

# Oasis Academy

Plan for the Safe Return to In Person Instruction & Continuity of Services.

Fall 2021-2022

# Plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction

Oasis Academy is required to have a reopening plan pursuant to [Emergency Directive 044](#). Oasis Academy's plan is in alignment with the [SPCSA Plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Learning](#), the key topics addressed in the [Nevada Department of Education's Framework for a Safe, Efficient, and Equitable Return to School Buildings](#) as well as the [U.S. Department of Education's ED COVID-19 Handbook, Volume 1: Strategies for Safely Reopening Elementary and Secondary Schools](#) and [ED COVID-19 Handbook, Volume 2: Roadmap to Reopening Safely and Meeting All Students' Needs](#). Additionally, Oasis Academy will follow the [CDC Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools](#). **OA will continue to modify practices based on the most recent CDC guidance. CDC guidance as it relates to schools in the fall should be out shortly and we will follow that guidance. Oasis Academy will stay in compliance with all state emergency directives, including those of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, and make changes accordingly.**

## ESTABLISHING A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

There are significant educational and financial costs associated with COVID-19 for OA. When students are symptomatic and have to learn on-line there are significant educational costs. When unvaccinated employees are symptomatic and have to stay-home there is a financial cost associated with these absences. As such it is important that we continue to do all that we can to maintain a safe learning environment.

### Face Coverings

In regards to face coverings OA will follow [Emergency Directive 045](#) and recent guidance from the CDC. The CDC recommends unvaccinated people wear face coverings in schools. All children and staff using school transportation (extra curricular activities may ride buses) with more than one occupant are required to wear face coverings while using that transportation. All children and adults are welcome to wear face coverings at any time.

**On Aug. 4, 2021 [Emergency Directive 048](#) was released. In conjunction the [K-12 School Summary Guidance](#) and the Department of Health and Human Services [21-22 Covid-19 Guidelines for Prevention and Outbreak Control in School Settings](#). Those guidelines made masks mandatory for all adults on school campuses indoors and at school events indoors. They highly recommend that CDC guidance is followed and that all students wear masks.**

### Social Distancing and COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

OA will follow CDC guidance with regard to COVID-19 health and safety mitigation measures including physical distancing, handwashing, respiratory etiquette, and cleaning. As that guidance changes OA will modify practices to match.

Unvaccinated students and staff who are symptomatic will be isolated at home for 10 days, or until they receive a negative COVID test and are symptom free. OA will continue to provide COVID testing on site with parent permission. OA will no longer conduct daily health screenings in the manner they did in 20-21, rather classroom teachers will send symptomatic students to the office. Individuals who have had COVID-19 within

the last 90 days, and can provide a copy of their positive test results will not have to be isolated. OA will continue to maintain a log of excluded staff and students.

OA will continue to work with local authorities and the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to conduct contract tracing as necessary.

#### Cleaning and Ventilation

OA will continue to sanitize the school and maintain ventilation levels in accordance with the [Oasis Academy Plan for a Safe, Efficient, and Equitable Return to School 20-21](#).

#### Volunteers

The school would like to return to using some volunteers in the lunchroom for supervision and Pizza Thursday. Additionally, some teachers have expressed interest in having volunteers in their classrooms. It is essential that all volunteers be vaccinated to mitigate contract tracing requirements of school employees. For example, if a volunteer was helping in the lunchroom, and they tested positive for COVID the contract tracing would likely lead to a shut down of the school for 10 days; similarly if unvaccinated volunteer are in the building and a student tested positive we now have to determine if any volunteers were around that child and complete all the contract tracing (which includes calling each person individually, as well as reporting in writing all of that information to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services).

Our priority is to keep the school open and out of “school wide outbreak” status so the fewer people in the building who we have to worry about the better we are able to do this. School wide outbreak status leads to mandatory masks for students and often to partial or whole school closure for 10-14 days.

### MEETING THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF STUDENTS & STAFF

Oasis Academy provides a multi tiered system of support to all students. In the 21-22 school year OA will utilize a K-12 Social, Emotional, & Ethical Learning curriculum developed by Emory University in guidance. Guidance will happen throughout the year in each classroom. SEE Learning incorporates the latest developments in trauma research and trauma-informed care to provide a way for educators and students to explore emotions, self-regulation, and reflective practices. It does so through a strengths-based resiliency lens, meaning that it is appropriate for all students, including both those who have suffered from trauma and those who have not.

OA will continue to utilize the quarterly SAEBRS screener (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener) assessment to monitor emotional well being and behavior. Counselors will work with both small groups and individuals whose assessments or teacher referrals indicate are in need of additional support.

OA has been a TRIBES school since it opened and will continue to use those practices and philosophies on a day to day basis. OA has also been utilizing mindfulness daily with students for the last 4 years and will continue with that practice.

The OA comprehensive school counseling program will continue to follow the ASCA national model and keep our direct and indirect student services at eighty percent.

## ACCELERATING LEARNING

Accelerated learning provides opportunities for students to learn at grade level rather than through tracking or remediation, which can narrow educational opportunities for students and might lead them to become disengaged. Acceleration builds on what students already know as a way to access new learning. Studies have shown that when students tie background knowledge to new information, they are better at making inferences and retaining the new information more effectively. Oasis Academy will use three approaches to accelerate learning: In-school acceleration, tutoring, and summer learning and enrichment. School will resume on our normal schedule. Kindergarten and first grade will attend school 8-2, all other grades will attend 8-4.

### In School Acceleration

All students will have access to rigorous grade level curriculum with needed support provided within the context of grade level work. OA will teach social studies and science through project based learning consistent with pre-pandemic practices.

OA will utilize diagnostic (MAPS) and formative assessments that provide timely information to help educators know where to focus for particular students.

OA will continue to utilize extended learning time. Our students receive additional minutes beyond state requirements.

Grade Level	Required Minutes	OA Minutes
k-1	43,200	45,500
2	43,200	62,300
3-6	54,000	62,300
7-12	59,400	62,300

### High Quality Tutoring

OA will, whenever feasible, will provide high quality tutoring according to the high dosage principles research shows are the most impactful- tutoring that is provided consistently by licensed educators or paraprofessionals at least **three days per week for at least 30 minutes at a time in groups of five or fewer students**. OA will focus on language arts and has hired a reading specialist for the 21-22 school year. Students in grades k-1 will receive tutoring after school from 2:00-3:15 from their classroom teacher. Students in grades 2-6 will receive tutoring from the reading specialist during the school day. Students in grades 7-12 will receive additional support from their classroom teacher throughout the school day.

### Summer Learning and Enrichment

Oasis Academy will develop a summer learning and enrichment program for summer 2022. The goal is to have this plan in place by March of 2022.

## EXTRA -CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Oasis will follow these guidelines for all K-12 extra-curricular activities, including sports and clubs. As always, these are subject to change as determined by the school, County, State, Department of Education, SPCSA and NIAA. ALL students wishing to participate in co-curricular activities at Oasis Academy must abide by these regulations in order to participate.

### 1. COVID Testing:

- Fully vaccinated team/club members are EXEMPT from all testing at this time.
- Team/club members include: players, coaches, advisors, managers and volunteers.
- School can administer tests and/or require team members to obtain a test at their own expense. Oasis is planning on providing rapid tests free of charge while our supplies last, which come from the Nevada Department of Education.
- Weekly testing is mandatory for close contact sports, which include football, basketball and wrestling while in-season. The school will provide a schedule of testing prior to each team/club's season.
- Testing is required for teams/clubs traveling OUT OF COUNTY for contests for ALL co-curricular activities.

### 2. Face Coverings:

- Guidance applies to IN-DOORS ONLY. Outdoor activities do NOT require masks.
- For in-door activities, ALL persons, regardless of vaccination status, MUST be masked at all times EXCEPT students who are in uniform and on the active roster for that contest/practice/meeting. Students always have the choice to mask up if they desire. Active participants do NOT have to mask at any time while at the contest/practice.

### 3. Vaccinations:

- Team members must be fully vaccinated as defined by the CDC, and MUST provide proof of vaccination to be exempt from testing. Proof is limited to an official COVID vaccination card, OR an immunization record listing the COVID vaccine, and must be uploaded to Register My Athlete (RMA) or brought to the school nurse prior to the student being allowed to participate in contests.

### 4. Screenings - Depending upon the circumstances, including case counts at the school or in our community, coaches/advisors may conduct COVID screening prior to team events (practices, contests, meetings, etc.). However, at this time, only verbal screening will be conducted.

### 5. Positive COVID case protocol will follow the most recently approved Outbreak Response Plan at the school.

### 6. Students who have tested positive for COVID within the past 90 days will, with a doctor's note indicating the date and results of the test, will be treated as vaccinated for 90 days from the test date.

## WNC Students

On Friday August 20, 2021 the State Board of Health voted to require all students who attend NSHE institutions, which includes WNC to be vaccinated. Oasis Academy 11th and 12th grade students are dually enrolled at WNC and therefore will have to be vaccinated by the Nov. 1. 2021 deadline. Oasis Academy will follow the guidelines and procedures that will be forthcoming from WNC surrounding this mandate.

# Path Forward Program Distance Education

Pursuant to Emergency Directive 044 and [Guidance Memorandum 21-02](#), charter schools must provide distance education options to students who a) have a documentation from a medical professional related to a condition that would be compromised by attending school in-person, or b) are quarantined on the advice of local public health officials.

## FULL TIME VIRTUAL STUDENTS

Parents must provide documentation from a medical professional related to a condition that would be compromised by attending school in-person. Each case will require approval from the CEO.

Oasis Academy will hire either a licensed teacher or licensed substitute to serve as the “Virtual Education Coordinator.” The virtual education coordinator will:

- Provide links to pre-recorded lessons to full time virtual students. Virtual students will be 1 day behind classroom peers.
- Coordinate with teachers and put together packets, supplies, and other materials on a regularly scheduled basis for full time virtual students.
- Provide a daily “Google Meet” time for full time virtual students, during normal school hours, to check in. Students who do not log in to the scheduled time will be marked absent for the day.
- Students IEP’s, 504, and ELL accommodations will be made and provided for by members of the student services team.

## EXCLUDED STUDENTS (Symptomatic Unvaccinated Students)

Oasis Academy will hire either a licensed teacher or licensed substitute to serve as the “Virtual Education Coordinator.” The virtual education coordinator will:

- Provide links to pre-recorded lessons to excluded virtual students.
- Coordinate with teachers and put together packets, supplies, and other materials for excluded virtual students.
- Provide a daily “Google Meet” time for excluded virtual students to check in, during normal school hours. Students who do not log in to the scheduled time will be marked absent for the day.
- Students IEP’s, 504, and ELL accommodations will be made and provided for by members of the Student Services Department.

## DISTANCE EDUCATION, EMERGENCY CLOSURE

In the event that Oasis Academy has to fully close under emergency circumstances we will ensure that all students are able to continue to learn via distance learning. Oasis Academy has 1:1 chromebooks for each student those would be available to anyone who needed one. Oasis Academy has hotspot devices for

students who do not have access to the internet (historically that number has been very low at 1-2 students). Students would attend scheduled classes live with their assigned classroom teacher using the Google Meets and the Google classroom platforms. During the 20-21 school year Oasis Academy established a functioning materials drop off and pick up system at the school and that system would be utilized again. This was primarily important for the younger students whose work could not solely be completed online.