



2022-2023 Pine Cobble School COVID Protocols Updated 9/3/2022

The Pine Cobble COVID policies are designed to protect students, staff, faculty, and families, as the omicron subvariant and other variants arise, we want to remain flexible and responsive so that we can continue offering our robust academic program in person. To that end, our policies will be available on the school website and will be updated monthly. We recognize that the dynamic nature of COVID and its related policies may lead to additional questions. For questions or concerns regarding our policies, please contact the Christy St. John at c.stjohn@pinecobble.org and Alana Harte at a.harte@pinecobble.org.

Masks

- Masks are optional indoors and outdoors.
- Masks will be made available in each building.
- A small amount will be distributed at the start of the school year to each family.
- Masks will be provided to families expressing financial hardship in purchasing them.

Symptoms

COVID symptoms include:

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat
- Nausea, vomiting, when in combination with other symptoms
- Headache, when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies), when in combination with other symptoms

Testing

- The Pine Cobble 2022-2023 COVID testing consent form is being revised and will be sent out to families in the coming days.
- **If a student is demonstrating COVID symptoms and has consented to testing for the 2022-2023 school year**, a trained staff member will administer the antigen test. Parents will be notified that the child was tested and of the results.

- **If a student is demonstrating COVID symptoms and has not consented to testing for the 2022-2023 school year**, the child will remain out of class and will return home with a test for the family to administer. The family should contact Anne Bona at a.bona@pinecobble.org with the results of the test. The child can return if the test is negative.
- Only symptomatic students are tested; not close contacts.

Isolation / Quarantine

If someone tests positive for COVID, they must isolate for at least 5 days, with Day 0 as the day of the positive test.

- If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and they have been fever free without the use of fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, they may return to school after Day 5 (where Day 0 is the day of the positive test), and should wear a KN-95 mask through Day 10.
- If they are symptomatic at Day 5, the student should stay at home until symptoms have resolved.

Close Contacts and Household Close Contacts

If someone is a close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID, they should regard the last date of exposure as Day 0 and wear a mask through Day 10. If they are unable to isolate themselves from the person who tests positive, they should start wearing a mask immediately and continue wearing a mask until 10 days have passed after their last contact with the person while they are considered contagious by their physician.

Ventilation

At least one window will be open 2 or more inches in each room on campus during the school day.

Lunch and Snack

- We encourage eating outdoors whenever weather permits.
- Desk shields will no longer be used.

Vaccination

- **Faculty and staff:** All submit evidence of a vaccination or an exemption.
- **Students:** We encourage all families to provide a copy of their student(s) COVID vaccination history to the front office. Documentation will be kept confidential.

Visitors

- are required to sign in and out at the front office.
- Masks are optional indoors and outdoors.

Updates

- We will stay up-to-date on research and guidance from medical professionals to ensure that our policies are aligned with best practices.
- **Based on the nature of COVID, it's essential that we recognize that policies may have to change.**
- All COVID protocol and policies will be available on the website and will be updated as needed.