



VICTOR VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Ron Williams, Ed.D, Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, Staff and Community Members,

We hope you have enjoyed your summer and that you remain safe and healthy. As we approach the return of our students on August 9, 2021, we would like to address the importance of student and staff safety.

We are very proud of how safe and healthy our partial return efforts were at the conclusion of the previous school year. Thank you to all students, families and staff who supported our safety plans, abided by health regulations, and helped to communicate the importance of wearing masks and maintaining safe distances. You continue to inspire us with your unwavering support of our district and its students.

Safe, healthy and secure campuses continue to be driving priorities for the Victor Valley Union High School District. As students return to in-person instruction, we are focused on re-engaging with families and supporting students so they can thrive this upcoming year.

In preparation for the new school year, we have instituted safety plans to facilitate a safe return to daily, in-person and full-time instruction. **Under the current state guidelines, students and staff will be required to wear masks covering their noses and mouths indoors at all facilities when students are present and inside buses when students are present. When students are not present, masks are optional indoors for fully vaccinated staff members (non-vaccinated staff will be required to wear masks). When outdoors, masks are optional for all students and staff.**

If an individual has a documented exemption from wearing a mask, they must submit documentation to the school or district Risk Management Office and they will be issued a non-restrictive alternative. The guidelines allow these groups to be exempted:

—Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.

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—Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

—Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

Based on state guidance, students who choose to defy the face-covering mandate must be excluded from campus and given an alternative education option. VVUHSD offers the Goodwill Independent Studies Program and the Victor Valley Virtual Academy. In these two alternative settings, face coverings will be required for any indoor, in-person interaction that is included as part of the programs. If you are interested in learning more about these programs, visit our website www.vvuhsd.org or contact Principal Kevan Loyd at (760) 955-3440.

Symptom screening is no longer necessary at our school sites, according to state and federal guidance. COVID-19 vaccination is not currently a requirement to attend school.

The COVID-19 situation remains fluid, and state guidelines may change. We will update the community if our policies change in the future.

As we return to school on August 9, 2021, all schools will return to the bell schedule they had before COVID-19 closures (schools will no longer be using the modified schedule used last school year). School administrators will be contacting registered students directly with more information about the coming school year.

If you have a child who will be attending one of our schools for the first time this year, please visit <https://www.vvuhsd.org/departments/business-services-division/central-enrollment-center> for registration information and to start the registration process now.

We value your continued support for our district. We are ready to welcome your children with smiling faces and ready to ensure their maximum health, safety and security while offering positive educational outcomes. Continue to enjoy your summer, and we will see you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Ron Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent