

# **Beginning the 2021-2022 School Year**



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# Intent to Implement

LGUSD is committed to fully re-opening with full bell schedules and full program offerings.

LGUSD is required to follow guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

- Commitment to vaccination

- Masks indoors

- Continued optimized ventilation

LGUSD will implement the provisions of AB/SB 130 to provide independent study for students who are unable to attend school due to their health being put at risk.

# Opening Campus

- The District and School offices will open to the public on August 5, 2021.
- In preparation for the modified quarantine options in the event of exposure to COVID-19, families of students ages 12+ will be asked for student COVID-19 vaccination status (early August).
- Vaccinated parents who have a pre-scheduled appointment to help the teacher in their child's classroom will be allowed on campus.

# CDPH Guidelines

- K-12 students are required to mask indoors
- Districts are required to enforce masking requirements, but it is a local decision how the requirements are enforced
- Masks are optional outdoors for all in K-12 school settings
- Adults in K-12 school settings are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with students.
- No requirements for physical distancing.
- Modified quarantine requirements for COVID exposures when BOTH individuals are masked.
- Continued attention to hand hygiene, especially before eating and after using the restroom
- Screening and response COVID testing
- Daily cleaning, with disinfection in the event of COVID cases
- Limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are not fully vaccinated
- Continue to emphasize the importance of staying home when sick.

# CDC vs. CDPH

## CDC

Provides guidance to all nation's schools that is advisory.

- Making optional outdoors
- Masking for all unvaccinated indoors
- No masking for vaccinated indoors
- 3 feet physical distancing
- When 3 feet distancing not possible, universal masking
- Quarantine if exposed w/in 6 feet
- Layered prevention strategies

## CDPH

Provides guidance and health directives to all California schools that must be followed.

- Masking optional outdoors
- Masking for all indoors
- No physical distancing (allowing for full class sizes)
- Modified quarantine if exposed and both parties are masked (students can remain in school)
- Layered prevention strategies

# Campus Practices

As we return to the new year, it is imperative to us that we implement on campus practices that ensure inclusive and emotionally supportive environments for students both on campus and in alternative independent study programs.

1. We will implement a consistent masking policy for all people on campus to wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status.
  - a. Per CDPH: Differential mask policies lead to physical separation from peers, more missed school, and possible stigma, bullying and isolation.
  - b. Universal masking allows for less time out of school due to quarantine
2. We ask all families and staff to follow at home symptom monitoring.
3. We will continue to educate, remind, and implement time and supplies on campus for hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette.
4. Student and staff screening testing
  - a. Before School Begins
  - b. Random Sampling
  - c. Response Testing/Monitoring
5. We will continue orderly morning gate drop off and afternoon pick up procedures at each school site.
6. We will limit non-essential volunteers and visitors on campus, ensuring vaccination and by previously scheduled appointments.

# Student/Staff COVID Testing

- We will offer universal back to school testing on August 9 from 11:30 - 3:30 for all students
  - New registration links will be shared in District Communications
- We will offer symptomatic/sent home/stay home testing daily from 3:00 - 3:30 for staff and students who have been asked to stay home/leave campus. This effort will limit missed school days and support the modified quarantine procedures.

# Student/Staff COVID Initial Monitoring

While we fully anticipate that community transmission will remain low and we will continue to implement safety measures to prevent any school transmission:

- We will offer screening testing for random sections of the alphabet on a regular basis during the first six weeks of school.
- Selected families will be notified the week prior to the testing opportunity.
  - Monday morning from 8:15 - 8:55 for Fisher Middle School students
  - Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 - 2:00 for Elementary students

Further decisions about random testing will be informed by our community transmission levels, participation in the testing processes, and updated guidance.



# **INFORMATION PENDING**

Additional information about the guidance applies to activities such as band and drama is forthcoming--but the classes/activities will be part of the school program and schedule.