



TULARE COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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Waiver Application Cover Form

(for use by a Local Education Agency or equivalent)

Please submit one application for each local educational agency or equivalent. If applying on behalf of a school district please submit one application for elementary schools in the district that are seeking to reopen for in-person instruction. If applying for an independent, private, faith-based, or charter school, please submit an application for each school.

Name of Applicant (Local Educational Agency or Equivalent): SIERRA VIEW JUNIOR ACADEMY

School Type:

Traditional Public School

Charter School

Private, Independent, or Faith-Based School

Number of schools: 1 Enrollment/ADA: 60 (expected enrollment)

Superintendent (or equivalent) Name: KEN BULLINGTON
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS EDUCATION Dept.
Address: 2820 WILLOW AVE. CLOVIS, CA 93612

Grades of Students Proposed to be Reopened:

TK K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th

Date of Proposed Reopening: AUGUST 18TH, 2020

Name of Person Completing Application: MICHAEL TOMAS

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Signature: Date: 8/11/2020



Sierra View Junior Academy COVID-19 Procedures and Protocols

With the COVID-19 Pandemic continuing throughout the summer, Sierra View Junior Academy has evaluated our daily working routine and has made adjustments to our procedures and protocols to protect our teachers, students, and parents on campus. It is our intention to begin the 2020-2021 School Year with on campus Face-to-Face Instruction 5-days a week, adhering to new COVID-19 Procedures and Protocols.

GENERAL FACILITIES

1. Social distancing and COVID-19 signage markers will be posted around campus.
 - 6-feet social distancing
 - Facemasks/face coverings
 - Daily handwashing & hygiene
2. Hand sanitizing stations will be available outside of each classroom.
3. The addition of ADP-70 Air Purifier Units in each classroom.
4. Changes in class routine to allow for cleaning/disinfecting (wiping of desks, chairs, etc.).
5. Spacing of desks and work areas to promote 6-feet social distancing indoors.
6. If families choose not to return to campus for face-to-face learning, remote learning options will be on a case-by-case basis with the homeroom teacher.

CAMPUS HYGEINE

The safety of our students is our primary concern here at Sierra View Junior Academy. Our teachers and staff have participated in meetings that informed them about the new protocols and procedures required for their classrooms – ex. Social distancing of 6 feet, hand washing and hygiene practices, disinfecting of desks in the classroom, etc. As a result, the classrooms and schedules have been set up to allow these protocols and procedures to take place at the school – time built into the schedule for desk wiping, hand washing, staggered recess and lunch times, etc.

1. Students temperature will be taken at first contact on campus (no-touch thermometers)
 - Students with a fever of 100.4 or higher, a persistent cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to stay home for 10 days from symptom start date (may return sooner with negative COVID-19 Test or note from a medical professional giving other cause for sickness).
2. 6-foot social distancing whenever possible.
3. Wearing of mask/face coverings at all times when indoors, in the classroom, and when social distancing is unable to be maintained outdoors.
4. Frequent handwashing.
5. Access to hand sanitizing stations on campus.
6. Staggered dismissal times for recess & lunch.
7. Daily classroom cleaning routine (wipe down of desks, chairs, etc.).
8. Daily cleaning and disinfecting of shared common areas.
9. Classroom equipment will not be shared. Each student will be provided with their own supplies (scissors, rulers, calculators, etc.)

CAMPUS ACCESS

1. Temperature checks at first contact on campus for staff, students, campus visitors, etc. (no-touch thermometers).
2. All visiting guests must wear a mask for the duration of their visit.
3. Parents/guardians & visitors must have an appointment.
4. Staff and School Board meetings will continue to meet remotely via Zoom.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

1. Wearing of masks/face coverings will be required at each bus stop if 6-foot social distancing cannot be maintained.
2. Temperature checks at first contact before boarding the bus (no-touch thermometers).
 - Students with a fever of 100.4 or higher will not board the bus and will be asked to return to their car to return home.
 - Parent should wait in their cars until the bus departs to ensure that their child is cleared to board.
3. Facemasks/face coverings will be required for both the bus driver and students for the duration of their time on the bus.
4. Students will be placed in assigned seating with younger children closer to the front of the bus.
 - Assigned seating will follow social distancing – each student will have their own row, skipping every other row. Rows will be filled starting from the back to the front to minimize contact between students.
 - Students from the same household may be groups together and share a row.
5. The bus will be cleaned and disinfected daily at the end of both morning and afternoon routes

HOT LUNCHES

1. Hot lunch service will be suspended until further notice. We will revisit the possibility of serving hot lunch later in the school year.
2. The 8th grade snack shop will be open as everything is pre-packaged (hot pockets, chips, fruit snacks, drinks, etc.).
3. Classes will eat lunch outside, with students being socially distanced 6-feet from each other. If weather does not permit lunch to be eaten outside, students will eat inside of the classroom, maintaining 6-foot social distancing, opening windows and doors whenever applicable to promote airflow throughout the classroom.
4. Lunch times will be on a staggered schedule to limit the amount of students out to lunch at one time (TK & 1st/2nd ----- 3rd/4th ----- 5th/6th).

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

1. All students, staff, and visitors must use masks/face coverings in accordance with CDPH guidance
 - While waiting to enter the school campus.
 - At all times when indoors, in the classroom, and when social distancing is unable to be maintained outdoors.
 - While on school grounds (except when eating or drinking).
 - While leaving school.
 - While on school transportation.
2. Staff
 - All staff will use face coverings when physical distancing requirements are not met in the classroom.
3. Students
 - Students will use face coverings when physical distancing cannot be maintained (group activities, think/pair/share, etc.).

WHAT IF A STUDENT, STAFF, OR FAMILY MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

The administration (principal) will be responsible for contact tracing at the school and will work in collaboration with the Tulare County Department of Public Health. Any person that was in close proximity to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will immediately be notified of possible exposure and instructed to self-monitor for the onset of symptoms. Sierra View Junior Academy will use the contact tracing risk assessment form provided by the Tulare County Department of Public Health to assess risk and mitigate the spread (*please see attached Facility Case Contacts List*) which includes looking at the following factors –

- Identification of close contacts
- Prolonged period of time with the confirmed person
- Unprotected direct contact with infection secretions or excretions of the confirmed person
- Identification of exposure locations – classrooms, school bus, entrance/exits, commons areas
- Use of PPE during contact/exposure
- Assessment of Risk Level – High or Low

SVJA will provide any COVID-19 updates in two ways – 1) Parent Alert Text via Renweb, 2) An email out to every parent of the school.

1. Students

- Any student testing positive for COVID-19 should call the school immediately at (559) 592-3689 and stay home.
- The school will then notify parents/guardians of students via RenWeb Parent Alert and email, who may have come into contact with the COVID-19 Positive student.
- The COVID-19 Positive Student
 - i. Will isolate for 10 days from symptom onset/collection date.
 - ii. Will then receive Remote Instruction for the duration of quarantine.

- iii. Must be 1 day fever free (without medication) and receive a release from a medical professional indicating that they are able to return to campus.
- Any students who have had close contact with the COVID-19 Positive student
 - i. Will quarantine for 14 days from last exposure.
 - ii. Will receive Remote instruction for the duration of the quarantine.
 - iii. Is recommended that the exposed student have a test on day 14 before coming back if they feel well with no symptoms (students may be asymptomatic).
 - iv. Feels unwell with any symptoms during quarantine, they must test and receive a release from a medical professional indicating that they are able to return to campus.
 - v. Continue to monitor other individuals in the household.

2. Staff

- Any staff member testing positive for COVID-19 should call the school immediately at (559) 592-3689 and stay home.
- The school will then notify parents/guardians of students via RenWeb Parent Alert and email, who may have come into contact with the COVID-19 Positive staff member.
- The COVID-19 Positive Staff Member
 - i. Will isolate for 10 days from symptom onset/collection date.
 - ii. Must be 1 day fever free (without medication) and receive a release from a medical professional indicating that they are able to return to campus.
 - iii. Will provide Remote Instruction for the duration of quarantine.
- Any students who have had close contact with the COVID-19 Staff Member
 - i. Will quarantine for 14 days from last exposure.
 - ii. Will receive Remote instruction for the duration of the quarantine.
 - iii. Is recommended that the exposed student have a test on day 14 before coming back if they feel well with no symptoms (students may be asymptomatic).

- iv. Feels unwell with any symptoms during quarantine, they must test and receive a release from a medical professional indicating that they are able to return to campus.
- v. Continue to monitor other individuals in the household.

3. Family Members

- If a family member in the immediate household of the student tests positive for COVID-19, the family should call the school immediately at (559) 592-3689 and have the student stay home.
- The student in the immediate household will then be asked to quarantine for 14 days.
 - i. During this time, Remote Instruction will be given for the duration of quarantine.
- It is recommended that the student have a test on day 14 before coming back if they feel well with no symptoms (students may be asymptomatic).
- If the student feels unwell with any symptoms during quarantine, they must test and receive a “release” from a medical professional indicating that they are able to return to campus.
- Continue to monitor other individuals in the household.

4. Possible School Closure

- Individual school closure may be appropriate when there are multiple cases in multiple cohorts at a school or when at least 5% of the total numbers of teachers/students/staff are cases within a 14-day period, depending on the size and physical layout of the school.
- SVJA will be in contact with local health officials (Tulare County Department of Health), and the number of days of school closure will depend on the safety measures (masks, shields, PPE, etc.) that were in place at the time of the transmission as well as the social interaction that took place between the positive student and others.

COVID-19 Site Testing Information & Resources

Should families inquire about testing for COVID-19, they will be referred to the Tulare County Testing Site Webpage found at <https://tchhsa.org/eng/index.cfm/public-health/covid-19-in-tulare-county/tularecounty-testing-sites/>. Testing cost will be handled through the family's primary insurance, with the school student insurance being secondary. Teachers and staff testing costs will be handled by the Central California Conference and Adventist Risk Management.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Back-to-School Events

- We will suspend gathering events on campus until further notice (back-to-school, classroom orientation meeting with parents/students and other events will be done virtually).

2. Music Classes & Programs

- The Central California Conference Music Subcommittee Report states that for inside the classroom – “County Health Department guidelines must be followed for classes where there is singing or playing of wind instruments.” Therefore, indoor singing and band/woodwind instruments will be suspended until further notice.

3. Athletic Events

- We will suspend all athletic events and interscholastic sports at this time until further notice.

4. Field Trips

- We will suspend all field trips until further notice.