

Alsion Reopening Plan

Updated March 9, 2021

Alsion Montessori has developed the following plan to reopen safely. This plan is aligned with guidance and recommendations from the following agencies:

- Centers of Disease Control (CDC)
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- California Department of Education (CDE)
- Alameda County Public Health Department & Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE)
- Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD)

Alsion plans a gradual, phased reopening to keep our students, staff, and community healthy and safe. A copy of the plan will be posted on Alsion's website at www.alsionschool.org.

School Information

Name of School: Alsion Montessori Middle/High School

Address: 750 Witherly Lane

Head of School: Joey Morrison

Date of Reopening: March 29, 2021

COVID-19 liaison: Joey Morrison mrjoey@alsionschool.org (510) 445-1127

Cleaning, Disinfection, and Ventilation

Alsion will be implementing enhanced cleaning and disinfection routines that include regular cleaning and sanitizing all shared surfaces, including door knobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, tables. These areas will, at minimum, be cleaned before school, at lunch, and after school.

Alsion will minimize shared items by having the students only use their own materials each day. Students will not have access to locker spaces and will need to bring their materials with them each day.

Alsion has upgraded the HVAC system and will run the HVAC system continuously to bring fresh air into the classrooms. Additionally, all classrooms have windows that can be opened to increase the circulation of fresh air. Window fans will be installed at each end of the building to increase air flow.

Stable Groups

Alsion will divide students into stable groups based on grade level. Stable groups will remain in the same space and will not mix with other cohorts, including for breaks and lunch.

Physical Distancing

Alsion has maximized space in classrooms by replacing communal tables with individual student desks and chairs. As practicable, desks will be placed 6 feet apart and arranged in a way that minimizes face-to-face contact. With stable groups in place, Alsion may relax the 6-foot recommendation to ensure all students receive in-class instruction as recommended by ACPHD, and may reduce to 5 feet to allow for more practicable group sizes.

Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School

Alsion's relatively small campus size allows for smooth entrance and egress to minimize contact between cohorts. Each classroom and student restroom has a separate entrance and egress to the outside. Here is link to Alsion's [COVID Movement Map of School](#)

Visitors, including parents, are only allowed on campus by appointment only.

Face Coverings

All staff and students will wear cloth face coverings while at school, and maintain 6 feet of physical distance during school activities.

Face coverings will be worn:

1. While waiting to enter the school campus.
2. While on school grounds (except when eating or drinking).
3. While leaving school.

Alsion will provide face coverings if a student or staff does not have one.

Health Screening for Students and Staff

Students and staff will self-screen at home or before entering the building. Each day of school, parents of students as well as staff members will immediately notify Alsion's COVID Liaison if there is any "yes" answer on their Self-Screen questionnaire and will not come to school. Alsion staff may also conduct on-site visual and temperature screenings when students arrive. Anyone with a temperature above 100 F or higher will go home and will be instructed to contact their regular doctor or clinic and consider a test for COVID.

Any staff or student that is not feeling well or is showing new symptoms (such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or

vomiting, diarrhea, seems sick or like they are starting to get sick.) will not come to school, will notify Alision's COVID Liaison, and will be instructed to contact their regular doctor or clinic and consider a test for COVID.

A student or staff that did not come to school based on the screening procedures above will be permitted to return to school once a medical evaluator provides a letter indicating:

1. An alternative diagnosis has been made
2. Symptoms are NOT due to COVID-19. Staff and students will have to be fever free without help of medication for 72 hours before returning.

Parents will be asked to be vigilant in observing their student for any signs of illness or change in behavior. Parents will be told they are not permitted to send their child to school if he/she is not feeling well.

If a student develops new symptoms or catches a fever of 100F or higher while in school, parents will be contacted and the student will go home immediately.

Alison staff will bring the student to the isolation room and call parents for immediate pickup. A staff member will remain with the student while waiting for parents to pickup. Staff must wear all possible protective equipment and must maintain a 6 foot distance.

Once the child gets picked up parents will be instructed to contact their regular doctor or clinic and consider a test for COVID.

Health Hygiene Practices

Alision will provide hand sanitizing stations at the entrance of the school and in all learning spaces. Students will be directed to wash their hands frequently and will be instructed in proper hand washing techniques.

Identification and Tracing of Contacts

Joey Morrison is School Site Liaison for contact tracing as well as the COVID Liaison for the local health department. In the event of a confirmed case, Mr. Joey will notify the affected staff and families and the local health department and follow all recommendations from the ACOE (Alameda County Office of Education).