Coachella Valley Unified School District Back to School Safety Plan



First Day of School August 12, 2021



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CVUSD COMMITMENT



The Coachella Valley **Unified School** District (CVUSD) is committed to the safety and well-being of our students and staff and is closely monitoring the novel coronavirus to provide you updates with the latest information.



We Were Very Successful Last Year

- Each campus, starting in February 2021, held on Campus Learning opportunities for students - Power Up Hubs.
- Students and Staff attended zoom meetings on campus safely for each day of instruction.
- Transportation and Food Service provided quality service throughout the year.

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- In Person Summer School was held for a 4-week period.
- Students and teachers were excited to be back on campus safely and back in the classroom. Masks were required.
- Close to 4,000 students attended with over 300 staff members across all campuses.



2021-2022 School Year



100 % In-Person Instruction

- 100% of students return to in-person instruction.
- Students attend in-person instruction 5 days per week.
 - Max class size TK-3 = 24

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Max class size 4th-8th = 30; 9th-12th = 32

- Safety Protocols followed at all times.
- After school programs/interventions will take place in person.
- Athletics practice and games continue to follow CIF guidelines.
- All staff returns to work on site.

Staying Safe on Campus





Daily Screenings

At home health screenings will occur for all students, staff, and visitors prior to coming to campus.

Hand Hygiene

All students and staff will be required to follow proper hand hygiene procedures. Hand sanitizing areas and hand sanitizer will be available throughout campus.

Physical Distancing

In-person instruction <u>can</u> occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements as all staff is required to wear masks when students are present indoors.

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At Home Daily Screening Checklist

If you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions, please do not visit a school campus and contact the school site nurse for further instructions.

Have you experienced any of the following in the previous 24 hours:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue, Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days?
- Are you currently awaiting results from a COVID-19 test?
- Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 by a licensed healthcare provider (for example, a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or other) in the past 10 days?



 Have you been told that you are suspected to have
COVID-19 by a licensed
healthcare provider in the past 10 days?

Health & Safety

To keep our students, staff, and families safe, CVUSD will continue to follow health and safety guidelines, as set forth by Riverside County and the **California Department of Public** Health. In addition, we will continue to implement multi-layered preventive strategies to protect our students and staff.





Monitoring COVID-19 in CVUSD

We are committed to providing daily, public and transparent updates to our staff, families and community.

- Site personnel will track every staff member and student who:
 - tests positive for COVID-19
 - goes home with COVID-19 symptoms
 - has been identified as having close contact with someone who tested positive
- Tracking of COVID-19 positive cases will include staff and students who come on site.
- Site staff will provide staff and students appropriate guidance on when to return to school based on established district protocols that follow Riverside County Department of Health guidelines. A letter with a return date will be given.
- Attendance clerk, teachers, and others need to know staff will be informed about students or staff return to school

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Face Masks



Masks are required to be worn indoors at <u>all</u> times (with exempted face mask guidance such as medical condition/disabilities). Disposable masks will be on hand for those that may need one.*Masks are optional outdoors for all K-12.

Ventilation

Every classroom, school office and isolation room has been equipped with an air purifier. Air purifiers will be used at all times.

Isolation Rooms

Every site has an isolation room or designated area to hold individuals showing COVID-19 symptoms. The room/area has access to a restroom and its own exit route to minimize cross contamination. Isolation rooms will be monitored by health care staff.

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Daily Disinfecting

Each site has a site specific disinfecting plan based on individual needs. All occupied and used areas will be disinfected on a daily basis. Additional disinfecting spray, wipes, and hand sanitizer will be provided for classrooms.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE

PPE has been made available for all staff and students at all sites.

Essential Visitors

Schools should <u>limit</u> nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are <u>not</u> fully vaccinated, particularly in areas where there is moderate-to-high COVID-19 community transmission. *Schools should <u>not</u> limit access for direct service providers. Each school site has a designated isolation area identified as an isolation room to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the case of a health concern.



Isolation Rooms

- Students with COVID-19 symptoms will be placed in the isolation room.
- A health staff member will supervise students in the isolation room.
- PPE will be worn by all staff members assigned to supervise the isolation room.
- There will be direct outside access from the isolation room for easy parent pick-up and to lessen risk of contamination.
- Isolation room will be disinfected after each use.
- Training for all individuals assigned to supervise the isolation room will be provided.

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Safety Measures on













Staff Training

Training on the prevention of the spread of COVID will be provided to all staff.



Training Topics

- Guidelines to follow for COVID-19 exposure & symptoms
- □ At home health screenings
- Healthy hygiene practices
- **Utilizing PPE effectively**
- Disinfecting routines

Social Emotional Support Plan





Connecting Back to their Teachers

Teachers are excited to have their students back on campus safely and they are planning a variety of ways to support, connect, and build those strong relationship with each and every one of their students.

Student Survey

Every school will take a strengths based approach survey to provide the staff with schoolwide information about the social emotional health of their students.

Everyday Social Emotional Lessons

Once a day for six weeks, a teacher will slow down and teach a social emotional lesson to help build resiliency, social awareness, relationship skills, self awareness, self management, responsible decision-making, and many more topics.



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Wellness Center Opening this Fall - Grades 7 to 12

The Wellness Center will provide prevention programs such as empowerment groups, classrooms lessons, and student training. All students are welcome to participate and participation is voluntary. We will also provide access to additional supports and resources.

All Campuses will have a Mental Health Counselor



The Mental Health Specialist, along with the Wellness Center, will treat all students with respect and compassion. We will focus on helping and supporting students at school by providing resources, specialists, and/or learning lessons to manage stress, understand social emotional triggers, and to just be a safe place to grow.

Nutritional Services



Child Nutrition Services will be providing fun, healthy, and nutritious meals to all enrolled students, free of charge, for school year 2021-22. Meal services offered to students on a daily basis will be Breakfast, Breakfast on the playground/courtyard (grab-n-go), Lunch with Fresh Vegetable and Fruit Options, Supper, and After School Snacks.





Transportation



Original designated areas for bus and parent drop-off and pick up zones will return.

Bus Riders

- All K-12 and staff are required to wear face masks while on the bus (regardless of vaccination status).
- Bus pass will be issued & required for all bus riders.

Parent Drop Off & Pick Up

 Parents are to remain in their vehicle when dropping off and picking up their student.







It will take every single one of us to do our part to keep everyone as safe as possible.

- Follow site specific instructions for dropping off and picking up students to avoid traffic congestion.
- Screen children prior to sending or dropping off at school.
- Remind your student about the importance of following safety guidelines; to include proper wearing of face mask & good hand hygiene.



Our Promise to You

We look forward to continuing to serve our school communities. We promise to support our students, staff, and families by providing constant communication, remaining transparent with our health data, and providing education and guidance on health and safety matters.