

## **Francophone Charter School of Oakland - Covid planning**

### **2020/21 School Year:**

During this school year, which was almost entirely done through distance learning, the school began holding information sessions about Covid in November 2020 and continued throughout the year as news was made available and plans were made for a soft opening in May, 2021 with once a week classes available per grade level. These presentations were created and delivered by Diana Newhart, MPH, a Francophone parent and public health expert. She has volunteered her time to assist the school in reopening in the most safe way possible, ensuring that all stakeholders (families, staff and board members) have ample and accurate information about the state of the pandemic, mitigation measures and access to ask questions about Covid-19.

For reference here are the presentations that were given, the audience and dates:

[FCSO Covid-19 Update](#) - Presented on 11/30/20 (Parents), 12/4/20 (Parents), 12/17/20 (Staff) and 12/21/20 (Board)

[COVID Vaccines](#) - Presented on 2/1/21 (Parents), 2/3/21 (Parents), 2/11/21 (Staff)

[FCSO Covid Safety and Reopening Plan](#) - Presented 3/16/21 (Parents), 3/22/21 (Parents), 3/24/22 (Staff)

[Formal Reopening Plan document](#) was sent to all parents, staff and board members and parents were asked to sign off that they had received it and read it and would abide by the safety measures put in place.

In addition to these presentations, the Executive Director, Kennedy Hilario held weekly “Coffee with the ED” sessions held virtually for parents to ask questions related to Covid-19, school plans and anything that was on their minds. Diana Newhart was on these calls regularly to answer questions about Covid, as well as Dr. Tania Sadoun, another parent who is also a physician. Dates included: March 17, 23, 24 and April 14, 21, 28

The school opened on May 3, 2021 to receive 1 class level per day at each of two campuses to lessen exposure and allow children to enjoy the important social emotional learning experiences that were so hard to incorporate through distance learning. These in-school classes were offered only for children whose parents felt comfortable and distance learning options were made available for parents who either could not bring their children or preferred to keep them home. Academic learning continued via distance learning for the remainder of the school year.

### **2021/22 School Year:**

All mitigation measures put in place from the previous year were still in place at the start of this school year. In addition, parents and staff were provided with the slides below and given the opportunity to attend either or both of 2 zoom meetings to hear the presentation given and ask questions.

[Covid-19 School Safety](#) - Presented 8/13 (Parents) and 8/16 (Parents)

This slide presentation effectively updated the Formal Reopening Plan document for the start of the school year, though technically the safety measures are the same in both, though some requirements were relaxed (no taking of temperature before entering the school, for example)

Additionally, FCSO has signed up for routine testing through the CDPH program and is using Concentric to provide weekly pooled testing in all grades. We have a 70+% participation rate in the school (increasing each week) and below is the presentation provided to the families and staff about the program.

[Covid-19 Pooled Testing](#) - Presented 9/16 (Parents) and 9/18 (Parents)

We are in contact with the local health department to consider whether our campus would be eligible for on site vaccinations for children ages 5-11 once FDA and CDC approve the Covid-19 vaccines for this age group. Diana Newhart plans to continue to update parents, staff and other community stakeholders of the school throughout the year with additional information as it becomes available.