
- Employees are requested to take their temperature before heading to work; do not come to work if the temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher. Stay home.
- Touch-less thermometers will be available at worksites for self-use.
- Any employee who displays signs of illness shall report this directly to their immediate supervisor.
- Signage will be prominently displayed reminding employees of wellness protocols.
- No congregating at entrances/exits.
- Initially, only identified entrances will be utilized.
- Breaks and lunch periods should be staggered to limit crowding due to limited seating areas.

### **Correction of COVID-19 Hazards**

Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures will be documented on the Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections form, and corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards, as follows:

The severity of the hazard will be assigned an alert level between 1-3. Assigning of a 1 would indicate it is the highest level of hazard. Level one would be assigned when the incident is tied to a case in which a person was identified with COVID-19. Level 2 would be assigned if the incident involved an individual who had close contact with a person who had been identified as positive. Level 3 would be an adjustment to general procedures. All of the timelines listed below would be based on best efforts and may be delayed due to resources available.

Level 1 hazards would be addressed within a 24 hour period

Level 2 hazards would be addressed within a 48 hour period

Level 3 hazards would be addressed within a 5 day period

### **Controls of COVID-19 Hazards**

#### **Physical Distancing**

Where possible, we ensure at least six feet of physical distancing at all times in our workplace by:

- During AM/PM cohorting no more than 15 students per AM/PM cohort will be utilized. Student cohorts remain together during class, recess, and lunch times if applicable. Cohorts will stay with the same teacher and instructional aide as needed.
- Maximize space between seating and desks. Distance teacher and other staff desks at least six feet away from student desks. Separation of students through other means if practicable, such as, six feet between desks,

where practicable, partitions between desks, markings on classroom floors to promote distancing or arranging desks in a way that minimizes face-to-face contact.

- While riding the bus students will be spaced out to maximize distance between each other by all means possible. If feasible routes will be adjusted to provide for further physical distancing.
- Contact at school between students, staff, families and the community at the beginning and end of the school day will be minimized.
- Cohorts will have staggered arrival and drop off-times as well as locations as feasible.
- Designated routes for entry and exit, using as many entrances as feasible will be utilized. Including path of travel markers so to limit congestion and people gathering.
- Nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities will be limited
- Physical/social distancing markers will be placed to help remind individuals to stay apart.
- The sharing of electronic devices, toys, books, art supplies, etc will be discouraged.
- Marked boundaries within classrooms, common areas, outdoor spaces, and places where people are more likely to gather to help be aware of the distancing requirements.
- Utilize restroom stalls and sinks in a manner that allows for physical distancing.

Individuals will be kept as far apart as possible when there are situations where six feet of physical distancing cannot be achieved.

### **Face Coverings**

We provide clean, undamaged face coverings and ensure they are properly worn by employees over the nose and mouth when indoors, and when outdoors and less than six feet away from another person, including non-employees, and where required by orders from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) or local health department.

- PPE including face coverings such as masks or face shields, gloves, and any other items will be provided by the district for all staff and students when needed.
- All staff will be required to wear face coverings in accordance with CDPH Guidelines.
- District nurse and health clerk will have access to N95 masks

The following are exceptions to the use of face coverings in our workplace:

- When an employee is alone in a room.
- While eating and drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and outside air supply to the area, if indoors, has been maximized to the extent possible.
- Employees wearing respiratory protection in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 5144 or other safety orders.
- Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person. Alternatives will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Specific tasks that cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering, where employees will be kept at least six feet apart.

Any employee not wearing a face covering, face shield with a drape or other effective alternative, or respiratory protection, for any reason, shall be at least six feet apart from all other persons unless the unmasked employee is tested at least twice weekly for COVID-19.

### **Engineering controls**

We implement the following measures for situations where we cannot maintain at least six feet between individuals:

Hand sanitization supplies are provided throughout the building for all staff and visitors. Plexiglas shields are provided for the front reception area and any other area as requested by employees and/or where close working conditions exist. Every student uses a plexiglass shield at their desks.

We maximize, to the extent feasible, the quantity of outside air for our buildings with mechanical or natural ventilation systems by:

- Ventilation systems bring in 15% of outside air to the interior at all times.
- The majority of our Ventilation systems are brand new and were placed this summer, they are properly checked and maintained on a regular basis.
- MERV-13 filters have been installed in all existing building and rooms.

### **Cleaning and disinfecting**

We implement the following cleaning and disinfection measures for frequently touched surfaces:

- Frequently touched surfaces at school and on the school bus will be cleaned at least daily and, as practicable will be cleaned and disinfected frequently throughout the day by trained custodial staff or other staff.
- Cleaning products will be approved for use against COVID-19.
- A schedule of cleaning times will be created with the collaboration between the custodial staff and teachers so that items used frequently by students can be cleaned throughout the day.
- Teachers will be trained on proper cleaning procedures and will clean in-between cohorts as needed.
- The school bus will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected daily and after transporting any individual who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. Drivers will be provided disinfectant wipes and disposable gloves to support the disinfection of frequently touched surfaces during the day.

Should we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will implement the following procedures:

Should a confirmed case of COVID-19 happen in the District Office the area is vacated for 24 hours at which time a custodial crew comes in to disinfect the work area. All custodial staff have been properly equipped and trained to handle these areas.

### **Shared tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE)**

PPE must not be shared, e.g., gloves, goggles and face shields.

Items that employees come in regular physical contact with, such as phones, headsets, desks, keyboards, writing materials, instruments and tools must also not be shared, to the extent feasible. Where there must be sharing, the items will be disinfected between uses by:

- staff that are trained using approved cleaning products and sanitizers before use.

Sharing of vehicles will be minimized to the extent feasible, and high-touch points (for example, steering wheel, door handles, seatbelt buckles, armrests, shifter, etc.) will be disinfected between users.

### **Hand sanitizing**

In order to implement effective hand sanitizing procedures, we:

- Handwashing facilities are provided soap and a hands-free drying method (air dryer or hands free paper towels)
- The District encourages and allows time for employee handwashing.
- Employees are provided with an effective hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizers that contain methanol (i.e. methyl alcohol) are prohibited.

Employees are encouraged to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds for each washing.

### **Personal protective equipment (PPE) used to control employees' exposure to COVID-19**

We evaluate the need for PPE (such as gloves, goggles, and face shields) as required by CCR Title 8, section 3380, and provide such PPE as needed.

When it comes to respiratory protection, we evaluate the need in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 5144 when the physical distancing requirements are not feasible or maintained. [reference section 3205(c)(E) for details on required respirator and eye protection use.]

We provide and ensure use of eye protection and respiratory protection in accordance with section 5144 when employees are exposed to procedures that may aerosolize potentially infectious material such as saliva or respiratory tract fluids.

### **Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases**

This will be accomplished by using the Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases form.

Employees who had potential COVID-19 exposure in our workplace will be:

Site Administrator and Secretary will complete the following steps for each CONFIRMED COVID-19 case from a medical provider or public health officials.

STEP 1 - Utilize classroom seating charts for the student's class/classes to begin contact tracing. Check students' attendance. Have a confidential conversation with each of the students' teachers about the positive case.

STEP 2 - Using the seating charts, identify the students/staff within 6 ft. of the confirmed student case for over a 15 minute time period

STEP 3 - Identify any other cohort activity/childcare/sports that student is involved in on campus

STEP 4 - Using the seating charts, identify the students/staff in the class/classes who are not within 6 ft. of positive case. Check students' attendance.

STEP 5 - Administrator calls each of the parents of students identified as being within 6 ft. over 15 minutes. Prepare and send a Parent Square Communication notification addressing the students within 6 ft. over 15 minutes of a positive case

STEP 6 - Prepare and send a Parent Square Communication notification for the students in the classroom outside of the 6 ft. for over 15 minutes

STEP 7 - Administrator notifies campus-wide staff of a positive COVID case on campus

## **System for Communicating**

Our goal is to ensure that we have effective two-way communication with our employees, in a form they can readily understand, and that it includes the following information:

- Who employees should report COVID-19 symptoms and possible hazards to, and how:
  - Employees shall report COVID-19 symptoms to the secretary or superintendent preferably by telephone and if not possible by email or text.
  - Employees may report symptoms and hazards without fear of reprisal.
  - Any employee with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness will have an interactive process meeting to determine if accommodations can be made. The employee is required to provide medical documentation of their limitations. In the event that accommodations cannot be made, the employee may work from home if possible as determined by administration. If not possible then a Medical Leave of Absence will be approved.
  - COVID-19 testing is not required but strongly recommended every two months or if the employee suspects they have been exposed or if they have symptoms. CUSD is participating in district-wide Surveillance Testing of all staff every two months. All positive asymptomatic COVID-19 positive staff are quarantined for two weeks. Testing is free for all insured and uninsured staff.
  - A COVID-19 Information page is provided on the District website that provides the following:

o Daily Wellness Checklist

o Local Testing Locations

o Public Health Exposure "What to do" Information Sheet

o COVID-19 Symptom List/Chart

o Butte County Public Health Resources list

o COVID-19 Notification Protocols

- MESD utilizes the Aeries Messenger program that gets vital information out quickly via telephone, email and text.
- That employees can report symptoms and hazards without fear of reprisal.
- Our procedures or policies for accommodating employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness.
- Where testing is not required, how employees can access COVID-19 testing:

MESD encourages staff go to any of the free sites to get tested or their health care provider. When not required employees can access both programs. While waiting for test results the employee will be on leave if they have been identified as a close contact.

- In the event we are required to provide testing because of a workplace exposure or outbreak, we will communicate the plan for providing testing and inform affected employees of the reason for the testing and the possible consequences of a positive test.

Testing is currently not required but is recommended

- Information about COVID-19 hazards employees (including other employers and individuals in contact with our workplace) may be exposed to, what is being done to control those hazards, and our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Employees have been trained through Keenan Safe Schools to assist in looking for hazards.

## **Training and Instruction**

We will provide effective training and instruction that includes:

- Our COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards.
- Information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws.
- The fact that:
  - COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air.
  - COVID-19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.
  - An infectious person may have no symptoms.
- Methods of physical distancing of at least six feet and the importance of combining physical distancing with the wearing of face coverings.
- The fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing must be combined with other controls, including face coverings and hand hygiene, to be effective.
- The importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or hand washing facility, and that hand sanitizer does not work if the hands are soiled.

- Proper use of face coverings and the fact that face coverings are not respiratory protective equipment - face coverings are intended to primarily protect other individuals from the wearer of the face covering.
- COVID-19 symptoms, and the importance of obtaining a COVID-19 test and not coming to work if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.

All staff were trained using Keenan videos. This training will be updated as needed.

**Appendix D: COVID-19 Training Roster** will be used to document this training.

## **Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases**

Where we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will limit transmission by:

- Ensuring that COVID-19 cases are excluded from the workplace until our return-to-work requirements are met.
- Excluding employees with COVID-19 exposure from the workplace for 14 days after the last known COVID-19 exposure to a COVID-19 case.
- Continuing and maintaining an employee's earnings, seniority, and all other employee rights and benefits whenever we've demonstrated that the COVID-19 exposure is work related. This will be accomplished by

MESD will work with staff to ensure that they they will maintain earnings and benefits while being excluded.

- Providing employees at the time of exclusion with information on available benefits.

## **Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Access**

It is our policy to:

- Report information about COVID-19 cases at our workplace to the local health department whenever required by law, and provide any related information requested by the local health department.
- Report immediately to Cal/OSHA any COVID-19-related serious illnesses or death, as defined under CCR Title 8 section 330(h), of an employee occurring in our place of employment or in connection with any employment.
- Maintain records of the steps taken to implement our written COVID-19 Prevention Program in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 3203(b).
- Make our written COVID-19 Prevention Program available at the workplace to employees, authorized employee representatives, and to representatives of Cal/OSHA immediately upon request.
- Use the **Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases** form to keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases. The information will be made available to employees, authorized employee representatives, or as otherwise required by law, with personal identifying information removed.

## **Return-to-Work Criteria**

- COVID-19 cases with COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until all the following have occurred:
  - At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications.
  - COVID-19 symptoms have improved.

- At least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared.
- COVID-19 cases who tested positive but never developed COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until a minimum of 10 days have passed since the date of specimen collection of their first positive COVID-19 test.
- A negative COVID-19 test will not be required for an employee to return to work.
- If an order to isolate or quarantine an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee will not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted. If no period was specified, then the period will be 10 days from the time the order to isolate was effective, or 14 days from the time the order to quarantine was effective.

Superintendent/Principal

1/20/2021

**Title of Owner or Top Management Representative**

**Signature**

**Date**

## Appendix A: Identification of COVID-19 Hazards

All persons, regardless of symptoms or negative COVID-19 test results, will be considered potentially infectious. Particular attention will be paid to areas where people may congregate or come in contact with one another, regardless of whether employees are performing an assigned work task or not. For example: meetings, entrances, bathrooms, hallways, aisles, walkways, elevators, break or eating areas, cool-down areas, and waiting areas.

Evaluation of potential workplace exposure will be to all persons at the workplace or who may enter the workplace, including coworkers, employees of other entities, members of the public, customers or clients, and independent contractors. We will consider how employees and other persons enter, leave, and travel through the workplace, in addition to addressing fixed work locations.

**Person Conducting the Evaluation:**

**Date:**

**Name(s) of Employees and Authorized Employee Representative that Participated:**

<b>Interaction, area, activity, work task, process, equipment and material that potentially exposes employees to COVID-19 hazards</b>	<b>Places and times</b>	<b>Potential for COVID-19 exposures and employees affected, including members of the public and employees of other employers</b>	<b>Existing and/or additional COVID-19 prevention controls, including barriers, partitions and ventilation</b>

## Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections

Date:

Name of Person Conducting the Inspection:

Work Location Evaluated:

Exposure Controls	Status	Person Assigned to Correct	Date Corrected
<b>Engineering</b>			
Barriers/Partitions			
Ventilation (amount of fresh air and filtration maximized)			
Additional room air filtration			

Exposure Controls	Status	Person Assigned to Correct	Date Corrected
<b>Administrative</b>			
Physical distancing			
Surface cleaning and disinfection (frequently enough and adequate supplies)			
Hand washing facilities (adequate numbers and supplies)			
Disinfecting and hand sanitizing solutions being used according to manufacturer instructions			

Exposure Controls	Status	Person Assigned to Correct	Date Corrected
<b>PPE (not shared, available and being worn)</b>			
Face coverings (cleaned sufficiently often)			
Face shields/goggles			
Respiratory protection			

## Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases

All personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or symptoms will be kept confidential. All COVID-19 testing or related medical services provided by us will be provided in a manner that ensures the confidentiality of employees, with the exception of unredacted information on COVID-19 cases that will be provided immediately upon request to the local health department, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), or as otherwise required by law.

All employees' medical records will also be kept confidential and not disclosed or reported without the employee's express written consent to any person within or outside the workplace, with the following exceptions: (1) Unredacted medical records provided to the local health department, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, NIOSH, or as otherwise required by law immediately upon request; and (2) Records that do not contain individually identifiable medical information or from which individually identifiable medical information has been removed.

**Date:**

**Name of Person Conducting the Investigation:**

<b>Employee (or non-employee*) name:</b>		<b>Occupation (if non-employee, why they were in the workplace):</b>	
<b>Location where employee worked (or non-employee was present in the workplace):</b>		<b>Date investigation was initiated:</b>	
<b>Was COVID-19 test offered?</b>		<b>Name(s) of staff involved in the investigation:</b>	
<b>Date and time the COVID-19 case was last present in the workplace:</b>		<b>Date of the positive or negative test and/or diagnosis:</b>	
<b>Date the case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms:</b>		<b>Information received regarding COVID-19 test results and onset of symptoms (attach documentation):</b>	

<b>Results of the evaluation of the COVID-19 case and all locations at the workplace that may have been visited by the COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period, and who may have been exposed (attach additional information):</b>	
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<b>Notice given (within one business day, in a way that does not reveal any personal identifying information of the COVID-19 case) of the potential COVID-19 exposure to:</b>			
<b>All employees who may have had COVID-19 exposure and their authorized representatives.</b>	<b>Date:</b>		
	<b>Names of employees that were notified:</b>		
<b>Independent contractors and other employers present at the workplace during the high-risk exposure period.</b>	<b>Date:</b>		
	<b>Names of individuals that were notified:</b>		
<b>What were the workplace conditions that could have contributed to the risk of COVID-19 exposure?</b>		<b>What could be done to reduce exposure to COVID-19?</b>	
<b>Was local health department notified?</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

\*Should an employer be made aware of a non-employee infection source COVID-19 status.

**Appendix D: COVID-19 Training Roster**

**Date:**

**Name of Person Conducting the Training:**

Employee Name	Signature

## **Additional Consideration #1**

### **Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks**

This section of CPP will stay in effect until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.

#### **COVID-19 testing**

- We will provide COVID-19 testing to all employees in our exposed workplace except for employees who were not present during the period of an outbreak identified by a local health department or the relevant 14-day period. COVID-19 testing will be provided at no cost to employees during employees' working hours.
- COVID-19 testing consists of the following:
  - All employees in our exposed workplace will be immediately tested and then tested again one week later. Negative COVID-19 test results of employees with COVID-19 exposure will not impact the duration of any quarantine period required by, or orders issued by, the local health department.
  - After the first two COVID-19 tests, we will continue to provide COVID-19 testing of employees who remain at the workplace at least once per week, or more frequently if recommended by the local health department, until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.
  - We will provide additional testing when deemed necessary by Cal/OSHA.

#### **Exclusion of COVID-19 cases**

We will ensure COVID-19 cases and employees who had COVID-19 exposure are excluded from the workplace in accordance with our CPP **Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases** and **Return to Work Criteria** requirements, and local health officer orders if applicable.

#### **Investigation of workplace COVID-19 illness**

We will immediately investigate and determine possible workplace-related factors that contributed to the COVID-19 outbreak in accordance with our CPP **Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases**.

#### **COVID-19 investigation, review and hazard correction**

In addition to our CPP **Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards** and **Correction of COVID-19 Hazards**, we will immediately perform a review of potentially relevant COVID-19 policies, procedures, and controls and implement changes as needed to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

The investigation and review will be documented and include:

- Investigation of new or unabated COVID-19 hazards including:
  - Our leave policies and practices and whether employees are discouraged from remaining home when sick.
  - Our COVID-19 testing policies.
  - Insufficient outdoor air.
  - Insufficient air filtration.
  - Lack of physical distancing.
- Updating the review:
  - Every thirty days that the outbreak continues.
  - In response to new information or to new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards.
  - When otherwise necessary.

- Implementing changes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the investigation and review. We will consider:
  - Moving indoor tasks outdoors or having them performed remotely.
  - Increasing outdoor air supply when work is done indoors.
  - Improving air filtration.
  - Increasing physical distancing as much as possible.
  - Respiratory protection.

**Notifications to the local health department**

- Immediately, but no longer than 48 hours after learning of three or more COVID-19 cases in our workplace, we will contact the local health department for guidance on preventing the further spread of COVID-19 within the workplace.
- We will provide to the local health department the total number of COVID-19 cases and for each COVID-19 case, the name, contact information, occupation, workplace location, business address, the hospitalization and/or fatality status, and North American Industry Classification System code of the workplace of the COVID-19 case, and any other information requested by the local health department. We will continue to give notice to the local health department of any subsequent COVID-19 cases at our workplace.

## **Additional Consideration #2**

### **Major COVID-19 Outbreaks**

This section of CPP will stay in effect until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.

#### **COVID-19 testing**

We will provide twice a week COVID-19 testing, or more frequently if recommended by the local health department, to all employees present at our exposed workplace during the relevant 30-day period(s) and who remain at the workplace. COVID-19 testing will be provided at no cost to employees during employees' working hours.

#### **Exclusion of COVID-19 cases**

We will ensure COVID-19 cases and employees with COVID-19 exposure are excluded from the workplace in accordance with our CPP **Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases and Return to Work Criteria**, and any relevant local health department orders.

#### **Investigation of workplace COVID-19 illnesses**

We will comply with the requirements of our CPP **Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases**.

#### **COVID-19 hazard correction**

In addition to the requirements of our CPP **Correction of COVID-19 Hazards**, we will take the following actions:

- In buildings or structures with mechanical ventilation, we will filter recirculated air with Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) 13 or higher efficiency filters if compatible with the ventilation system. If MERV-13 or higher filters are not compatible with the ventilation system, we will use filters with the highest compatible filtering efficiency. We will also evaluate whether portable or mounted High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units, or other air cleaning systems would reduce the risk of transmission and implement their use to the degree feasible.
- We will determine the need for a respiratory protection program or changes to an existing respiratory protection program under CCR Title 8 section 5144 to address COVID-19 hazards.
- We will evaluate whether to halt some or all operations at our workplace until COVID-19 hazards have been corrected
- Implement any other control measures deemed necessary by Cal/OSHA.

#### **Notifications to the local health department**

We will comply with the requirements of our **Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks-Notifications to the Local Health Department**.

## **Additional Consideration #3**

### **COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Housing**

#### **Assignment of housing units**

We will ensure that shared housing unit assignments are prioritized in the following order:

- Residents who usually maintain a household together outside of work, such as family members, will be housed in the same housing unit without other persons.
- Residents who work in the same crew or work together at the same worksite will be housed in the same housing unit without other persons.
- Employees who do not usually maintain a common household, work crew, or worksite will be housed in the same housing unit only when no other housing alternatives are possible.

#### **Physical distancing and controls**

We will ensure:

- The premises are of sufficient size and layout to permit at least six feet of physical distancing between residents in housing units, common areas, and other areas of the premises.
- Beds are spaced at least six feet apart in all directions and positioned to maximize the distance between sleepers' heads. For beds positioned next to each other, i.e., side by side, the beds will be arranged so that the head of one bed is next to the foot of the next bed. For beds positioned across from each other, i.e., end to end, the beds will be arranged so that the foot of one bed is closest to the foot of the next bed. Bunk beds will not be used.
- Maximization of the quantity and supply of outdoor air and increase filtration efficiency to the highest level compatible with the existing ventilation system in housing units.

#### **Face coverings**

We will provide face coverings to all residents and provide information to residents on when they should be used in accordance with state or local health officer orders or guidance.

#### **Cleaning and disinfection**

We will ensure that:

- Housing units, kitchens, bathrooms, and common areas are effectively cleaned and disinfected at least once a day to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Cleaning and disinfecting shall be done in a manner that protects the privacy of residents.
- Unwashed dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, and similar items are not shared.

#### **Screening**

We will encourage residents to report COVID-19 symptoms to:

#### **COVID-19 testing**

We will establish, implement, and maintain effective policies and procedures for COVID-19 testing of occupants who had a COVID-19 exposure, who have COVID-19 symptoms, or as recommended by the local health department.

## **Isolation of COVID-19 cases and persons with COVID-19 exposure**

We will:

- Effectively isolate COVID-19 exposed residents from all other occupants. Effective isolation will include providing COVID-19 exposed residents with a private bathroom, sleeping area, and cooking and eating facility.
- Effectively isolate COVID-19 cases from all occupants who are not COVID-19 cases. Effective isolation will include housing COVID-19 cases only with other COVID-19 cases, and providing COVID-19 case occupants with a sleeping area, bathroom, and cooking and eating facility that is not shared by non-COVID-19-case occupants.
- Keep confidential any personal identifying information regarding COVID-19 cases and persons with COVID-19 symptoms, in accordance with our CPP **Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases**.
- End isolation in accordance with our CPP **Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases and Return to Work Criteria**, and any applicable local or state health officer orders.

## **Additional Consideration #4**

### **COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Transportation to and from Work**

#### **Assignment of transportation**

We will prioritize shared transportation assignments in the following order:

- Employees residing in the same housing unit will be transported in the same vehicle.
- Employees working in the same crew or worksite will be transported in the same vehicle.
- Employees who do not share the same household, work crew or worksite will be transported in the same vehicle only when no other transportation alternatives are possible.

#### **Physical distancing and face coverings**

We will ensure that the:

- Physical distancing and face covering requirements of our CPP **Physical Distancing** and **Face Coverings** are followed for employees waiting for transportation.
- Vehicle operator and any passengers are separated by at least three feet in all directions during the operation of the vehicle, regardless of the vehicle's normal capacity. Vehicle operator and any passengers are provided and wear a face covering in the vehicle as required by our CPP **Face Coverings**.

#### **Screening**

We will develop, implement, and maintain effective procedures for screening and excluding drivers and riders with COVID-19 symptoms prior to boarding shared transportation.

#### **Cleaning and disinfecting**

We will ensure that:

- All high-contact surfaces (door handles, seatbelt buckles, armrests, etc.) used by passengers are cleaned and disinfected before each trip.
- All high-contact surfaces used by drivers, such as the steering wheel, armrests, seatbelt buckles, door handles and shifter, are cleaned and disinfected between different drivers.
- We provide sanitizing materials, training on how to use them properly, and ensure they are kept in adequate supply.

#### **Ventilation**

We will ensure that vehicle windows are kept open, and the ventilation system set to maximize outdoor air and not set to recirculate air. Windows do not have to be kept open if one or more of the following conditions exist:

- The vehicle has functioning air conditioning in use and the outside temperature is greater than 90 degrees Fahrenheit.
- The vehicle has functioning heating in use and the outside temperature is less than 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Protection is needed from weather conditions, such as rain or snow.
- The vehicle has a cabin air filter in use and the U.S. EPA Air Quality Index for any pollutant is greater than 100.

#### **Hand hygiene**

We will provide hand sanitizer in each vehicle and ensure that all drivers and riders sanitize their hands before entering and exiting the vehicle. Hand sanitizers with methyl alcohol are prohibited.