Our Goal: Reopen Schools and Remain Open Safely Full-time for All Students

- Changes to mitigation strategies and quarantine guidelines for the opening of the 2021-22 school year

*Districts must comply with the guidance for schools included in the State Public Health Order of June 11, 2021, which derives its authority from Health and Safety Codes 12025, 120140, 120175, 120195 and 131080.
The Following are No Longer Required:

- Stable cohorts
- Physical distancing

According to CDPH, masks are one of the most effective and simplest safety mitigation layers to prevent in-school transmission of COVID-19 infections and to support full time in-person instruction in TK-12 schools.
Additional Mitigation Strategies

- Universal masking indoors at all TK-12 schools
- Masks are optional outdoors on campus
Additional Mitigation Strategies

- Hand washing throughout the day
- Hand sanitizer in all classrooms
- Hand sanitizer stations throughout the campus
- Mandatory at home self-screening prior to coming to school
Additional Mitigation Strategies

- HEPA air purifiers in every classroom
- HVAC system filters have been replaced
- Custodial cleaning daily and high touch throughout the day
Preventing and Monitoring Positive COVID Cases

Self-Screening


  If staff or student are showing symptoms,
  - Receive a negative PCR, remain home until the symptoms are improving, and fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
  - Return on or after Day 11 from onset of symptoms if symptoms have improved + 24 hours without fever and no use of fever-reducing medications.
Close Contact Requirements for in school exposure

**UNVACCINATED Students - 3 Options:**

**Option 1**
Quarantine period is for 10 days
- Asynchronous learning with online assignments through Canvas
- Return on day 11 (symptom free)
- If symptomatic, must remain at home until symptom free

**Option 2**
Quarantine period is for 7 days
- **If student receives a negative PCR COVID test** on or after day 6 of exposure date
- A copy of the test result must be provided to the school’s health technician upon their return to school
- Student can physically return to school day 8 (symptom free)
Close Contact Requirements for in school exposure

**UNVACCINATED Students - 3 Options:**

**Option 3**
If asymptomatic, Individual can remain at school
- Must wear a mask
- Undergo testing twice weekly (3 days apart) during the 10-day post-exposure period
- Provide evidence of negative test result
- Notify site immediately if student is symptomatic or tests positive

**NOTE:** Per SDCOE Decision Tree, if COVID exposure occurs outside of school the quarantine period is 14 days.
Free COVID Testing for

Individuals can access COVID testing through San Diego County’s no-cost testing options, lab-based tests, or their personal medical providers. Neighborhood Health on Poway Road is also available.

Home test kits are not an acceptable option at this time.

*If your child(ren) test positive, notify your school immediately.*
Close Contact Requirements for FULLY VACCINATED Students

➢ If asymptomatic, quarantine is not required
  ○ May remain in school
  ○ Must self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms
➢ If symptomatic, must stay home until symptom-free
Volunteers and Visitors

Per the CDPH:

“Schools should limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are not fully vaccinated.”
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- Essential volunteers include PTO/PTA/Foundation for necessary programs
- Volunteers provide support in work rooms, non-classroom spaces, or from home
- No direct contact with students
- No in-classroom volunteers at this time
- Masks required indoors while on campus
- Must show proof of vaccination, or a negative test within the week
Health & Safety Measures

- Mask required inside the classroom
- Handwashing and hand sanitizer
- Seating charts used for contact tracing
- Students may drink from a water bottle or drinking fountain by briefly shifting their mask. They may also ask to step outside the door.
- Consistent small groups for a period of time
- Students sit with their class only during lunch and are spread out between 3-4 large tables.
- Students play in zones during recess by grade level
- Students eat snacks/lunch/treats outdoors
Parent Friendly Health and Safety Guidelines

- Poway Unified has consolidated the guidelines into a one-page parent-friendly flyer.

[Back to School Health and Safety Guidelines](#)

[PUSD COVID Quarantine Infographic](#)
Let’s work together to keep our schools open, healthy, and safe through 2021-22!