

In Person Instruction Plan, updated 2/12/21

If and when school reopens, it will do so with a half day hybrid model. In person instruction will occur for students Monday -Thursday in the morning or afternoon for 2 1/2 hours sessions. Both am and pm cohorts will also have some distance learning work to do outside of school Monday-Thursday. All students will do distance learning on Friday. Families will have a choice of “in person” or “distance learning only” programs. Special Programs will continue to be taught via distance learning.

Learning Options are

- Morning in-person instruction with a distance learning component
- Afternoon in-person instruction with a distance learning component
- Distance learning only with no required in person component with instruction provided by regular classroom teacher.

No Child Care/Recreation Program

The child care/Recreation program will not be available during the in-person model.

In order for families to make the decision about what options work best for their family’s needs, this document gives information about what the logistics of in-person learning will look like. It does not give specifics about how distance learning will be delivered.

Teaching Spaces

Outdoor Learning Space

- Some outdoor teaching will occur.
- Appropriateness of the outdoor conditions will be a judgment call made by individual teachers.
- Students will need to dress warmly and in layers.
- Students will be seated 5-6 feet apart
- Students will wear masks
- Teacher proximity to students will vary depending on educational needs. Masked teachers may be closer to students than 6 feet.

Indoor Learning Space

- Classrooms will be well ventilated by keeping doors and windows open as much as possible.
- Each classroom has one or two heat pumps that circulate existing air in the classrooms.
- All classrooms have two different sizes of portable air purifiers that can filter virus size particles.
- Students will need to dress warmly and in layers
- Students will be seated 6 feet apart unless otherwise stated in individual classroom plan.
- Students will wear masks.

- Teacher proximity to students will vary depending on educational needs. Masked teachers will frequently be closer to students than 6 feet.

Materials

- Sharing of materials in the classroom will be limited.
- The school will provide students with their own supplies.
- Items that must be shared will be cleaned after use or taken out of rotation for an appropriate amount of time.

Cleaning

- Desks, tables, faucets, door handles, and light switches will be cleaned in between cohorts.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned in between am/pm cohorts.
- Tables where students eat will be cleaned after snacks. The wooden tables now have cleanable tablecloths.

Hygiene

Hand Washing or sanitizing will occur:

- Upon arrival at school
- Upon entering and exiting classroom
- Before and after eating and using playground equipment
- After using restroom
- After wiping nose or using a tissue
- At dismissal

Hydration

- No drinking fountains - they are blocked or disabled.
- Students will bring their own water bottles that can be refilled at sinks.
- Disposable paper cups are available if students forget their water bottle.

Snack (No Lunches at school)

- Students will eat snack outdoors. Students will remove masks for eating and will sit at least 6 feet apart.
- It is unlikely, but possible that indoor eating could occur in class cohort groups if weather is extreme. Students would be distanced but not masked.
- Students should bring a snack or one will be available for purchase.
- Due to the schedule, students will not eat lunch at school.
- Lunches can be ordered and taken home for eating.

Recess

When playing outdoors:

- Students will play in class cohort groups in designated areas of the playground.
- They will wear masks.
- Children may be encouraged, but they will not be required to maintain 6 feet distance from members of their class cohort while at play.
- Tables will be closed during recess.

- Teachers and staff will wear masks or shields when on the playground supervising students.
- Adults will maintain 6 feet distance when it is practical for supervision.
- Hand held play equipment balls such as: jump ropes, balls, cones, and beanbags, will be exclusive to class cohort groups and will not be cleaned between use.
- If hand held equipment is moved between class cohorts, it will be cleaned or left to sit for three days.
- Students will wash hands before and after using handheld equipment.
- Play structures will not be cleaned between use. Students will wash hands or use sanitizer before and after using.

Access to Campus

- Campus will be closed to all but staff, students, and adults invited onto campus for the purpose of instruction, repairing the facilities, or deliveries.
- Parents/Guardians can communicate with the office and the classroom teachers through phone calls, email, or in person by appointment.
- Children will be picked up and dropped off in the driveway or at the depot.

Student/Staff Health Check and Illness While at School

Students

- All families will do a health screening of their children according to established protocol before bringing them to school. You will receive an email or text from the school daily to fill out the Qualtrics symptom checker.
- If a child becomes ill at school or shows evidence of symptoms that do not allow them to stay at school, they will be isolated until they are picked up.
- If a student tests positive for COVID their group may need to quarantine for 14 days and return to distance learning.

Teachers and Staff

- USC Teachers and staff will perform a Qualtrics symptom check before arriving on campus.
- If a teacher develops symptoms that necessitate they leave campus, is unable to work, or needs to quarantine, individual classes could temporarily move to distance only.
- Substitute teachers may not be available.

Masks

Adults

- Teachers and staff will wear masks in enclosed or shared workspaces such as the office, classrooms, kitchen, bathroom, and copy room.
- Teachers and staff will wear masks when in the presence of children and other adults both inside and outside.
- A face shield may be substituted for a mask when seeing the teacher's mouth is necessary for instruction.

Students

- Students, regardless of age, are required to wear masks.
- They will be asked to wear masks in the classroom
- They will be asked to wear masks when moving around the campus, ex. going to the bathroom
- They will be asked to wear masks during outdoor instruction unless more than 6 feet distance is being maintained.
- They will be asked to wear masks on the playground
- Masks will be available for students who do not provide their own.
- It is possible that students will come into contact with unmasked peers.
Compliance with mask wearing can be challenging for younger students.

Acceptable types of Mask

- Masks may be homemade or store bought.
- They should be at least 2 layers of fabric (cotton preferred) and have a snug fit over the nose and under the chin.
- Masks with vents are not approved unless they have multiple layers of fabric between the face and the vent.
- Bandanas are not approved masks.
- Gaiters may or may not be appropriate depending on how they are made. They need to be multiple layers of fabric (cotton preferred) or have a filter pocket with a filter, and fit snugly over the nose and under the chin.

Social distancing outside of school

Families should:

- Avoid travel outside the county
- Avoid large group gatherings
- Wear masks when moving around in the community
- Socially distance from those outside of their family group
- Families who chose to send their children for on campus learning must follow local health department guidelines for social distancing outside of school in order to reduce the chance of disease transmission.