

**MUSD 2021-2022 School Reopening
COVID-19 Student Health Protocols
Updated 08.03.2021**

“COVID-19 vaccination is strongly recommended for all eligible people.”

[MCDPH Back to School COVID Guidance Summary \(English\)](#)

[MCDPH Back to School COVID Guidance Summary \(Spanish\)](#)

OFFICE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Office policies and procedures have been modified to ensure the safety of the school staff, students, and our community. The following procedures will be implemented:

- We ask that visitors come to the office only when business and or concerns cannot be conducted over the phone or by email.
- Masks will be required for all visitors who enter the office. If you do not have a mask, a disposable mask will be provided at the door.
- Offices will have designated areas for visitors. We ask that all visitors remain within the designated areas.
- Public restrooms may not be available for visitors during this time.

PARENTS ON CAMPUS

Visitors will be allowed on a limited basis.

- If you typically allow parents to walk students to class on the first day of school, you should continue to do so for the first day of school.
- Beyond the first day of school, we must limit unnecessary visitors. All other necessary parent meetings may continue.
- Masks are required for all visitors while indoors.

Parent volunteers will not be allowed on campus until further notice.

STUDENT LUNCH

Students may eat in the cafeteria or outside (weather permitting). You are encouraged to have students eat lunch outside as much as possible. In order to ease crowding in the cafeteria, it may be necessary to have students eating inside and outside simultaneously during lunch.

- While students are in the cafeteria:
 - Masks should be worn until the student is seated and eating. Masks should be worn when finished eating to walk out of the cafeteria.
 - Students should remain seated in their classroom cohorts while eating lunch inside of the cafeteria or outside.

- Maximize physical distance as much as possible while eating (especially indoors). Using additional spaces outside of the cafeteria for mealtime seating such as classrooms or the gymnasium can help facilitate distancing. Arrange for eating outdoors as much as feasible.
- Arrange seating in the cafeteria so that tables do not allow for students facing each other while eating lunch. Have all students facing one direction. Combo table/benches provide a great example of not allowing students to face one another.

MASKS

All students and staff are required to wear a mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

- MUSD will provide face coverings to students and staff that inadvertently fail to bring one.
- Masks are optional outdoors.
- [Students refusing to wear masks](#)

Persons exempt from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape at the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it. Physical distancing will need to be maintained from others. A medical note will need to be provided.

HEALTH SCREENER

All students will be required to complete the digital Daily Health Screener to receive a green badge to be cleared to report to school, regardless of vaccination status. Teachers will verify the completion of the Health Screener at the beginning of class. If the Health Screener is not complete please follow:

- Secondary students may complete it in class or just outside the classroom door using a personal device or a classroom chromebook. Another option can be to send students to a predetermined location to complete the Health Screener or make parent contact.
- Elementary students will be sent to a predetermined location until parent contact and the Health Screener is completed.

Temperature checks will not be required and will save time during the screening process. Temperature checks will take place only if a student is symptomatic.

SANITIZATION PROTOCOL

- All classrooms, offices, and other used facilities at the school site will be cleaned and disinfected per CDC guidelines.
- All buses will be cleaned and disinfected daily at the end of the day per CDC guidelines.
- Sanitization protocols will continue as per guidelines utilized at the end of last school year. Please refer to Preparing to Educate guidance from the 2020/21 school year.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Physical distancing does not need to occur when other mitigation strategies are in place (i.e. masks).

STAYING HOME WHEN SICK AND TESTING

If a parent/guardian reports that a student is absent because they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 the student may not return to in-person instruction until they have met the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) criteria to return to school:

- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications; and other symptoms have improved. **AND**
- A copy of a negative COVID test has been provided to the school, **OR**
- A healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (i.e. allergies or asthma) **OR**
- A healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (i.e. strep, flu) **OR**
- At least 10 days have passed since the symptom onset.

Covid-19 symptoms include:

- Fever (100.4 or higher) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue

QUARANTINE GUIDELINES (STUDENTS ONLY)

When a student becomes symptomatic at school:

- The student must be picked up from school by a parent or guardian.
- Students that test positive for COVID-19 and/or students with COVID-19 symptoms who choose not to test for COVID-19, must stay home for 10 days AND be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication (example: Tylenol or Motrin), AND all other symptoms improved.
- A student with a negative COVID-19 test or medical clearance can return to school.

SIBLINGS

Siblings of a symptomatic student may stay in the classroom setting while the index student awaits COVID testing results. Siblings of the index student are subject to a 20 day removal

from the classroom setting if the index student does not COVID test, or isolate from other family members.

STUDENT ON QUARANTINE/ISOLATION

- A student who is quarantined will receive an independent work packet and/or online assignment. Parents should expect the assignments emailed to their child's school email address.
- A teacher or support staff is available to support the student upon request.

ISOLATION SPACE

Used for students with symptoms only:

- The isolation space will only be used for COVID-19 related symptoms.
- Site staff will support students who may enter this room.
- If a student demonstrates COVID-19 symptoms he/she will not be permitted back into the classroom.
- Parents will be notified and asked to come to the office to pick up their child or make other arrangements to ensure the student gets home safely.
- Once the parent or guardian arrives, staff will escort the child to their parent/guardian.

VACCINATED

People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19: two weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or two weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson)

Following a known exposure, fully vaccinated people do not need to quarantine if asymptomatic.

UNVACCINATED (when both parties are wearing a mask)

If both parties were wearing a mask in the indoor classroom setting, unvaccinated students and staff who are close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 6 ft indoors) may undergo a modified 10 day quarantine as follows. They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:

1. Are asymptomatic
2. Continue to appropriately mask, as required;
3. Undergo at least twice weekly testing (district may provide)during the 10 day quarantine; and
4. Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.

UNVACCINATED (close contacts who were not wearing a mask)

For those who remain asymptomatic, meaning they have not had any symptoms, may discontinue self quarantine under the following conditions:

1. Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing;
or
2. Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen (PCR) is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative.