



Updated COVID-19 Policies January 2022

PUENTE Charter School continues to follow the health and safety guidance and recommendations from the county and state regulatory entities. We review updates to county, state and federal guidance on a daily basis, and we may adjust our policies accordingly.

In preparation for the PUENTE Charter return from winter break on Monday, January 10, and in light of the rise in COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron variant, we are messaging the following health and safety protocols:

- **The first day of the PUENTE Charter School Spring semester for all TK-4 students is Monday, January 10, 2022.**
- **January 3 – January 7, PUENTE teachers will be onsite preparing for the return to school.**
- **PUENTE requires COVID-19 testing for all employees, regardless of vaccination status, before the first week back from winter break. All employees will be required to have proof of a negative COVID-19 test in order to return to campus on January 10.**
- **PUENTE requires a COVID-19 negative testing result for all students, regardless of vaccination status, to return from winter break. All students will show proof of their COVID-19 test upon return to campus on January 10.**
 - An assurance, all employees of PUENTE are fully vaccinated, including the booster.
 - Students ages 5-11 had the opportunity to receive their COVID vaccination at our PUENTE on-site vaccination day on November 19, 2021, in collaboration with White Memorial Hospital.
 - Through our collaboration with White Memorial Hospital, vaccinations are available to all PUENTE Charter School students and staff at the Hospital.
 - Employees will receive baseline COVID testing on Monday, January 3, and Friday, January 7, 2022 on-site at PUENTE through our collaboration with PMH Laboratory.
 - Students will receive baseline testing on Friday, January 7 and Monday, January 10, 2022 on-site at PUENTE through our collaboration with PMH Laboratory.
 - COVID-19 at-home rapid self-tests are available for TK-4 students. Please pick up your student's free at-home COVID-19 rapid self-tests at the Charter School main office, as needed.



- **Twice-weekly testing (Mondays & Wednesdays) will continue for all students and employees for the foreseeable future.**
- **Masking will be required at all times, indoors and outdoors. It is strongly recommended that all students wear well-fitting, non-cloth masks with a nose wire. All employees are required to wear surgical grade masks or higher.**
 - PUENTE will continue to provide masks to students and employees if they need them.
- **Vaccinations remain a key element in reducing the impact of COVID-19 on individuals and communities.**
 - Anyone 5 years or older is eligible for the two-dose Pfizer vaccine.
 - PUENTE recommends that all students TK-4 grade, who are age eligible, receive the two-dose Pfizer vaccine.
- **Parent Square health screening is required for all who enter school campuses.**

Keeping our schools safe is a top priority for PUENTE Charter School. We all have a role in keeping our schools safe. Thank you for doing your part. Your feedback and partnership are greatly valued and appreciated. As a PUENTE community, we will work together to ensure the safety of our students. We thank our PUENTE families and employees for the ongoing support and patience as we continue to provide our students with the best possible education in the safest possible environment.

LA County COVID-19 Data Link:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/data/>