

Plan to return students with moderate/severe disabilities to return to campus for in-person instruction.

Amador County Office of Education

PURPOSE of the Guidelines

To provide guidance for necessary in-person child supervision and limited instruction, targeted support services, and facilitation of distance learning in small group environments for a specified subset of children and youth, and for those programs to understand the required health and safety practices needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in their settings.

COHORTS

A cohort is a stable group of no more than 16 people, including children or youth and supervising adults, in a supervised environment in which supervising adults and children stay together for all activities (e.g., meals, recreation, etc.), and avoid contact with people outside of their group in the setting. Cohorts help to minimize the number of people exposed to COVID-19.

SUPERVISING ADULT

An adult assigned to one cohort of children or youth, who does not physically interact with any other cohorts. This includes child care staff, certificated or classified school staff, volunteers, participating parent or caregiver, or other designated supervising adult(s).

SUPERVISED CARE ENVIRONMENT

An environment where multiple children or youth, from multiple families or households, are being supervised simultaneously by an adult. This includes, but is not limited to, educational services that are being offered to a subgroup of students as identified by a local educational agency on a school campus.

SERVICES

Specialized service includes, but is not limited to, Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI), occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), speech and language services (SLP), deaf and hard of hearing (DH), vision/orientation and mobility (VI), adaptive physical education (APE), counseling and other support services as part of a targeted intervention strategy.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Physical distancing, in combination with the use of face coverings, decreases the risk of COVID -19 from respiratory droplets. Physical distancing between adults must be maintained as much as possible, and adults and students must use face coverings at all times, pursuant to the [CDPH Schools Guidance](#) regarding face coverings.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

***Teachers and staff will use gowns, gloves, masks and face shields when social distancing cannot occur due to the nature of the interaction with the student (s).**

***Guidance from the Amador County Health Officer .**

Safety Considerations

Physical distancing between children in the same cohort should be balanced with developmental and socio-emotional needs of the age group.

GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY:

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