

IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Health and Safety Procedures for 2021-2022

IUSD is committed to safely serving our students, while helping to ensure the health and wellbeing of those on our campuses. In accordance with CDPH Guidance for K-12 schools, 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 come to 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><u>Quarantine Scenarios Overview:</u> The following is an overview of the most common quarantine scenarios. Click here for the complete CDPH quarantine guidelines for schools.</p> <p>Positive COVID-19 Cases - Students who are positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, must follow CDPH guidance for isolation and quarantine and may return to school <u>only after</u> 10 days have passed since symptom onset and 24 hours without a fever.</p>

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Close Contact Exposure Guidance (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet):

- **Fully Vaccinated** - Students who are fully vaccinated will be allowed to continue to attend school, as long as they remain asymptomatic, continue to wear a mask, and screen for symptoms daily.
- **Masked and Unvaccinated** - Students who are wearing masks and are not vaccinated will be allowed to continue to attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic, undergo at least twice weekly testing during the 10-day period, continue to wear a mask both indoors and outside, and screen for symptoms daily.
- **Not Masked and Unvaccinated** - Students who are not wearing a mask and are unvaccinated are required to quarantine from school until after day 10 of last exposure without testing or day 7 if a diagnostic specimen (collected after day 5) from the date of last exposure and tests negative. Students must be symptom free and mask indoors and outside until 14 days from the last exposure.
- **Vaccinated Students: Extracurricular Activities** - Students in extracurricular activities who are vaccinated will be allowed to continue participating regardless of whether they are a close contact, if they remain asymptomatic.
- **Unvaccinated Students: Extracurricular Activities** - Students in extracurricular activities who are not vaccinated will not be allowed to continue participating if they are a close contact until after day 7 with a negative test, obtained after day 5 from last exposure, if it is feasible for the student to wear a mask until 14 days from the last exposure.

Positive COVID-19 Cases at Home – Fully vaccinated students, who are **not** positive for COVID-19 but have a household member who is, will be allowed to continue to attend school, as long as they remain asymptomatic, continue to wear a mask, and screen for symptoms daily.

Unvaccinated students must quarantine for 10 days as long as the infected member of the household can isolate. If the household member cannot isolate, then the unvaccinated student must stay home an additional 10 days (total of 20 days) after the end of the infected individual's isolation period.

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](#)