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## To Employees and Parents of Prelacy Armenian Schools and Preschools

Dear Parents, Teachers and Staff,

We want to extend our sincere appreciation for the flexibility you have shown since the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Since the start of the current school year our administrators have worked tirelessly to ensure that our campuses are kept safe for our students and teachers.

The Prelacy Armenian Schools, as is the case with other School districts, have been following the guidelines and recommendations set forth by CDC and the County Department of Public Health.

**As a reminder, we would like to take this opportunity to recap for our teachers, staff, parents and students, some important CDC and County guidelines and recommendations that all Prelacy Armenian Schools and Preschools are following.**

- Masking is required for anyone entering school buildings or transports (school buses as well as school buildings) who has contact with others (students, parents, or other employees).
- **EVERYONE**, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask indoors at any youth-serving facility (such as K-12 schools, childcare, day camps, etc.). Children under the age of 2 are not required to wear a mask. Most children ages 2 to 8 can safely wear a mask with adult supervision. Additional information and guidelines pertaining to masks can be found by visiting <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/WhenToWearAMask.pdf>
- Adults in school settings are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with students.
- Preschool teachers tend to be in closer contact with the children, even while outdoors, which may present a higher risk. As a precautionary measure Preschool teachers will be required to wear masks even when outdoors, while in the presence of children.
- Masks may be removed during nap time or when children are eating and drinking.
- It is strongly recommended that masks be worn at crowded outdoor events, which may include class or recess activities where distancing cannot be maintained. Furthermore, it is strongly recommended that children wear a mask on playgrounds and in other outdoor spaces where they gather if distancing is not possible or practical.
- Visitors arriving at the school must wear a face mask at all times while inside the school. This applies to all adults and to children 2 years of age and older.
- Parents of younger children are encouraged to provide a second face mask for school each day in case the one a child is wearing gets soiled; this would allow for a change of the face mask during the day.
- All employees must wear a face mask at all times when indoors, except: when working alone in private offices with closed doors; when they are the only individual present in a larger open workspace for multiple employees; or when eating or drinking.
- Physical distancing strategies are still recommended as long as they do not interfere with full-time attendance for all students.

### ENCINO

Holy Martyrs  
Marie Cabayan Elementary &  
Ferrahian High School  
Holy Martyrs ARS  
Ashkhen Pilavjian  
Armenian Preschool

### GLENDALE

Vahan & Anoush Chamlian  
Armenian School  
Richard Tufenkian  
Armenian Preschool

### HOLLYWOOD

Rose & Alex Pilibos  
Armenian School  
Mary Postoian  
Armenian Preschool

### PASADENA

Levon & Hasmig Tavlian  
Armenian Preschool

### PICO RIVERA

Armenian Mesrobian  
School  
Armenian Mesrobian  
Preschool

### SAN FRANCISCO

Krouzian Zekarian  
Vasbouragan  
Armenian School  
Krouzian Zekarian  
Vasbouragan  
Armenian Prechool

### SANTA ANA

Ari Guiragos Minassian  
Armenian School  
Ari Guiragos Minassian  
Armenian Preschool

- Students and student athletes time spent in the locker room should be limited. Student athletes should shower at home after practice and games.
- Any adult who is screened for exposure and reports close contact with an infected person will be instructed to leave the school, return home to initiate self-quarantine, and get testing for COVID-19.
- Any middle or high school student who is screened for exposure and reports close contact with an infected person will be accompanied to a predetermined space in the school while arrangements are made for them to be picked up by parents in order to initiate quarantine at home. Parents have to seek testing for the child.
- Movement of visitors within the school will be limited to designated areas such as the reception or lobby area, offices, conference or meeting rooms, in order to reduce unnecessary interaction with any stable learning groups.
- Movement of classroom learning, meals, and activities to outdoor space is recommended whenever feasible and weather permitting.
- All school teachers and staff are required to provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination to their School/Preschool administration.
- The Prelacy Armenian Schools has implemented a COVID-19 vaccine mandate, whereby all employees, on campus volunteers, vendors and coaches are required to be fully vaccinated by November 26, 2021.
- Those employees who are granted a reasonable accommodation must undergo COVID-19 testing at least once a week.
- If Physical Education classes are held indoors, students will be required to wear a mask.
- Employees and students are to remain at home when sick with symptoms of infectious illness including COVID-19. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. Employees and students who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and immediately contact their healthcare provider for testing and care, regardless of vaccination status.
- Employees and students who are close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 are required to self-quarantine. The self-quarantine can end **after Day 10** from the last time they had contact with the infected person or **after Day 7** **IF** they have a negative viral test result from a specimen that was collected **ON DAY 5 OR LATER** from the last time they had contact with the infected person. **If you are fully vaccinated and are a close contact to someone with COVID-19, you do not need to quarantine, if you don't have any COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered.** Employees and students who are considered close contacts (vaccinated or not vaccinated) **must** do the following for 14 days: **Monitor your health** for symptoms of COVID-19. **Be extra careful:** Wear a mask when around other people (including those in your household), stay at least 6 feet away from others, wash your hands often, and take other steps to protect others (and yourself).
- If an employee or student tests positive for COVID-19 they will be required to quarantine or self-isolate at least 10 days since their symptoms started, AND fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Please see attached chart on *“what to do if a student becomes sick or reports a new covid-19 diagnosis at school.”*
- If an employee or student tests positive and do not have any symptoms, they must stay home for 10 days after the test was taken, but if they develop symptoms, they must self-isolate for at least 10 days since their symptoms started, AND fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
- When traveling to or from California employees, parents and students must follow all CDC travel guidelines. Having said that it is highly recommended to delay travel (Both Domestic and International) Until You're Fully Vaccinated.
- If You Are **NOT** Vaccinated, but choose to travel, get tested before and after. If you are not vaccinated, but choose to travel domestically, get tested 1–3 days before travel and 3–5 days after travel. Also, even if you test negative, you must stay home and self-quarantine for a full **7 days** after travel. If employees and students don't get tested, they must stay home and self-quarantine for **10 days** after travel.
- All travelers, before boarding a flight to the United States, will be required to show one of the following: If you are fully vaccinated: Proof of vaccination and negative COVID-19 test result

taken no more than 3 days before travel. If you are **NOT** fully vaccinated: A negative COVID-19 test result taken no more than 1 day before travel.

- If you recovered from a documented COVID-19 infection **within the past 90 days (regardless of vaccination status)**, you do **NOT** need to get a test 3-5 days after travel. People can continue to test positive for up to 90 days after diagnosis and not be infectious to others. You also do not need to self-quarantine after travel.
- Employees and parents are encouraged to check their destination's COVID-19 situation and travel requirements before traveling. Countries may have their own entry and exit requirements.
- Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required in indoor areas of public transportation (including airplanes) traveling into, within, or out of the United States and indoors in U.S. transportation hubs (including airports).

The above guidelines and recommendations are a few important ones we wanted to highlight in our letter. Our administrators might also share additional guidelines and regulations that employees, parents and students will be required to adhere to keep our campuses safe.

**We would like to emphasize the importance of getting fully vaccinated. If you have not done so already, we highly encourage you to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible. We also highly encourage that all employee families and extended family members, that you have direct contact with, to also get vaccinated.**

Attached to this letter you will find important documentation pertaining to COVID-19 recommendations and guidelines. We kindly request that you take the time to completely review the following attached documents.

- 1) *Health Office Isolation Order*
- 2) *Health Office Quarantine Order*
- 3) *CA Travel-Guidelines*
- 4) *Reopening K-12 Schools Appendix T1*
- 5) *Stop The Spread at Home*
- 6) *Student Becomes Sick or Reports a New Covid-19 Diagnosis at School*
- 7) *When Does Home Isolation End*
- 8) *When To Wear A Mask*

Employees are also encouraged to visit the following links for additional information.

<http://ph.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/EducationToolkit/TK12/>

[http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/reopening\\_K12schools.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/reopening_K12schools.pdf)

<https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/>

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/InformationForPatientsWithCOVID19SummaryEnglishSpanish.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/>

As we have been since the start of the school year, we will continue to remain fluid in our planning and trust that you will fully support and cooperate with your School and Preschool administration.

We truly appreciate your cooperation and wish you and your loved one's health and strength as we remain committed to our mission and to our young generations of Armenian-Americans.

Sincerely,

Board of Regents  
Prelacy Armenian Schools