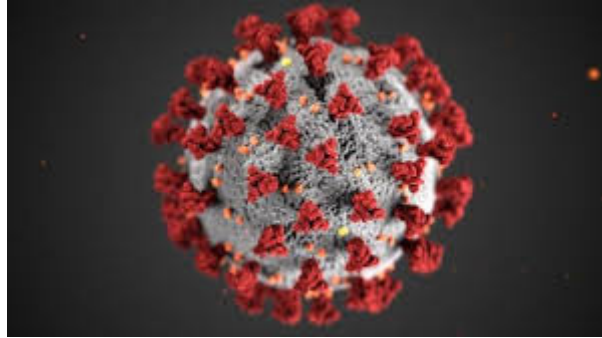


COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

Tipton Elementary School District



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1. Authority and Responsibility

The Superintendent 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.

2. 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 Hazard** 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 Inspection** 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 having representatives on the safety committee. All employees will be encouraged to participate in identification of COVID-19 hazards.

Employee Screening

We screen our employees by having them self-screen daily according to CDPH guidelines. Each employee has completed a return to work affirmation that has been submitted to the Superintendent. If a staff member answers yes to any of the questions, he or she must contact an administrator. Persons with any COVID symptoms will be treated presumptively as if positive for COVID19. They will be asked to do the following:

- a. Isolate until they meet the CDC criteria of >10 days of symptom start, symptoms have improved, and no fever in the last 24 hours.
- b. Person may return sooner than 10 days with a negative COVID test (testing recommended) or a doctor's note plus no fever, without medication, in the last 24 hours and symptoms have improved per the school sick protocol.

3. 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 assessed, and correction time frames assigned, accordingly.
 - Individuals are identified as being responsible for timely correction.
 - Follow-up measures are taken to ensure timely correction.

4. Control of COVID-19 Hazards

Physical Distancing

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

- Allowing workers to work remotely when possible.
- Reducing the number of persons in an area at one time, including visitors.
- Visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate 6-foot distancing.
- Staggered arrival, departure, work, and break times.
- Adjusted work processes or procedures to allow greater distance between employees.
- Provide a map of campus showing entrances and exits.

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. Each employee is given several types of face masks and a shield. Employees can request replacement masks from the administrative assistant. If an employee witnesses another employee not wearing a mask or wearing it improperly and he or she does not feel comfortable reminding the co-worker, then he or she needs to let an administrator know. The employee that gives that information will remain anonymous.

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, at his or her cost, is tested at least twice weekly for COVID-19 and receives a negative result each time.

Engineering Controls

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

- Individuals will wear masks or shields face covering, face shield with a drape or other effective alternative, or respiratory protection, some type of partition between the individuals will be installed.

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

- Keeping the doors open when feasible due to air quality.
- Increase the cleaning/replacement of all ventilation filters, as well as the maintenance.
- Reprogram the thermostats to keep the HVAC fan system on in classrooms

Cleaning and Disinfecting

The District recognizes that high traffic – high touch common areas in the workplace need, to the extent possible, cleaning and disinfecting to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The District will assign personnel and establish routine schedules to clean and disinfect common surfaces and objects in the workplace. We implement the following cleaning and disinfection measures:

- Tipton will establish routine schedules to clean and disinfect common surfaces and objects in the workplace.
- This includes but is not limited to:
 - Tools, machinery, containers, desktops, counters, tables, chairs, benches, door handles, knobs, doorbells, drinking fountains, appliances such as coffee pot or microwave, refrigerators, vending machines, portable restroom and bathroom surfaces, automobiles-inside and out, and trash cans.
- The process of disinfecting includes providing disinfecting products, and PPE required for their safe use along with review of manufacturer instructions or protocols for proper use.
- All custodial/maintenance staff will be trained on the cleaning plan and proper cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting according to our risk manager and state guidelines.
- Staff is to email the office and, or the Director of MOT for PPE, and, or cleaning supplies, if they run out during the day, before they are replenished.
- Good Sanitation Practices will be followed:
 - Check restroom facilities frequently and make sure they are clean and sanitary
 - Assign an employee to check restrooms, open doors, re-stock toilet paper, clean and sanitize as necessary
 - Make sure handwashing areas have plenty of soap, paper towels and that someone is cleaning and sanitizing
 - Make sure handwashing supplies are re-stocked regularly
 - Assign an employee to oversee appropriate PPE including but not limited to gloves and facial coverings
 - Sanitize frequently

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

- Temporarily close the general area where the infected employee worked until cleaning is completed.
- After 24 hours or as practical, the room will be cleaned and sanitized to the state mandated standards with the assigned custodial staff wearing the appropriate safety gear to sanitize.
- Campus will be closed if need be according to the regulations.
- All employees and contractors, that could have possible exposure, will receive notice of the possible exposure.
- Contact tracing will immediately be put into operation and work with the County Health Department.
- District custodian personnel cleaning the area should be equipped with the proper personal protective equipment for COVID-19 disinfection (gloves, eye protection, or mask, as needed).

- Staff will be trained according to our risk manager and state guidelines

Shared Tools, Equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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

- Tipton will establish routine schedules to clean and disinfect common surfaces and objects in the workplace.
- Where there must be sharing, the items will be disinfected between uses. Such items include but not limited to, tools, machinery, containers, desktops, counters, tables, chairs, benches, door handles, knobs, doorbells, drinking fountains, appliances, (such as coffee pot or microwave, refrigerators, vending machines), phones, headsets, desks, keyboards, writing materials, and bathroom surfaces, and trash cans.
- 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.
- The process of disinfecting includes providing disinfecting products, and PPE required for their safe use along with review of manufacturer instructions or protocols for proper use.

Hand Sanitizing

In order to implement effective hand sanitizing procedures, we:

- Evaluate handwashing facilities.
- Determine the need for additional handwashing or sanitizing facilities.
- Encourage and allowing time for employee handwashing.
- Provide employees with an effective hand sanitizer and prohibit hand sanitizers that contain methanol (i.e. methyl alcohol).
- Encourage employees to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds each time.

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.

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.

5. 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:

- Offered COVID-19 testing at no cost during their working hours. An administrator will give the employee options of where he or she can go to have the test completed. The employee will give their supervisor or administrator the results.
- The information on benefits described in Training and Instruction, and Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases, below, will be provided to them.

6. System of 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:

- Employees should report COVID-19 symptoms and possible hazards to their supervisor or principal by phone.
- That employees can report symptoms and hazards without fear of reprisal.
- Employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness should contact the Superintendent to determine if accommodations are needed and whether they can be met.
- Where testing is not required, employees can access COVID-19 testing through any publically available testing site. The following link to all testing sites available in Tulare County is posted on the District website for all to access:
<https://covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov/covid-19-testing-sites/>.
- 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. An administrator will notify employees of the workplace exposure or outbreak and arrange a time and give the employee options of which testing sites he or she can get tested at. At the same time, the administrator will explain the process of waiting for the test and what happens in the event of a positive case, including length of leave, leaves available to use and pay according to laws and regulations.
- Employees will receive information about COVID-19 hazards (including other employers and individuals in contact with our workplace) potential exposures, what is being done to control those hazards, and our COVID-19 policies and procedures.
- Employees will receive regular updates on any changes to laws or regulations that may affect the employees.

7. 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, 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.
- 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.
- Proper use of wearing an N95 mask and cleaning/sanitizing procedures and protective gear.
- **Appendix D: COVID-19 Training Roster** will be used to document this training

8. Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases from Work

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 employer-provided employee sick leave benefits, payments from the budget or any funds allocated by the federal or state permitted by law and when not covered by workers' compensation.
- Providing employees at the time of exclusion with information on available benefits.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks

This section applies if the workplace is identified by a local health department as the location of a COVID-19 outbreak, or there are three or more COVID-19 cases in your workplace within a 14-day period.

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 offer 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.
- In the event of an outbreak triggered by three or more cases in a 4-day period present in the same exposed workplace, COVID-19 testing consists of the following:
 - All employees in our exposed workplace will be immediately tested and then tested again one week later in a confidential manner. 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 in a confidential manner and as required by law or required by the local health department, until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.

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 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.

12. Major COVID-19 Outbreaks

This section applies should your workplace experience 20 or more COVID-19 cases within a 30-day period.

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 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.

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, students, 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(s) Conducting the Evaluation: _____

Date: _____

Name(s) of employee and authorized employee representative that participated:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections

Person(s) Conducting the Inspection: _____

Name of Location Inspected: _____

Exposure Controls	Status	Person Assigned to Correct	Date Corrected
Engineering			
Barriers/partitions			
Ventilation (amount of fresh air and filtration maximized)			
Additional room air filtration			
Administrative			
Physical distancing			
Surface cleaning and disinfection			
Hand washing facilities			
Disinfecting and hand sanitizing solutions being used according to manufacturer instructions			
PPE			
Face coverings			
Gloves			
Face shields/goggles			
Respiratory protection			

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:

All employees who may have had COVID-19 exposure and their authorized representatives.	Date:	
	Names of employees that were notified:	

Independent contractors and other employers present at the workplace during the high-risk exposure period.	Date:	
	Names of employees that were notified:	

What were the workplace conditions that could have contributed to the risk of COVID-19 exposure?

What could be done to reduce exposure to COVID-19?

Was local health department notified? ☐ Yes ☐ N Date: _____

