

## The Village Charter School

### Parent/Guardian Health & Safety Agreement for In-person Instruction

VCS requires that all families choosing in-person learning take actions that demonstrate their responsibility for their own wellness and the wellness of others, and sign a “Health & Safety Agreement.”

I have read, understand, and agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. **VCS COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP).** Parent/Guardian acknowledges that they have received and reviewed the COVID-19 Safety Plan, which is available online: <http://www.villagecharterschool.com>
2. **VCS Student & Family COVID-19 Safety Handbook.** Parent/Guardian acknowledges that they have received and reviewed the VCS’s Student & Family COVID-19 Safety Handbook, which is available online: [www.villagecharterschool.com](http://www.villagecharterschool.com)
3. **In-Person Instruction Schedule and Plan.** Parent/Guardian acknowledges that they have received and reviewed the In-Person Instruction Schedule and Plan. available at [www.villagecharterschool.com](http://www.villagecharterschool.com)

Parent/Guardian agrees to review the above COVID-19 safety plans and handbook with their child(ren), including:

- a. Face Coverings
- b. Physical Distancing
- c. Healthy Hygiene
- d. Arrival/Dismissal
- e. Recess/Breaks

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the school will also review these rules and protocols with students throughout the school year.

4. **Daily Home Health Screening of Child(ren).** Parent/Guardian agrees to screen their child(ren) for symptoms of COVID-19 before taking child(ren) to school each day. Families will review the symptom and risk factor list each day before leaving for school and confirm that they do not have symptoms of COVID-19 and have not had close contact with a known case. Confirmation of this daily health screening must be turned in at the drop-off screening station.
5. **Health Screenings at School.** Parent/Guardian understands that all students may undergo the following health screening upon arrival at school each day and potentially at other times during the school day as necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19:
  - a. Upon arrival to campus, the student’s temperature may be taken using a touchless UV thermometer.
  - b. Students will be monitored throughout the day for signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Any student exhibiting symptoms of illness throughout the day will be sent home.

6. **Face Coverings.** Parent/Guardian understands that unless exempt, students in grades TK-8 must wear face coverings. Face coverings are required for all persons (staff, students, parents, or community members) who are on the school site. VCS has an ample supply of face masks and will provide clean, undamaged face coverings and ensure they are properly worn all over the nose and mouth. A face covering should be well-fitting (covers only the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face), have no valves, and if cloth, have at least two layers of fabric. Face coverings must be appropriate and meet district dress code requirements. The following face coverings are NOT permitted: bandanas, gaiters, mesh, single layer, and masks with a one-way valve. Parent/Guardian understands that their child(ren) will be excluded from in-person learning if they refuse to wear a face covering consistent with the rules outlined in the COVID-19 Safety Plan.
7. **Physical Distance Expectations.** Parent/Guardian understands that their child(ren) will, in good faith, maintain at least 6 feet of distance from other individuals. Parents/Guardians understand that there will not be staff expectation to provide direct contact to students; examples may include teacher tying shoes, assisting with toileting or physically separating students. If your child(ren) cannot maintain physical distance, take care of their own hygiene needs, etc., you may be called to campus to pick up your child(ren). We advise parents/guardians to consider their children's needs as they decide on "in-person" learning.
8. **Exhibiting Symptoms at School.** Parent/Guardian understands that if their child displays COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, they will be required to wait in the identified isolation area until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility as soon as possible. Parent/Guardian and/or authorized emergency contact will pick their child(ren) up from school as soon as reasonably possible but no later than within 30 minutes after being notified by the school. When Parent/Guardian arrives at school, Parent/Guardian will call the school office and remain in their vehicle.
9. **Surveillance Testing.** Parent/Guardian understands that their child(ren) may be required to participate in asymptomatic testing, at the frequency appropriate to the county's case data, to identify asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic cases to exclude cases that might otherwise contribute to in-school transmission.
10. **Disclosure to Help Prevent Community Spread of COVID-19.** Parent/Guardian understands that if their child(ren) tests positive for COVID-19 or if the school otherwise reasonably suspects their child(ren) is infected with COVID-19, the school is required to notify Sonoma County Public Health. Additionally:
  - a. In order to conduct contact tracing, the VCS may be required to contact the child(ren)'s close contacts at school who may have been exposed to the virus. To protect student privacy, VCS will only inform close contacts that they may have been exposed to someone with the infection. VCS will not disclose the identity of the child(ren) who may have exposed them.
  - b. To help protect against community spread, VCS will be performing its own contact tracing. Parent/Guardian agrees for VCS to ask their child(ren) and Parent/Guardian questions about everyone within the school community whose child(ren) may have had close contact with during the timeframe they may have been infectious.

11. **Responsibility to Quarantine.** Parent/Guardian understands that VCS may direct their child(ren) to quarantine either because their child(ren) is suspected of having COVID-19 or because their child(ren) has been in close contact with someone suspected of having COVID-19. If directed to quarantine, Parent/Guardian agrees to the following:
  - a. Students who are required to quarantine but are well enough to participate will be expected to complete distance learning for the period of quarantine.
  - b. Students who are required to quarantine may not return to in-person instruction until permitted to do so by the school in compliance with Sonoma County Public Health's direction.
  - c. If an entire stable group (class) is quarantined, teachers will provide remote learning through synchronous and asynchronous methodologies.
  
12. **Student Return to School.** Parent/Guardian understands that if their child(ren) are symptomatic, exposed, or confirmed positive, they must meet specific criteria set forth by Sonoma County Public Health, prior to returning to school.
  - a. Per Public Health, a student, who is symptomatic, must **receive and share** a negative COVID-19 test result with the school before ending their quarantine and returning to school. This is true even if the student is no longer symptomatic. Per Public Health guidance, students who decline testing must complete a 10 day quarantine period, with day 1 starting the day after the symptoms first started and be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications before returning to school.
  - b. Per Public Health, a student, who has been exposed to COVID-19, must **complete a full 10 day quarantine** period and **receive and share** a negative COVID-19 test result with the school before returning to school. Please note, the test must be taken around day 8-10 of the quarantine period, no earlier, unless the student becomes symptomatic. Per Public Health guidance, those who decline testing must complete an additional 10 days of isolation after the 10 day quarantine (for a total of 20 days away from school).
  - c. Per Public Health, a student, who receives a positive COVID-19 test result, must go home and be excluded from school for at least 10 days from symptom onset date or, if asymptomatic, 10 days from the date the specimen was collected for the positive test. A negative test result is not required to return to school.
  
13. **Drop-Off and Pick-Up.** Parent/Guardian understands that early drop offs and late pick-ups will not be permitted due to the current situation. Parent/Guardian will drop-off child(ren) at the appropriate location no earlier than 15 minutes before the beginning of the school day. Parent/Guardian will pick-up child(ren) at the appropriate location no later than 15 minutes after the end of the school day.
  
14. **Nondiscrimination.** VCS prohibits discrimination against any student who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, whose family member has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or who is perceived to be a COVID-19 risk. If you feel your child(ren) is being discriminated against as a result of COVID-19, please notify the office immediately.

15. **Visitors.** Parent/Guardian understands that non-essential visitors will not be permitted to be on campus due to the current public health emergency. Only staff, students, and essential visitors may access the campus.

16. **Recommended At-Home Cleaning Procedures.** In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, VCS encourages Parent/Guardian to frequently wash child(ren)'s commonly touched items such as backpacks, lunch boxes, supplies, water bottles, and clothes. Cloth face coverings should be washed daily.

I have received, read, understand, and agree to all the above terms set forth in The Village Charter School Parent/Guardian Health and Safety Agreement for In-Person Instruction for the 2020-2021 School Year. **Students and parents/guardians who refuse or fail to adhere to this agreement after progressive interventions will be excluded from in-person learning and reassigned to distance learning.**

Parent/ Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Gardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_