

2021 - 22 COVID 19 Safety Plan
FAQ for Parent

Q: Will masks/face coverings be required?

Yes. Masks are required indoors for all students and staff when students are present in K-12 school/youth settings. Masks are required for all visitors as well. Masks are not required when eating or drinking. They are also optional outdoors for both students and staff. Students, staff, and visitors exempted from wearing a face-covering due to a medical condition must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

- The exemption must be kept on file with the student's Health records.

Q: Will students be required to social distance?

Per the CDPH, with universal masking in schools, no minimum physical distancing is required.

Q: Will students be in cohorts?

CDPH has removed cohort recommendations from their guidance. Students will be able to play outside and mix with their peers.

Q: If my child is not fully vaccinated, will they need to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19?

Not necessarily. An unvaccinated student who has been exposed to COVID-19 may continue to attend in-person instruction for the duration of their 10-day quarantine if and only if they are asymptomatic, undergo at least twice weekly COVID-19 testing during their 10-day quarantine, and refrain from all extracurricular activities

Q: If my child is vaccinated, will they need to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19?

Potentially. Fully vaccinated individuals with no COVID-like symptoms do not need to quarantine or be tested following exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, as their risk of infection is low. Fully vaccinated people should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following exposure. If they experience symptoms after being exposed to COVID-19, they will need to quarantine for 10 days and get tested.

Q: Has anything changed for those students positive for COVID-19?

No. The isolation period for someone with a COVID-19 infection remains 10 days from the positive test date or onset of symptoms.

Q: Will my student have to stay home if sick?

Yes. There has been no change to guidance for students displaying COVID-19 symptoms with no known exposure. Symptomatic students can be cleared to return to school in one of three ways: a note from a healthcare provider, negative COVID-19 test, or completion of a 10 day quarantine period.

Q: If my child is required to quarantine, how will they continue to learn?

Students and parents will be trained to access curricular resources before the need to quarantine arises. Any resources that would be part of a home instructional plan will be introduced and utilized in the classroom.

Each teacher's online learning platform [Google Classroom, Seesaw, etc.] will be utilized to assign and collect student work, ensuring students and parents know what is expected, can complete assignments, and can monitor student progress.

The three components of the quarantine curriculum will be:

1. *Asynchronous Instruction*, where students receive instruction using adaptive software, instructional videos, readings, and other materials.
2. *Assignments for practice and formative assessment*, including those from adaptive software as well activities their classmates are completing in school.
3. *Teacher or class check-ins totaling at least 1 hour per week* to ensure a continued connection to the classroom community. This includes a combination of one on one check-ins with the teacher over the phone or video chat, students Zooming into the classroom, or conferencing with a group of quarantining students.

Q: How will quarantine affect my child's attendance?

Students required to quarantine will be considered "present," as long as they remain responsive, complete assignments, and attend all check-in appointments.

Q: How will quarantine affect my child's grading? Will students still be "held harmless?"

A: Quarantine is expected to last only a short portion of any given grading period. Students will be able to access the complete curriculum, are expected to complete assigned work, and will be graded as such. Failing grades may be given by teachers, even for students required to quarantine.

Q: How and when can we access this quarantine curriculum?

Students who are sick or unable to attend school for reasons other than required quarantine will not be offered or required to complete this modified curriculum.

At most, families should expect instructional resources from teachers by the 3rd day of quarantine. Resources and assignments may be provided throughout the quarantine period, rather than provided all at once.

Q: Will asynchronous learning be the only option for quarantine?

If a significant portion of the class is required to quarantine, "hyflex" instruction may become the most effective model for balancing the needs of students in class and at home. Hyflex instruction involves an in-person teacher teaching students in the classroom simultaneously with remote students (via Zoom), utilizing a variety of synchronous and asynchronous techniques.

Q: Will the State be releasing more guidance for schools to follow?

Yes. We anticipate receiving additional guidance from CDPH on enrichment activities such as band, choir, drama, and sports.