



This plan will be reviewed and revised at six-month intervals considering public comment received electronically or at Board of Education meetings, as well as any revisions to Federal and State public health guidelines. Any person desiring these safety provisions in an alternate format can contact the Communications Dept for assistance.

## VACCINATION

The District encourages all eligible staff and students to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The District has and will continue to periodically provide vaccination events at various locations across the District in partnership with SHARP Healthcare.

Per the CDPH, all school workers (including staff and volunteers) are required to provide proof of full vaccination to their school or work site or submit to weekly COVID-19 testing. All employees will fill out a vaccine survey to declare their vaccination status. Those who decline to state will be considered unvaccinated. The District is working to determine how to best implement the testing requirements. More information will be forthcoming.

## PHYSICAL DISTANCING, COHORTS

In order to ensure that schools can fully reopen, the two most restrictive prevention measures from last year's guidance, physical distancing and universal cohort groups, are no longer required when other mitigation strategies, such as masking, are in place.

## SCHOOL MEALS

School meals for the 2021-22 school year will continue to be FREE for all students. Physical distance should be maximized as much as possible while eating, using additional spaces to facilitate distancing. Schools will arrange for eating outdoors as much as feasible. In the event of campus closures ordered by public health, PUSD will continue to provide free meals to students.

County and state health officials have confirmed that all school districts must comply with the [California Department of Public Health guidance for schools](#). We are required to enforce the state mandate, as we would with any other state law, regulation, or policy.

## MASKING

When any students are present, masks are required indoors at school for all students and adults regardless of vaccination status. Masks are optional for everyone outdoors in a K-12 setting. The CDPH will reevaluate its masking guidelines by November 1, 2021. Schools do not have the discretion or authority to change this mask mandate, and must enforce it. Students who require accommodations to achieve compliance with the CDPH health and safety requirements should communicate with their school site.

## SELF-SCREENING

All staff and students should screen daily for symptoms before arriving on campus:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle/body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste/smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If an individual exhibits COVID-19 symptoms during the school day or during after school activities, they will be sent home immediately and recommended to test. Any positive cases and close contacts will be identified, and PUSD will follow this [COVID decision tree](#) to determine their status and return options. Whenever positive cases are identified, appropriate notifications will be sent to staff and community.

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

Poway Unified School District Staff and schools are committed to supporting the social emotional wellness of each and every student, each and every day. PUSD has expanded its social and emotional student support services for the transition back to in-person learning by hiring additional counselors, social workers, and psychologists.

## VOLUNTEERS & VISITORS

We know family and community engagement is vital to the success of our schools. Per the CDPH, "schools should limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are not fully vaccinated." At this time in PUSD:

- Essential volunteers include PTO/PTA/Foundation for necessary programs.
- There will be no direct contact with students.
- There will be no in-classroom volunteers at this time.
- Volunteers must show proof of vaccination or a negative test within the week.

We value our parent volunteers and look forward to having them back on campus in the future.

## TESTING

Individuals can access COVID testing through [Phamatech](#) or the County's no-cost [testing](#) options, lab-based tests, or their personal medical provider. Home test kits are not an acceptable option at this time.

*If you/your child(ren) test positive, notify your school immediately.*

## QUARANTINE PROCEDURES

In addition to the SDCOE [decision tree](#), please review PUSD's [COVID prevention and monitoring guide](#).

## CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

Individuals who elect to not participate in on-campus instruction can participate in independent study or virtual learning, space permitting.

## ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES

For indoor spaces, ventilation/filters will continue to be optimized. Frequent hand washing and proper respiratory etiquette will be reinforced. Daily cleaning is sufficient to remove any potential virus that may be surfaces, with focus on high-touch surfaces. Drinking fountains are for refilling bottles only.