

COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHARTERS (GCC)

This CPP is designed to control exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that may occur in our workplace.

Date: January 1, 2021

Authority and Responsibility

Superintendent or Designee has overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace. In addition, all managers and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the CPP in their assigned work areas and for ensuring employees receive answers to questions about the program in a language they understand.

All employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies and procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards

We will implement the following in our workplace:

- Conduct workplace-specific evaluations using the Appendix A: Identification of COVID-19 Hazards form.
- Evaluate employees' potential workplace exposures to all persons at, or who may enter, our workplace.
- Review applicable orders and general and industry-specific guidance from the State of California, Cal/OSHA, and the local health department related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention.
- Evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls in our workplace and the need for different or additional controls.
- Conduct periodic inspections using the Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections form as needed to identify unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures related to COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Posting appropriate flyers at all GCC work sites with COVID-19 protocols and PPE requirements.

Ongoing mandatory COVID-19 surveillance testing of all employees.

Employee Participation

Employees and their authorized employees' representatives are encouraged to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards by:

Reporting any potential hazards to the principal or designee
COVID-19 Prevention Program

Employee Screening

We screen our employees by:

Employees are required to do a daily self-screening for symptoms of COVID-19 according to CDPH guidelines, this includes the taking of temperatures and self-monitoring for basic symptoms. Employees are expected to check their temperature daily, and to stay home if they have a fever of 100.4 or higher. Employees are required to stay home when sick, not feeling well, or if they have tested positive for COVID-19, or if they have come in close contact with an infected person.

Correction of COVID-19 Hazards

Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures will be documented on the Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections form, and corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards, as follows:

Engineering and Administrative: The GCC facilities and maintenance department will access the hazard and correct the hazard as needed. PPE: GCC provides PPE equipment to all staff, if additional PPE is needed new supplies will be provided. All GCC staff is required to follow physical distancing, maintain a clean workplace, hand washing and hand sanitizing as needed and use PPE.

Controls of COVID-19 Hazards

Physical Distancing

Where possible, we ensure at least six feet of physical distancing at all times in our workplace by:

Eliminating the need for workers to be in the workplace – e.g., telework or other remote work arrangements.

Reducing the number of persons in an area at one time, including visitors.

Visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate where employees and others should be located or their direction and path of travel.

Staggered arrival, departure, work, and break times.

Minimize the sharing of materials and equipment as practicable.

Limit communal activities where practicable.

Individuals will be kept as far apart as possible when there are situations where six feet of physical distancing cannot be achieved.

Face Coverings

We provide clean, undamaged face coverings and ensure they are properly worn by employees over the nose and mouth when indoors, and when outdoors and less than six feet away from another person, including non-employees, and where required by orders from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) or local health department.

Face Coverings must be used in accordance with CDPH guidelines. If an employee does not have a face covering one will be provided to them as they enter the building. If an employee refuses to wear a face covering they will not be allowed to be on site.

The following are exceptions to the use of face coverings in our workplace:

- When an employee is alone in a room.
- While eating and drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and outside air supply to the area, if indoors, has been maximized to the extent possible.
- Employees wearing respiratory protection in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 5144 or other safety orders.
- Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person. Alternatives will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Specific tasks that cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering, where employees will be kept at least six feet apart.

Any employee not wearing a face covering, face shield with a drape or other effective alternative, or respiratory protection, for any reason, shall be at least six feet apart from all other persons unless the unmasked employee is tested at least twice weekly for COVID-19.

Engineering controls

We implement the following measures for situations where we cannot maintain at least six feet between individuals:

Gateway Community Charters has installed clear plexi-glass partitions at the front desk to protect the public and staff. GCC has also installed plexi-glass barriers between the sinks in both the men's and women's restrooms.

We maximize, to the extent feasible, the quantity of outside air for our buildings with mechanical or natural ventilation systems by:

Gateway Community Charters Central Office has had their HVAC system inspected and filters fitted with MERV-13 filters, which are proven more effective against COVID 19. Filters will be changed quarterly during the scheduled quarterly maintenance program. Fresh air will be circulated into offices and shared spaces as required by the building code when reasonable and available.

Cleaning and disinfecting

We implement the following cleaning and disinfection measures for frequently touched surfaces:

Gateway Community Charters has a service contract with a custodial supply company that provides disinfectant and cleaners. They come by on a scheduled route to refill our products and supplies.

Should we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will implement the following procedures:

GCC has contracted out the central office to be cleaned by a outside custodial company. They clean nightly including disinfecting all high traffic areas and touch points in shared spaces.

Shared tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE)

PPE must not be shared, e.g., gloves, goggles and face shields.

Items that employees come in regular physical contact with, such as phones, headsets, desks, keyboards, writing materials, instruments and tools must also not be shared, to the extent feasible. Where there must be sharing, the items will be disinfected between uses by:

All GCC employees are required to clean/sanitize any instrument, tool or equipment that is shared by employees after each use.

Sharing of vehicles will be minimized to the extent feasible, and high-touch points (for example, steering wheel, door handles, seatbelt buckles, armrests, shifter, etc.) will be disinfected between users.

Hand sanitizing

In order to implement effective hand sanitizing procedures, we:

GCC has hand sanitizing stations available to all employees in all classrooms, common areas, and offices. GCC encourages all employees to wash their hands frequently for at least 20 seconds each time and use hand sanitizer as needed when washing hands is not available.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) used to control employees' exposure to COVID-19

We evaluate the need for PPE (such as gloves, goggles, and face shields) as required by CCR Title 8, section 3380, and provide such PPE as needed.

When it comes to respiratory protection, we evaluate the need in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 5144 when the physical distancing requirements are not feasible or maintained. [reference section 3205(c)(E) for details on required respirator and eye protection use.]

We provide and ensure use of eye protection and respiratory protection in accordance with section 5144 when employees are exposed to procedures that may aerosolize potentially infectious material such as saliva or respiratory tract fluids.

Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases

This will be accomplished by using the Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases form.

Employees who had potential COVID-19 exposure in our workplace will be:

Offered COVID-19 testing at no cost during their working hours.

HR will provide all employees with information about available leaves, sick leave pay, salary continuation, or any other benefits employee is eligible for while they quarantine.

System for Communicating

Our goal is to ensure that we have effective two-way communication with our employees, in a form they can readily understand, and that it includes the following information:

- Who employees should report COVID-19 symptoms and possible hazards to, and how:

GCC employees are required to report COVID-19 symptoms or possible hazards to the principal and the GCC COVID-19 team.

- That employees can report symptoms and hazards without fear of reprisal.
- Our procedures or policies for accommodating employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness.
- Where testing is not required, how employees can access COVID-19 testing:

GCC employees have access to free COVID-19 testing through their medical provider or testing facilities offered by the Sacramento County Department of Health

- In the event we are required to provide testing because of a workplace exposure or outbreak, we will communicate the plan for providing testing and inform affected employees of the reason for the testing and the possible consequences of a positive test.

GCC employees will be directed to receive a free COVID-19 test during their regular work schedule.

- Information about COVID-19 hazards employees (including other employers and individuals in contact with our workplace) may be exposed to, what is being done to control those hazards, and our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

GCC sends notifications via email to all staff about COVID-19 hazards, and possible exposure at the workplace.

Training and Instruction

We will provide effective training and instruction that includes:

- Our COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards.
- Information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws.
- The fact that:
 - COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air.
 - COVID-19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.
 - An infectious person may have no symptoms.
- Methods of physical distancing of at least six feet and the importance of combining physical distancing with the wearing of face coverings.
- The fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing must be combined with other controls, including face coverings and hand hygiene, to be effective.

- The importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or hand washing facility, and that hand sanitizer does not work if the hands are soiled.
- Proper use of face coverings and the fact that face coverings are not respiratory protective equipment - face coverings are intended to primarily protect other individuals from the wearer of the face covering.
- COVID-19 symptoms, and the importance of obtaining a COVID-19 test and not coming to work if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.

The importance for cleaning and disinfecting your work space

Appendix D: COVID-19 Training Roster will be used to document this training.

Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases

Where we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will limit transmission by:

- Ensuring that COVID-19 cases are excluded from the workplace until our return-to-work requirements are met.
- Excluding employees with COVID-19 exposure from the workplace for 14 days after the last known COVID-19 exposure to a COVID-19 case.
- Continuing and maintaining an employee's earnings, seniority, and all other employee rights and benefits whenever we've demonstrated that the COVID-19 exposure is work related. This will be accomplished by

The GCC HR department will communicate to all employees that have COVID-19 cases or exposures of leave qualifications, payments, sick leave benefits, workers compensation and any other benefits employee is eligible to receive, as well as SDI information.

- Providing employees at the time of exclusion with information on available benefits.

Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Access

It is our policy to:

- Report information about COVID-19 cases at our workplace to the local health department whenever required by law, and provide any related information requested by the local health department.
- Report immediately to Cal/OSHA any COVID-19-related serious illnesses or death, as defined under CCR Title 8 section 330(h), of an employee occurring in our place of employment or in connection with any employment.
- Maintain records of the steps taken to implement our written COVID-19 Prevention Program in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 3203(b).
- Make our written COVID-19 Prevention Program available at the workplace to employees, authorized employee representatives, and to representatives of Cal/OSHA immediately upon request.
- Use the **Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases** form to keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases. The information will be made available to employees, authorized employee representatives, or as otherwise required by law, with personal identifying information removed.

The GCC HR Department will maintain all reports of all COVID-19 cases and exposures.

Return-to-Work Criteria

- COVID-19 cases with COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until all the following have occurred:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications.
 - COVID-19 symptoms have improved.
 - At least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared.
- COVID-19 cases who tested positive but never developed COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until a minimum of 10 days have passed since the date of specimen collection of their first positive COVID-19 test.
- A negative COVID-19 test will not be required for an employee to return to work.
- If an order to isolate or quarantine an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee will not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted. If no period was specified, then the period will be 10 days from the time the order to isolate was effective, or 14 days from the time the order to quarantine was effective.

Superintendent/CEO

01.26.2021

Title of Owner or Top Management Representative

Signature

Date

Appendix A: Identification of COVID-19 Hazards

All persons, regardless of symptoms or negative COVID-19 test results, will be considered potentially infectious. Particular attention will be paid to areas where people may congregate or come in contact with one another, regardless of whether employees are performing an assigned work task or not. For example: meetings, entrances, bathrooms, hallways, aisles, walkways, elevators, break or eating areas, cool-down areas, and waiting areas.

Evaluation of potential workplace exposure will be to all persons at the workplace or who may enter the workplace, including coworkers, employees of other entities, members of the public, customers or clients, and independent contractors. We will consider how employees and other persons enter, leave, and travel through the workplace, in addition to addressing fixed work locations.

Person Conducting the Evaluation:

Date:

Name(s) of Employees and Authorized Employee Representative that Participated:

| Interaction, area, activity, work task, process, equipment and material that potentially exposes employees to COVID-19 hazards | Places and times | Potential for COVID-19 exposures and employees affected, including members of the public and employees of other employers | Existing and/or additional COVID-19 prevention controls, including barriers, partitions and ventilation |
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Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections

Date:

Name of Person Conducting the Inspection:

Work Location Evaluated:

| Exposure Controls | Status | Person Assigned to Correct | Date Corrected |
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| Engineering | | | |
| Barriers/Partitions | | | |
| Ventilation (amount of fresh air and filtration maximized) | | | |
| Additional room air filtration | | | |

| Exposure Controls | Status | Person Assigned to Correct | Date Corrected |
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| Administrative | | | |
| Physical distancing | | | |
| Surface cleaning and disinfection (frequently enough and adequate supplies) | | | |
| Hand washing facilities (adequate numbers and supplies) | | | |
| Disinfecting and hand sanitizing solutions being used according to manufacturer instructions | | | |

| Exposure Controls | Status | Person Assigned to Correct | Date Corrected |
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| PPE (not shared, available and being worn) | | | |
| Face coverings (cleaned sufficiently often) | | | |
| Face shields/goggles | | | |
| Respiratory protection | | | |

Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases

All personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or symptoms will be kept confidential. All COVID-19 testing or related medical services provided by us will be provided in a manner that ensures the confidentiality of employees, with the exception of unredacted information on COVID-19 cases that will be provided immediately upon request to the local health department, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), or as otherwise required by law.

All employees' medical records will also be kept confidential and not disclosed or reported without the employee's express written consent to any person within or outside the workplace, with the following exceptions: (1) Unredacted medical records provided to the local health department, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, NIOSH, or as otherwise required by law immediately upon request; and (2) Records that do not contain individually identifiable medical information or from which individually identifiable medical information has been removed.

Date:

Name of Person Conducting the Investigation:

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| Employee (or non-employee*) name: | | Occupation (if non-employee, why they were in the workplace): | |
| Location where employee worked (or non-employee was present in the workplace): | | Date investigation was initiated: | |
| Was COVID-19 test offered? | | Name(s) of staff involved in the investigation: | |
| Date and time the COVID-19 case was last present in the workplace: | | Date of the positive or negative test and/or diagnosis: | |
| Date the case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms: | | Information received regarding COVID-19 test results and onset of symptoms (attach documentation): | |

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| Results of the evaluation of the COVID-19 case and all locations at the workplace that may have been visited by the COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period, and who may have been exposed (attach additional information): | |
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| Notice given (within one business day, in a way that does not reveal any personal identifying information of the COVID-19 case) of the potential COVID-19 exposure to: | | | |
| All employees who may have had COVID-19 exposure and their authorized representatives. | Date: | | |
| | Names of employees that were notified: | | |
| Independent contractors and other employers present at the workplace during the high-risk exposure period. | Date: | | |
| | Names of individuals that were notified: | | |
| What were the workplace conditions that could have contributed to the risk of COVID-19 exposure? | | What could be done to reduce exposure to COVID-19? | |
| Was local health department notified? | | Date: | |

*Should an employer be made aware of a non-employee infection source COVID-19 status.

Appendix D: COVID-19 Training Roster

Date:

Name of Person Conducting the Training:

| Employee Name | Signature |
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Additional Consideration #1

Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks

This section of CPP will stay in effect until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.

COVID-19 testing

- We will provide COVID-19 testing to all employees in our exposed workplace except for employees who were not present during the period of an outbreak identified by a local health department or the relevant 14-day period. COVID-19 testing will be provided at no cost to employees during employees' working hours.
- COVID-19 testing consists of the following:
 - All employees in our exposed workplace will be immediately tested and then tested again one week later. Negative COVID-19 test results of employees with COVID-19 exposure will not impact the duration of any quarantine period required by, or orders issued by, the local health department.
 - After the first two COVID-19 tests, we will continue to provide COVID-19 testing of employees who remain at the workplace at least once per week, or more frequently if recommended by the local health department, until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.
 - We will provide additional testing when deemed necessary by Cal/OSHA.

Exclusion of COVID-19 cases

We will ensure COVID-19 cases and employees who had COVID-19 exposure are excluded from the workplace in accordance with our CPP **Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases** and **Return to Work Criteria** requirements, and local health officer orders if applicable.

Investigation of workplace COVID-19 illness

We will immediately investigate and determine possible workplace-related factors that contributed to the COVID-19 outbreak in accordance with our CPP **Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases**.

COVID-19 investigation, review and hazard correction

In addition to our CPP **Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards** and **Correction of COVID-19 Hazards**, we will immediately perform a review of potentially relevant COVID-19 policies, procedures, and controls and implement changes as needed to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

The investigation and review will be documented and include:

- Investigation of new or unabated COVID-19 hazards including:
 - Our leave policies and practices and whether employees are discouraged from remaining home when sick.
 - Our COVID-19 testing policies.
 - Insufficient outdoor air.
 - Insufficient air filtration.
 - Lack of physical distancing.
- Updating the review:
 - Every thirty days that the outbreak continues.
 - In response to new information or to new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards.
 - When otherwise necessary.

- Implementing changes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the investigation and review. We will consider:
 - Moving indoor tasks outdoors or having them performed remotely.
 - Increasing outdoor air supply when work is done indoors.
 - Improving air filtration.
 - Increasing physical distancing as much as possible.
 - Respiratory protection.

Notifications to the local health department

- Immediately, but no longer than 48 hours after learning of three or more COVID-19 cases in our workplace, we will contact the local health department for guidance on preventing the further spread of COVID-19 within the workplace.
- We will provide to the local health department the total number of COVID-19 cases and for each COVID-19 case, the name, contact information, occupation, workplace location, business address, the hospitalization and/or fatality status, and North American Industry Classification System code of the workplace of the COVID-19 case, and any other information requested by the local health department. We will continue to give notice to the local health department of any subsequent COVID-19 cases at our workplace.

Additional Consideration #2

Major COVID-19 Outbreaks

This section of CPP will stay in effect until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.

COVID-19 testing

We will provide twice a week COVID-19 testing, or more frequently if recommended by the local health department, to all employees present at our exposed workplace during the relevant 30-day period(s) and who remain at the workplace. COVID-19 testing will be provided at no cost to employees during employees' working hours.

Exclusion of COVID-19 cases

We will ensure COVID-19 cases and employees with COVID-19 exposure are excluded from the workplace in accordance with our CPP **Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases and Return to Work Criteria**, and any relevant local health department orders.

Investigation of workplace COVID-19 illnesses

We will comply with the requirements of our CPP **Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases**.

COVID-19 hazard correction

In addition to the requirements of our CPP **Correction of COVID-19 Hazards**, we will take the following actions:

- In buildings or structures with mechanical ventilation, we will filter recirculated air with Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) 13 or higher efficiency filters if compatible with the ventilation system. If MERV-13 or higher filters are not compatible with the ventilation system, we will use filters with the highest compatible filtering efficiency. We will also evaluate whether portable or mounted High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units, or other air cleaning systems would reduce the risk of transmission and implement their use to the degree feasible.
- We will determine the need for a respiratory protection program or changes to an existing respiratory protection program under CCR Title 8 section 5144 to address COVID-19 hazards.
- We will evaluate whether to halt some or all operations at our workplace until COVID-19 hazards have been corrected
- Implement any other control measures deemed necessary by Cal/OSHA.

Notifications to the local health department

We will comply with the requirements of our **Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks-Notifications to the Local Health Department**.