



## **2021/22 - Covid-19 Mitigation Plan**

**Excelsior Holistic schools will adhere to CDC, OSPI and local Covid-19 mitigation recommendations. Excelsior Holistic Schools will be prepared to utilize three different schedules to respond to changes in Covid-19 in our schools, region, city and state during the school year.**

**Excelsior Holistic Schools will start school in schedule A on September 2nd, 2021.**

### **The schedules are as follows:**

**Schedule A:** Normal School Schedule. Monday late start Friday early release.

**Schedule B:** Rotating Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Tuesday, Thursday Schedule. (Similar to 2020-21) All student will be grouped into either A or B groups and will rotate. A students will attend school Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during A week. B students will attend on Tuesday and Thursday during A weeks. During B weeks B students will attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday and A students Tuesday and Thursday. When not on campus students will be working remotely via Odessyware or Packets. Tele-counseling and IOP/Day treatment.

**Schedule C:** Classroom, Pod, or Full school remote learning with tele-counseling and tele-health services provided.

### **Planning Timeline**

May - June – Data Collection, Survey & Planning

July – State Guidance for re-opening for the 2021-22 school year released.

August – Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> – Outreach & planning for families

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – On Campus School Begins

## **Health & Safety Requirements**

### **On campus check-in**

All staff and students will be required to have their temperature checked and answer health screening questions before coming on campus and into the schools. This screening will be completed for all staff and students at the re-integration area each day.

### **Social Distancing**

All staff and students will be required to the best of their ability to maintain social distancing while on campus. Students and staff will eat lunch and breakfast in their classrooms and students will not transition to different classes or electives at the same time.

### **Hygiene Practices**

Students and adults will wash hands when they arrive at schools, before meals or snacks, after outside time, after going to the bathroom, after nose blowing or sneezing, before leaving to go home. If soap and water are not available, an alcohol-based hand gel with at least 60% percent alcohol will be used.

### **Stay Home if sick or Exposed to COVID -19**

If a student or staff member is sick and they do not feel well, we are asking them to stay home and work remotely. Students or staff who begin not feeling well while on campus will have all areas they have been in contact with cleaned and disinfected thoroughly before future use. Students will have to be picked up immediately by parents or guardians. If a person has been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 10 days we are asking that they stay home and work remotely.

### **Cleaning & Sanitization**

All classrooms, hallways, bathrooms and student and staff desks will be cleaned at the end of each day and as needed throughout the day following CDC guidelines.

### **Masks/Face shields**

All staff, students, volunteers, and guest must wear face coverings at school. We will provide facemask or face shields if requested.

### **Returning to School After Having Suspected Signs of COVID-19**

A staff member or students who had signs of suspected or confirmed COVID – 19 can return to school when:

- At least 24 hours has passed since recovery-defined as no fever without the use of medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms like cough and shortness of breath: AND
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; OR
- It has been at least three days (72 hours) since recovery AND a health care provider has certified that the student/staff does not have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

If a person believes they have had close contact to someone with COVID-19 but they are not sick, they should watch their health and signs of fever, cough, shortness of breath, and other COVID-19 symptoms during the 14 days after the last day they were in close contact with the person sick with COVID-19. They should not go to work, child-care, school, or public places for those 14 days.

### **When Someone Develops COVID-19 Symptoms at School**

If a student or staff member develops signs of COVID -19 at school, the local health authority will be notified. Students and most staff may be dismissed for 2 – 5 days to allow local health officials to help the school determine appropriate next steps including whether an extended dismissal duration is needed to stop or slow further spread of COVID-19. Local health officials recommendations for the scope and duration of the school dismissals will be made on a case by case basis using the most up to date information about COVID -19 and the specific cased in the community.

This student or staff will be separated away from others, with supervision at a distance of 6 feet, until the sick person can leave. While waiting to leave school, the individual with symptoms should wear a cloth face covering or mask. The area where the symptomatic person waited will be aired out, cleaned, and disinfected after they leave.

The person with symptoms should follow the DOH guidance for what to do if you have symptoms for COVID – 19 and have not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. If a student of staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, their family must notify the school as soon as possible.