



**The City of Dharma Realm
Instilling Goodness Elementary School &
Developing Virtue Secondary Schools
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Reopening Plans for Fall Semester, 2020**

- I. **Cleaning and Disinfection:** All shared surfaces will be disinfected with Clorox wipes (or equivalent strength cleaner) in between classes when desks are shared and/or when applicable.
- II. **Cohorting:** Students will be kept in small, stable groups with fixed membership that stay together for all activities including instruction, lunch, recess, etc. and minimize contact with other groups or individuals who are not part of the cohort (*Since we have a very small student population in our school only four students spanning from 10th grade- 2 in 10th grade, one in 7th grade, and one in 6th grade, this is not a problem for us and these four students have separate classes with some classes together, such as meditation, for example- but these are spaced at least 6 feet apart for each meditation cushion, so that they are far away from one another.*).
- III. **Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School:** The movement of students, staff, and parents will be managed to avoid close contact and/or mixing of cohorts. (*All four of our students stay on campus, and most of our teachers are Buddhist nuns who reside on the temple grounds, on which the school is located. Therefore, there is very limited to minimal contact with outsiders as our gates are typically always locked during the COVID-19 pandemic and since the shelter-in-place order back in March 2020. It has remained so currently. The parents of these students reside overseas, so they are not on campus and they typically communicate via phone and/or Skype or equivalent video chat format with the students and/or teachers.*).
- IV. **Face Coverings and Other Essential Protective Gear:** All students and teachers will be wearing facial coverings and/or masks when inside class rooms. The teachers will also be provided face shields if and when masks interfere with teaching, and will stay at least 6 feet from all students in classroom.
- V. **Health Screenings for Students and Staff:** Each student and teacher will have his/her temperature taken each morning before start of classes at the Flag Ceremony. The temperatures will be recorded and assessed. Anyone with a temperature greater than 100.4 F will be excused from attending class and separated from others immediately. Depending on the symptoms, the school administration may initiate testing for COVID-19. The individual will be isolated for the duration until the test results return, or for at



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least two weeks if asymptomatic with or without positive test results. Criteria for isolation and/or COVID-19 testing include, but are not limited to, fever greater than 100.4, along with symptoms of cough, sore throat, general malaise, fatigue, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea. If any of the above symptoms are present, the student and /or staff will be excused from school and quarantined according to the above described scenarios for fever.

- VI. **Health Hygiene Practices:** There are hand washing stations in the restrooms next to classrooms that are readily available to students. Each classroom will have a hand sanitizer at the Teacher's desk. Students are also encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizers to be placed at their individual desks for frequent usage as needed throughout the day. We will also have a desk in each classroom designated to each student who will use the same desk for the entire semester to minimize cross-contamination.
- VII. **Identification and Tracing of Contacts:** If there is a confirmed COVID-19 case, the school will have designated staff persons to support contact tracing by creating and submitting lists of exposed students and staff to local health department and notification of exposed persons. We have designated Tammy Wu as the contact at school for local health department to contact regarding COVID-19.
- VIII. **Physical Distancing:** Each student will be spaced at least 6 feet apart while in classrooms. Students will be discouraged from being in one another's proximity of less than 6 feet even during recess or in between classes. Since we have only 4 students, this is not difficult for our school. The teacher will teach from at least 6 feet away from all students in classroom. Additionally, the teachers may wear a face shield when teaching when and if appropriate.
- IX. **Staff Training and Family Education:** The students and staff will be continually trained on physical distancing, facial covering, general and hand hygiene practices throughout the semester to ensure compliance.
- X. **Testing of Students and Staff:** School administration will ensure that students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be rapidly tested and given proper instructions for isolation until the results are available. We do not plan on testing the staff or the students on regular intervals given the isolation of our campus and temple grounds as well as the small



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student and staff population. We have zero to very few outsiders coming to the temple grounds, and students are typically nowhere near the Reception office where the outside personnel checks in. Therefore, the possibility of exposure on temple grounds is extremely low and periodic testing may not be fruitful or practical. If an individual (student or staff) manifests symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, he/she will be escorted back to and quarantined in his/her room immediately until test results for COVID-19 return and/or for a duration of at least 2 weeks, whichever is longer. The two testing centers to be used for COVID-19 testing are as follow:

- a. CVS Pharmacy located at 3710 Franklin Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95820 (~ 10 min. drive from campus)
- b. UC Davis Medical Center at 2315 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95817 (~ 12 min. drive from campus)

Additionally, depending on the circumstances as well as the presenting symptoms of the individual, if there are any signs and symptoms suggesting need for medical evaluation and treatment, 911 maybe activated and UC Davis Medical Center would be the choice option.

- XI. **Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning:** The criteria to be used to determine when to physically close the school and prohibit in-person learning will be if we have more than 50% positivity of COVID-19 among students and/or staff (For students, that would be 2 out of 4 students) IN ADDITION to at least one staff members testing positive for COVID-19. However, if everyone tests positive for COVID-19, then the school will close completely for at least 2 weeks, or until full recovery of all students and staff, whichever is longer and needed. Once all staff and students have recovered and test negative, in-person classes may resume.
- XII. **Communication Plans:** The School administration team will communicate with students, staff, and parents about cases and exposures at the school, consistent with privacy requirements such as HIPAA.