



Injury and Illness Prevention Program

I. Employer Information

**Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District
6521 Enos Lane Bakersfield CA, 93314**

**Rio Bravo Greeley School
6601 Enos Lane Bakersfield, CA 93314**

**Rio Bravo Elementary School
22725 Elementary Lane Bakersfield, CA 93314**

II. Responsible Persons

The following individuals have authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this program for the Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District.

Overall Coordinator(s):
District Superintendent

All managers and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the IIP Program in their work areas and for answering worker questions about the IIP Program.

III. Compliance

All workers, including managers and supervisors, are responsible for complying with safe and healthful work practices. Our system of ensuring that all workers comply with these practices include one or more of the following checked practices:

- ☐ Informing workers of the provisions of our IIP Program.
- ☐ Evaluating the safety performance of all workers.
- ☐ Recognizing employees who perform safe and healthful work practices.
- ☐ Providing training to workers whose safety performance is deficient.
- ☐ Disciplining workers for failure to comply with safe and healthful work

practices.

IV. Communication

All managers and supervisors are responsible for communicating with all workers about occupational safety and health in a form readily understandable by all workers. Our communication system encourages all workers to inform their managers and supervisors about workplace hazards without fear of reprisal.

Our communication system includes one or more of the following checked items:

- ☐ New worker orientation including a discussion of safety and health policies and procedures.
- ☐ Review of our IIP Program.
- ☐ Workplace safety and health training programs.
- ☐ Regularly scheduled safety meetings.
- ☐ Posted or distributed safety information.
- ☐ A system for workers to anonymously inform management about workplace hazards.
- ☐ Our establishment has less than ten workers and communicates with and instructs workers orally about general safe work practices and hazards unique to each worker's job assignment.
- ☐ Employees are "Caught Being Safe" when following safe and healthful work practices. This is communicated to all employees on a monthly basis.

V. HazardEvaluationandControl

Facility and work area inspections shall be conducted. Unsafe conditions and work practices identified during the inspections shall be documented.

In general, inspections will be conducted:

1. When the program is first established.
2. Whenever new substances, processes, procedures, or equipment that represent a new occupational safety and health hazard are introduced into the workplace.
3. Whenever a new or previously unrecognized hazard is evident.
4. Whenever there is a report of an occupational injury or illness or a near-miss incident.

Inspections will be documented using checklists and in-house forms. The date and person conducting the inspections will be documented.

Any deficiencies will be documented on an in-house work order. The work order shall specify the problem and shall also indicate if it is a priority item. Work orders shall be reviewed in order to take the appropriate actions to address each problem. Items will be addressed in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazard. Imminent hazards shall be immediately abated or the operation suspended until corrective measures can be taken.

Any employee may generate a work order as an unsafe or hazardous condition arises or becomes evident. The work orders may be turned in to any area supervisor.

VI. Accident/Exposure Investigations

Procedures for investigating workplace accidents and hazardous substance exposures include:

1. Visiting the accident scene as soon as possible.
2. Interviewing injured workers and witnesses.
3. Examining the workplace for factors associated with the accident/exposure.
4. Determining the cause of the accident/exposure.
5. Taking corrective action to prevent the accident/exposure from reoccurring.
6. Recording the findings and corrective actions taken.

VII. Hazard Correction

Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures shall be corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards. Hazards shall be corrected according to the following procedures:

1. When observed or discovered.
2. When an imminent hazard exists that cannot be immediately abated without endangering employee(s) and/or property, we will remove all exposed workers from the area except those necessary to correct the existing condition. Workers necessary to correct the hazardous condition shall be provided with the necessary protection.

VIII. Training And Instruction

All workers, including managers and supervisors, shall have training and instruction on general and job-specific safety and health practices. Training and instruction is provided as follows:

1. When the IIP Program is first established.
2. To all new workers, except for construction workers who are provided training through a construction industry occupational safety and health program approved by Cal/OSHA.
3. To all workers given new job assignments for which training has not previously been provided.
4. Whenever new substances, processes, procedures, or equipment are introduced to the workplace and present a new hazard.
5. Whenever we are made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard.
6. To supervisors to familiarize them with the safety and health hazards to which workers under their immediate direction and control may be exposed.
7. To all workers with respect to hazards specific to each employee's job assignment.

General workplace safety and health practices include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Implementation and maintenance of the IIP Program.
2. Emergency action and fire prevention plan.
3. Provisions for medical services and first aid, including emergency procedures.
4. Prevention of musculoskeletal disorders, including proper lifting techniques.
5. Proper housekeeping, such as keeping stairways and aisles clear, work areas neat and orderly, and promptly cleaning up spills.
6. Prohibiting horseplay, scuffling, or other acts that tend to adversely influence safety.
7. Proper storage to prevent stacking goods in an unstable manner and storing goods against doors, exits, fire extinguishing equipment and electrical panels.
8. Proper reporting of hazards and accidents to supervisors.
9. Hazard communication, including worker awareness of potential chemical hazards, and proper labeling of containers.
10. Proper storage and handling of toxic and hazardous substances, including prohibiting eating or storing food and beverages in areas where they can become contaminated.

IX. Employee Access To The IIPP

Our employees – or their designated representatives - have the right to examine and receive a copy of our IIPP. This will be accomplished by providing unobstructed access through a company server or website, which allows an employee to review, print, and email the current version of the Program. Unobstructed access means that the employee, as part of their regular work duties, predictably and routinely uses the electronic means to communicate with management or coworkers.

All employees will be notified of the right and procedure to access the Program through annual written communication from the Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District.

Any copy provided to an employee or their designated representative need not include any of the records of the steps taken to implement and maintain the written IIP Program.

Where we have distinctly different and separate operations with distinctly separate and different IIPPs, we may limit access to the IIPP applicable to the employee requesting it.

An employee must provide written authorization in order to make someone their “designated representative.” A recognized or certified collective bargaining agent will be treated automatically as a designated representative for the purpose of access to the company IIPP. The written authorization must include the following information:

- The name and signature of the employee authorizing the designated representative.
- The date of the request.
- The name of the designated representative.
- The date upon which the written authorization will expire (if less than 1 year).

X. Labor/Management Safety and Health Committee

A safety committee has been formed for this organization to address and investigate safety issues. The committee shall operate with close contact and communication with the program coordinators. Functions of the committee include:

1. Meet on a quarterly basis and shall at that time review the results of the facility inspections.
2. Prepare written records of the safety and health issues discussed, make copies available to all affected employees, and maintain the records on file.
3. Review investigations of occupational accidents and causes of incidents resulting in injury, illness, or exposure to hazardous substances and, where appropriate, submit suggestions to the program coordinator for aiding in the prevention of future incidents.
4. Where appropriate, the committee shall review a near miss incident.
5. Review investigations of alleged hazardous conditions brought to the attention of any committee member. When determined necessary by the committee, the committee may conduct its own inspection and investigation to assist in remedial solutions.
6. When appropriate, submit recommendations to assist in the evaluation of employee safety suggestions.
7. Upon request from the Division, verify abatement action taken by the employer to abate citations issued by the Division.

XI. Recordkeeping

Our establishment has twenty or more workers; has a workers' compensation modification rate of greater than 1.1 and is not on a designated low-hazard industry list; or, is on a designated high-hazard industry list. We have taken the following steps to implement and maintain our IIP Program:

1. Records of hazard assessment inspections, including the person(s) or persons conducting the inspection, the unsafe conditions and work practices that have been identified, and the action taken to correct the identified unsafe conditions and work practices, are recorded on a hazard assessment and correction form.
2. Documentation of safety and health training for each worker, including the worker's name or other identifier, training dates, type(s) of training, and training providers are recorded on a worker training and instruction form. We also include the records relating to worker training provided by a

construction industry occupational safety and health program approved by Cal/OSHA.

Inspection records and training documentation will be maintained according to the following checked schedule:

For one year, except for training records of workers who have worked for less than one year which are provided to the worker upon termination of employment.

Model COVID-19 Prevention Procedures (CPP)

In California, all employers are required to establish, implement, and maintain an effective, written Injury and Illness Prevention (IIPP) program that meets the requirements of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 8, section 3203. COVID-19 is considered a workplace hazard and most employers must address COVID-19 prevention under their workplace IIPP. COVID-19 prevention procedures must be addressed either in the written IIPP or maintained in a separate document.

Cal/OSHA has developed this model COVID-19 CPP to assist employers that choose to address their written COVID-19 hazard control procedures in a document separate from their IIPP. Employers are not required to use this CPP. Instead, they may create their own or use another CPP template. Cal/OSHA encourages employers to engage with employees in the design, implementation, and evolution of their CPP.

Using this model alone does not ensure compliance with the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention standard. To use this model CPP effectively, and ensure it meets the COVID-19 standard requirements, the person(s) responsible for implementing the CPP should carefully review:

Elements that may be required in the following CCR, Title 8 sections:

- **3205, COVID-19 Prevention**
 - **3205.1, COVID-19 Outbreaks**
 - **3205.2, COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Housing**
 - **3205.3, COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Transportation**
 - The three **Additional Considerations** provided at the end of this CPP to see if they are applicable to their workplace.
- Additional guidance and resources are available at www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/

CCR, Title 8 sections 3205 through 3205.3 apply until two years after February 3, 2023, except for the recordkeeping subsections 32050(2) through (3), which apply until three years after February 3, 2023].



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COVID-19 Prevention Procedures (CPP) for Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District

This CPP is designed to control employees' exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) that causes COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) that may occur in our workplace.

Date: February 23, 2023

Authority and Responsibility

The District Superintendent 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 procedures 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.

Application of the Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District Injury & Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)

COVID-19 is a recognized hazard in our workplace that is addressed through our IIPP, which will be effectively implemented and maintained to ensure the following:

1. When determining measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission and identifying and correcting COVID-19 hazards in our workplace:
 - a. All persons in our workplace are treated as potentially infectious, regardless of symptoms, vaccination status, or negative COVID-19 test results.
 - b. COVID-19 is treated as an airborne infectious disease. Applicable State of California and Kern **County Department of Public Health** orders and guidance will be reviewed when determining measures to prevent transmission and identifying and correcting COVID-19 hazards. COVID-19 prevention controls include:
 - i. Remote work.
 - ii. Physical distancing.
 - iii. Reducing population density indoors.
 - iv. Moving indoor tasks outside.
 - v. Implementing separate shifts and/or break times.
 - vi. Restricting access to work areas.
2. Training and instruction on COVID-19 prevention is provided:
 - a. When this CPP was first established.
 - b. To new employees.
 - c. To employees given a new job assignment involving COVID-19 hazards and they have not been previously trained.
 - d. Whenever new COVID-19 hazards are introduced.
 - e. When we are made aware of new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards.
 - f. For supervisors to familiarize themselves with the COVID-19 hazards to which employees under their immediate direction and control may be exposed.

Appendix A COVID-19 **Training Roster** will be used to document this training.

3. Procedures to investigate COVID-19 illnesses at the workplace include:
 - a. Determining the day and time a COVID-19 case was last present; the date of the positive COVID-19 tests or diagnosis; and the date the COVID-19 case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms. Appendix B Investigating COVID-19 Cases will be used to document this information.
 - b. Effectively identifying and responding to persons with COVID-19 symptoms at the workplace. **The District Nurse responds to persons with COVID-19 symptoms in the workplace.**
 - c. Encouraging employees to report COVID-19 symptoms and to stay home when ill. **Employees report COVID-19 symptoms to their direct supervisor who encourages employees to stay home when ill.**
4. Effective procedures for responding to COVID-19 cases at the workplace include:
 - a. Immediately excluding COVID-19 cases (including employees excluded under CCR, Title 8, section 3205.1) according to the following requirements:
 - i. COVID-19 cases who do not develop COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work during the infectious period.
 - ii. COVID-19 cases who develop COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work during the shorter of either of the following:
 - a. The infectious period.
 - b. Through 10 days after the onset of symptoms and at least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication.
 - iii. Regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of COVID-19 symptoms, a COVID-19 case must wear a face covering in the workplace until 10 days have passed since the date that COVID-19 symptoms began or, if the person did not have COVID-19 symptoms, from the date of their first positive COVID-19 test.
 - iv. Elements i. and ii. apply regardless of whether an employee has been previously excluded or other precautions were taken in response to an employee's close contact or membership in an exposed group.
 - b. Reviewing current **California Department of Public Health (CDPH)** guidance for persons who had close contacts, including any guidance regarding quarantine or other measures to reduce transmission.
 - c. The following effective policies will be developed, implemented, and maintained to prevent transmission of COVID-19 by persons who had close contacts.
 - d. If an order to isolate, quarantine, or exclude 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.
 - e. If removal of an employee would create undue risk to a community's health, **Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District** may submit a request for a waiver to Cal/OSHA in writing to rs@dir.ca.gov to allow employees to return to work if it does not violate local or state health official orders for isolation, quarantine, or exclusion.
 - f. Upon excluding an employee from the workplace based on COVID-19 or a close contact, **Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District** will provide excluded employees information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws. This includes any benefits available under legally mandated sick leave, workers' compensation law, local governmental requirements, and **Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District** leave policies and

leave guaranteed by contract. **Information will be provided to employees by the Human Resources Technician.**

Testing of Close Contacts

COVID-19 tests are available at no cost, during paid time, to all of our employees who had a close contact in the workplace. These employees will be provided with the information outlined in paragraph (4)(f), above.

Exceptions are returned cases as defined in CCR, Title 8, section 3205(b)(11).

Notice of COVID-19 cases

Employees and independent contractors who had a close contact, as well as any employer with an employee who had a close contact, will be notified as soon as possible, and in no case longer than the time required to ensure that the exclusion requirements of paragraph (4)(a) above, are met.

When Labor Code section 6409.6 or any successor law is in effect, **Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District** will:

- Provide notice of a COVID-19 case, in a form readily understandable to employees. The notice will be given to all employees, employers, and independent contractors at the worksite.
- Provide the notice to the authorized representative, if any of:
 - The COVID-19 case and of any employee who had a close contact.
 - All employees on the premises at the same worksite as the COVID-19 case within the infectious period.

Face Coverings

Employees will be provided face coverings and required to wear them when required by a CDPH regulation or order. This includes spaces within vehicles when a CDPH regulation or order requires face coverings indoors. Face coverings will be clean, undamaged, and worn over the nose and mouth.

The following exceptions apply:

1. When an employee is alone in a room or vehicle.
2. While eating or drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and, if indoors, the supply of outside or filtered air has been maximized to the extent feasible.
3. While employees are wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with CCR, Title 8 section 5144.
4. 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. Such employees shall wear an effective non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom if the condition or disability permits it.
5. During specific tasks which cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering. This exception is limited to the time period in which such tasks are actually being performed.

If an employee is not wearing a face covering due to exceptions (4) and (5), above, the COVID-19 hazards will be assessed, and action taken as necessary.

Employees will not be prevented from wearing a face covering, including a respirator, when not required by this section, unless it creates a safety hazard.

Respirators

Respirators will be provided for voluntary use to employees who request them and who are working indoors or in vehicles with more than one person. Employees who request respirators for voluntary use will be:

- Encouraged to use them.
- Provided with a respirator of the correct size.
- Trained on:
 - How to properly wear the respirator provided.
 - How to perform a user seal check according to the manufacturer's instructions each time a respirator is worn.
 - The fact that facial hair interferes with a seal.

The requirements of CCR, Title 8 section 5144(c)(2) will be complied with according to the type of respirator (disposable filtering face piece or elastomeric re-usable) provided to employees.

Ventilation

For our indoor workplaces, we will:

- Review CDPH and Cal/OSHA guidance regarding ventilation, including the CDPH **Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments**. **Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District** will develop, implement, and maintain effective methods to prevent transmission of COVID-19, including one or more of the following actions to improve ventilation:
 - Maximize the supply of outside air to the extent feasible, except when the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Air Quality Index is greater than 100 for any pollutant or if opening windows or maximizing outdoor air by other means would cause a hazard to employees, for instance from excessive heat or cold.
 - In buildings and structures with mechanical ventilation, filter circulated air through filters at least as protective as Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV)-13, or the highest level of filtration efficiency compatible with the existing mechanical ventilation system.
 - Use High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations in indoor areas occupied by employees for extended periods, where ventilation is inadequate to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- Determine if our workplace is subject to CCR, Title 8 section 5142 Mechanically Driven Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems to Provide Minimum Building Ventilation, or section 5143 General Requirements of Mechanical Ventilation Systems, and comply as required.

In vehicles, we will maximize the supply of outside air to the extent feasible, except when doing so would cause a hazard to employees or expose them to inclement weather.

Reporting and Recordkeeping

Appendix B **Investigating COVID-19 Cases** will be used to keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases. These records will be kept by **the District Nurse** and retained for two years beyond the period in which it is necessary to meet the requirements of CCR, Title 8, sections 3205, 3205.1, 3205.2, and 3205.3.

The notices required by subsection 3205(e) will be kept in accordance with Labor Code section 6409.6 or any successor law.

Jennifer Hedge, District Superintendent
February 23, 2023

