






IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Health and Safety Procedures for 2021-2022

IUSD is committed to safely serving our students, while helping to support the health and wellbeing of those on our campuses. In accordance with OC Health Care Agency Guidelines, the following health and safety procedures have been implemented for the 2021-2022 school year and are posted on our website at iusd.org/safetyandplanning.

PREVENTION AND SCREENING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Home Symptom Screening: Students, with parent/guardian oversight, should complete a symptom self-assessment each day, prior to arrival at school. • Parent Reporting: Parents, if your student is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, please follow IUSD reporting instructions. Individuals who are positive or presumed positive for COVID-19 may not attend school. • Stay Home When Sick: All students must stay home with a fever of 100.4 or higher or any COVID-19 symptoms including chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle or body aches, new loss of smell/taste, vomiting, nausea, or diarrhea.
FACE MASKS AND SHIELDS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified Physical Distancing: Requirements have been modified for those wearing masks. CDPH guidelines state that in-person instruction can occur without physical distancing when universal masking is in place. • Universal Masking Required Indoors: Students and staff are required to wear properly fitted (fully covering the nose and mouth) masks while indoors at school, regardless of vaccination status, unless a medical exemption is provided by a doctor and the student wears a non-restrictive alternative such as a face shield with a drape at the bottom edge. • Face Masks not Required Outdoors: Masks are no longer required outdoors.
HYGIENE AND HEALTHY HABITS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay Home When Sick: Keep students home when they are sick and follow IUSD Health Guidelines. • Hand Washing and Hand Sanitizing: Students have access to frequent hand washing and hand sanitizer stations. • Cover Nose and Mouth: Remind students to cover their noses and mouths when coughing or sneezing.
VENTILATION AND CLEANING PROCEDURES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation: School HVAC systems have been recalibrated to pull in more fresh air and equipped with upgraded MERV-13 filters. • Air Purification Units: Standalone HEPA air purification units are in learning and office spaces, along with common areas and clean the air every 30 minutes. • Cleaning and Disinfecting: Custodial staff are trained in COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting procedures and will continue to implement related protocols to deep clean, sanitize and disinfect sites.
COVID-19 RESPONSE	
	<p>If your student tests positive for COVID-19 or has close contact to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, please notify the school as soon as possible.</p> <p>Positive COVID-19 Cases: Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate for five days and may return to school if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms have improved. • No fever for 24 hours. • A negative COVID-19 test (rapid antigen is preferred) on or after day five. • If the person does not test, or continues to have symptoms, the isolation period is 10 days. The student may return to school on day 11. <p>The Orange County Health Care Agency says anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should continue to wear a well-fitting mask around other people through at least day 10.</p>

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Close Contacts to a Person That Has Tested Positive for COVID-19:

Please follow the guidance below if your student has been in close contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19:

Classroom Exposures: The classroom environment, with current mitigation measures in place, has proven to be extremely low risk for transmission of COVID-19. Students that are exposed to COVID-19 within the classroom with consistent mask wearing and other mitigation measures in place will be able to continue with school attendance regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status. For those that are notified that there was a positive case in their classroom, it is recommended to test 5 days from the date of exposure.

Close Contact Outside of the Classroom- Vaccination Status Not Up-To-Date:

If your student's COVID-19 vaccination status (as described below) is not "up-to-date" and they are a close contact to someone that tests positive for COVID-19 outside of the classroom, keep them home and test 5 days from the date of last exposure. The student may return on day 6 with a negative test as long as they are able to consistently mask through day 10. If the student does not test on day 5, the student will return to school on day 11, after they have completed a full 10-day self-quarantine.

If your student is in the same household as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and they are not able to isolate from the positive person, their quarantine timeline will begin the day after the positive person's isolation time ends.

Close Contact Outside of the Classroom- COVID-19 Vaccination Status Up-To-Date:

Students who are "up-to-date" will be allowed to continue to attend school, as long as they remain asymptomatic, continue to wear a mask, and screen for symptoms daily.

Definition of Vaccination Status:

The county order says individuals are considered "up-to-date" with their COVID-19 vaccination if they have completed a primary series of COVID-19 vaccine and have either received a booster shot or are not yet recommended to receive a booster dose [based on current CDC guidance](#).

The full county order can be found here: <https://ocCOVID19.ochealthinfo.com/article/oc-health-officers-orders-recommendations>

Notifications:

The District and our schools will continue to track and communicate confirmed COVID-19 cases and close contact exposures [as defined by the California Department of Public Health](#).

COVID-19 Dashboard:

IUSD is committed to providing accurate and transparent information regarding COVID-19 cases on our campuses and at District sites, while maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of our students and staff. [Click here](#) to view IUSD's COVID-19 Dashboard.

For more information, please see the following resources:

[IUSD's 2021-22 Safety and Planning Guide](#)



[OCHCA Symptom Decision Tree](#)