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Superintendent

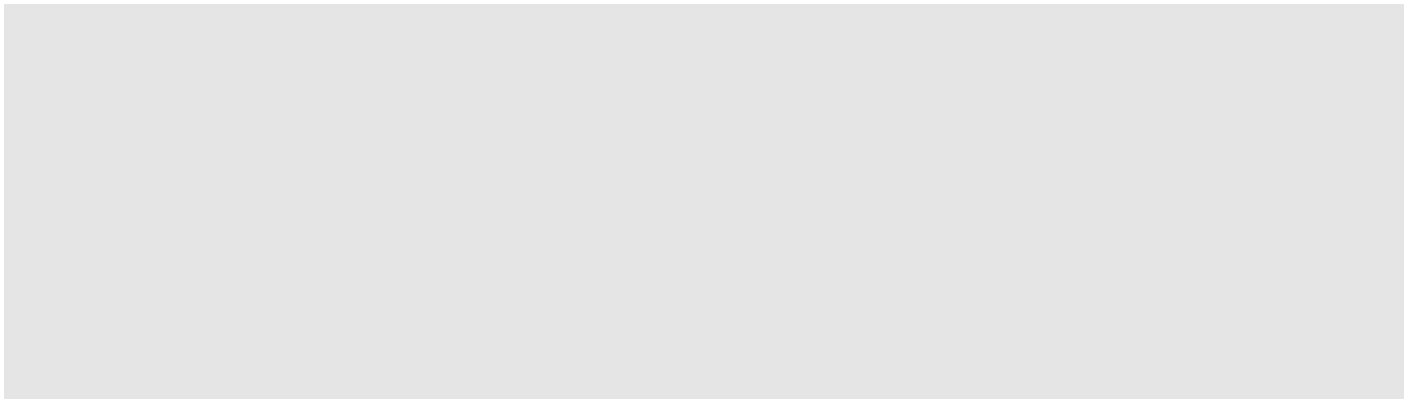
# We Are



## PATHWAY FORWARD

*August 18, 2021*

# LWSD Commitments





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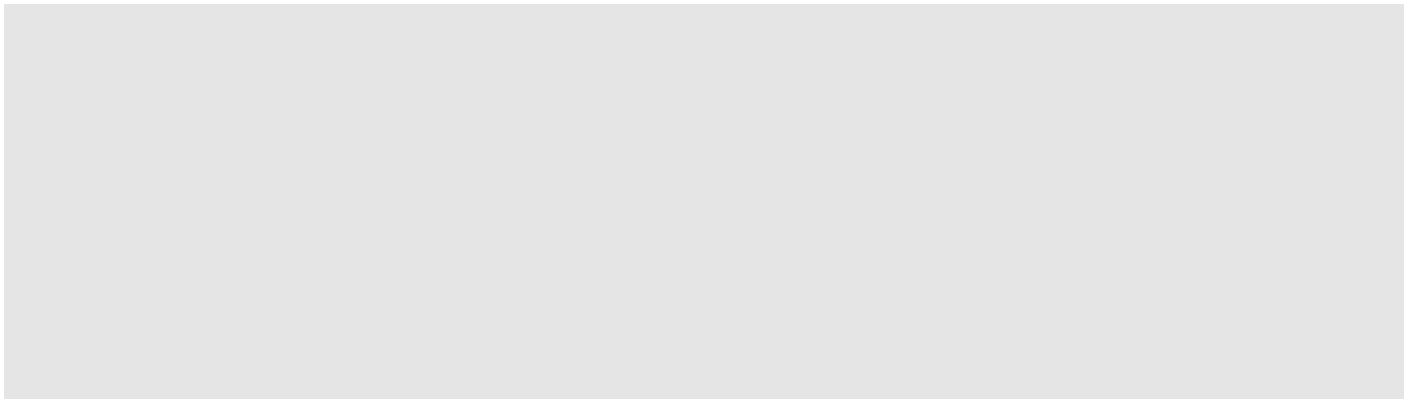
# Agenda

Frequently  
Asked Questions  
and Information

Decision Making

Health and  
Safety Guidance

# Quick FAQs



# Why is the district requiring masking?

- The District does not have the authority to make a different decision regarding masking at this time.
- It is expected that all students, staff and visitors comply with Department of Health mask requirement for schools.
- The district will continue to follow Department of Health guidance related to masking.
- Students are not required to mask when outdoors and per the Department of Health Guidance:  
*“Masks are strongly recommended for unvaccinated individuals when outdoors in crowded spaces or when in close contact with people from outside their household for a sustained period of time, as the risk of COVID-19 infection increases with the duration and closeness of contact between individuals. Schools should support students and staff who choose to wear a mask or face covering outdoors.”*



# Will the District require vaccines?

- The district will follow State and Department of Health guidelines regarding vaccines for adults and students.
- Currently, there is not a vaccine requirement for staff or students with the exception of nurses and other state licensed health professionals.

Will the District  
move to fully  
remote school  
again?

- Washington State requires school districts to provide full-time in person learning for all students.
- At this time, we do not anticipate a change to this requirement which allows us to maintain continuity and connection with our students.



# What will lunch be like for my child?

- Each school is developing a plan to serve lunch in accordance with state guidelines.
- Lunch will look different at each site as our school teams work through a number of logistics, space constraints and staffing levels.
- Student will not be masked when eating.
- Students will be spaced to the extent possible using a number of strategies.

Can my student  
eat snack and  
drink water in  
the classroom?

- Schools have the ability to allow snacks and drinking water in the classroom.

Are there any additional requirements for my child to ride the bus?

- All drivers and riders will need to wear a mask when on the bus.
- Each bus will implement a seating chart within the first month of school.

# Will the district offer online school?

- The district is offering an online school for elementary and secondary students.
- The online school is not connected to the neighborhood school. This allowed us to staff it in accordance with our typical models/funding.
- Families will be allowed to register through August 24th at 11:59pm. Students registered after that time will continue to be placed on a waitlist pending space and staffing availability.

<https://www.lwsd.org/schools/online-learning-option-for-2021-22>

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# Decision Making

Requirements and Guidance for K-12 Schools

# Layered Decision Making and Lines of Authority

Presidential Emergency  
Authority and Emergency  
Orders

Center for Disease Control

Washington State Labor  
and Industry

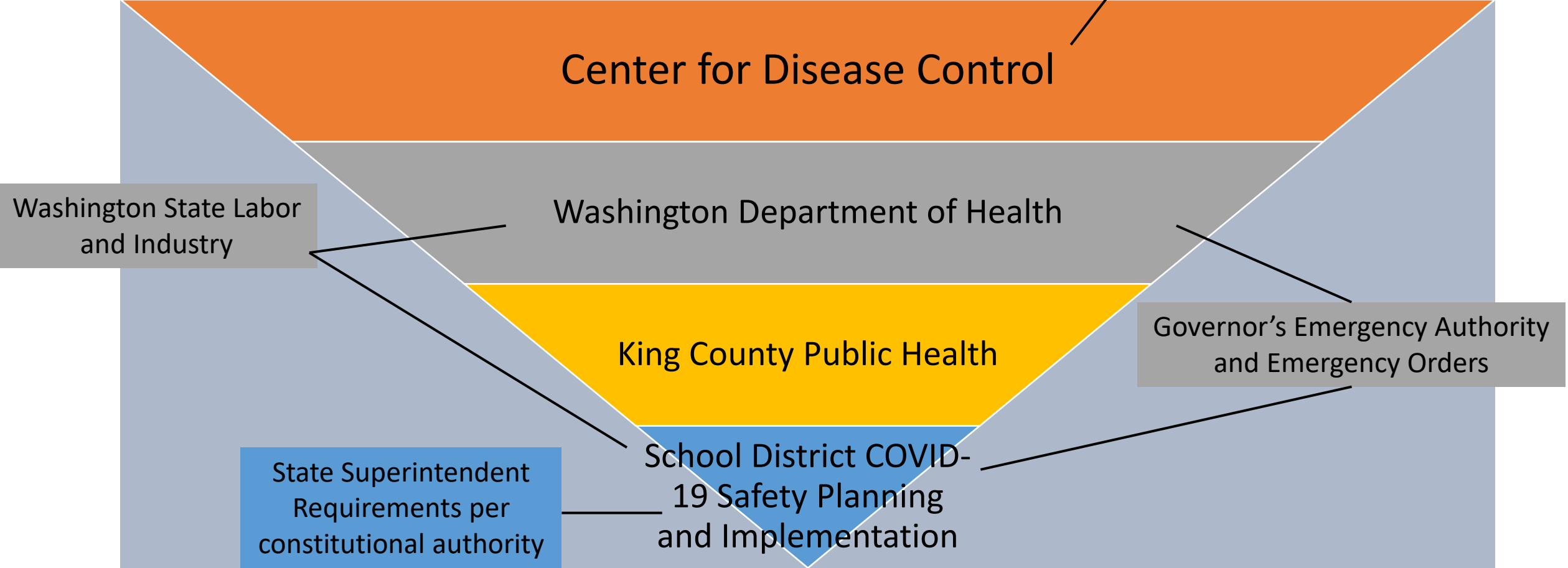
Washington Department of Health

King County Public Health

Governor's Emergency Authority  
and Emergency Orders

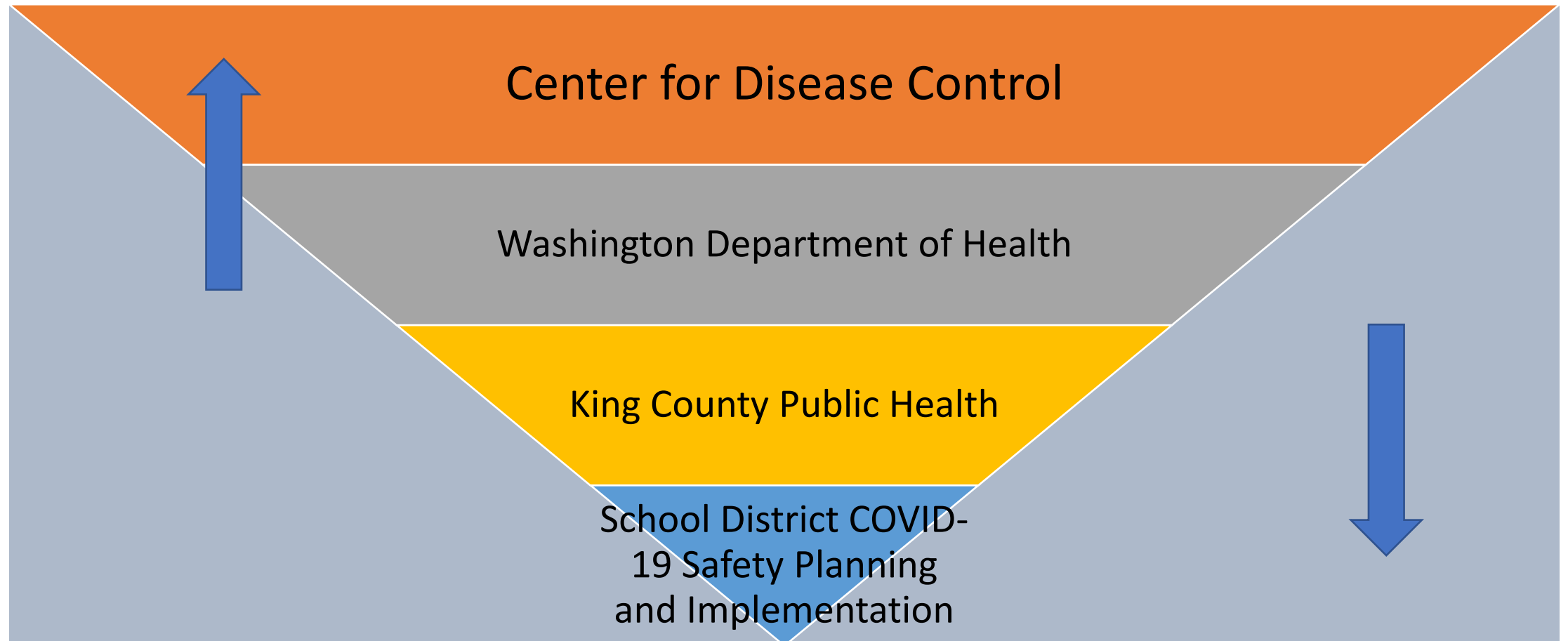
State Superintendent  
Requirements per  
constitutional authority

School District COVID-  
19 Safety Planning  
and Implementation





# Layered Decision Making and Lines of Authority



# Guidance and Requirements

- Department of Health – K-12 Requirements for 2021-22 School Year
- Governor's State of Emergency (20-05) amended 20-25.14
- Local Health Officer Indoor Masking Directive
- Letter of Direction/Expectation from State Superintendent of Public Instruction

# Guidance and Requirements: Department of Health – K-12 Requirements for 2021-22 School Year

## Information related to:

1. Vaccine verification
2. Masking
3. Physical Distancing
4. Ventilation
5. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette
6. Cleaning and Disinfecting
7. Staying home when Sick
8. COVID-19 Testing
9. COVID-19 Case Response (including close contact and quarantine)

# Guidance and Requirements: Governor's State of Emergency (20-05) amended 20-25.14

## Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-25.14

- Continuance of the State of Emergency
- Identifies levels of authority for a variety of areas related to COVID-19 and the Governor's requirements for public agencies/locations and private citizens

# Guidance and Requirements: Local Health Officer Indoor Masking Directive

Local Health Officer, Dr. Duchin ordered a Local Health Officer Indoor Masking Directive

The directive language:

- Everyone 5 years of age and older in King County **should continue to wear** a face covering within indoor public spaces, unless a state-approved method is used to assure that all people allowed inside have been fully vaccinated.
- **Everyone** in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, **schools**, public transportation, and certain health care settings, including doctor's offices, long-term care, and hospitals **must** also **wear a well-fitted mask** and **adhere to guidance from the Washington State Department of Health**.
- **This DIRECTIVE applies to indoor spaces that are open to the public**, including retail, grocery stores, government buildings, and other businesses and places where members of the public can enter freely; it does not apply to indoor non-public spaces, including businesses, offices, and other places of employment with limited access. **Employers should continue to follow current guidance and requirements from the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries on worker safety**.

# Guidance and Requirements: Letter of Direction/Expectation from State Superintendent of Public Instruction

July 29, Superintendent Reykdal notified all school districts that:

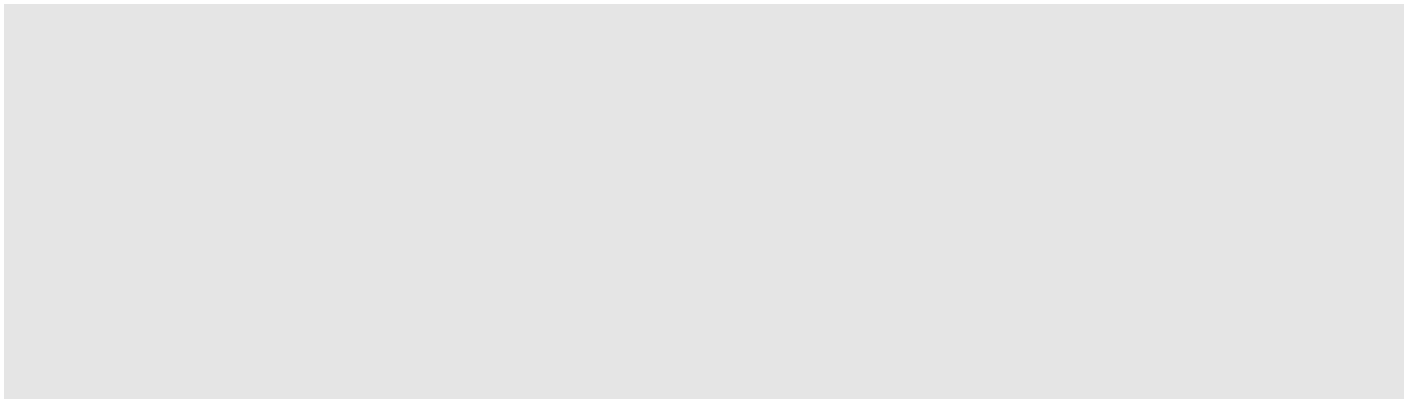
## 1. Masking is not a local decision.

- In his letter he states, “These critical public health actions, including masking for now, are not at the discretion of local boards or local superintendents.”

## 2. District funding will be stopped.

- He goes on to state that any school district that intentionally disobeys the requirements of the Department of Health (state and local) or the Governor’s directives under his executive orders, will see, “an immediate halt to their basic education apportionment.”

# Health and Safety Planning





# Masking is required for students, staff and visitors

- All students are required to wear masks (limited exceptions)
  - All staff are required to wear masks when students are present and when students could reasonably be on campus
  - Bus drivers and bus riders are required to wear masks
  - Students and staff are not required to wear masks outdoors
    - *“Masks are strongly recommended for unvaccinated individuals when outdoors in crowded spaces or when in close contact with people from outside their household for a sustained period of time, as the risk of COVID-19 infection increases with the duration and closeness of contact between individuals. Schools should support students and staff who choose to wear a mask or face covering outdoors.”*
  - Current Labor & Industry guidelines allows vaccinated staff to not wear a mask when students are not present and when students would reasonably not be on campus
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- DOH Order: [https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/Secretary\\_of\\_Health\\_Order\\_20-03\\_Statewide\\_Face\\_Coverings.pdf](https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/Secretary_of_Health_Order_20-03_Statewide_Face_Coverings.pdf)
  - DOH K-12 Guidance: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/820-105-K12Schools2021-2022.pdf>
  - Governor’s Proclamation: [https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/proc\\_20-25.14.pdf](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/proc_20-25.14.pdf)
  - State Superintendent Reykdal’s Statement on Masking: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0QJDnFyTZA>

## Physical Distancing to the extent possible

- Physical distancing requirements should not prevent a school from offering full-time, in-person learning to all students/families in the fall.
- Maintain physical distance of three feet or more between students in classroom settings to the degree possible and reasonable, that allows for full-time, in-person learning for all students.
- A school's ability to do so will depend on students' ages, developmental and physical abilities, and available space.

# Physical Distancing In the classroom

- 3-feet to the greatest extent possible

## Physical Distancing In spaces outside of the classroom

Maximize distance between students to the degree possible:

1. During lunch (reference CDC guidance for school lunches)
2. Common areas
3. During high-risk activities

## Maintain quality ventilation

- LWSD exchanges the indoor classroom air 7 times each hour which is a rate beyond recommended standards during COVID-19

# Handwashing and Hygiene Etiquette

- Teach students appropriate handwashing and hygiene etiquette
- Provide time and opportunity to wash hands before and after high-risk activities

Close Contact  
definition  
changed for  
students  
when  
masked

- In a K-12 indoor classroom, **the close contact definition excludes students who were at least three feet away** from an infected student when (a) both students were wearing face coverings/masks and (b) other prevention strategies were in place.
- This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.



# Quarantine

Defined: Quarantine is when someone who has been exposed to COVID-19 stays home and away from others for the recommended period of time in case they were infected and are contagious.

There are  
individuals  
that may not  
need to  
quarantine

- Close contacts who are **fully vaccinated** and do not have symptoms, do not need to quarantine but should watch for symptoms and get tested if symptoms develop.
- Close contact who had **confirmed COVID-19 in the past three months**, have recovered and do not have symptoms, do not need to quarantine but should watch for symptoms and get tested if symptoms develop.



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Thank you



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