

# COVID-19 Response Plan

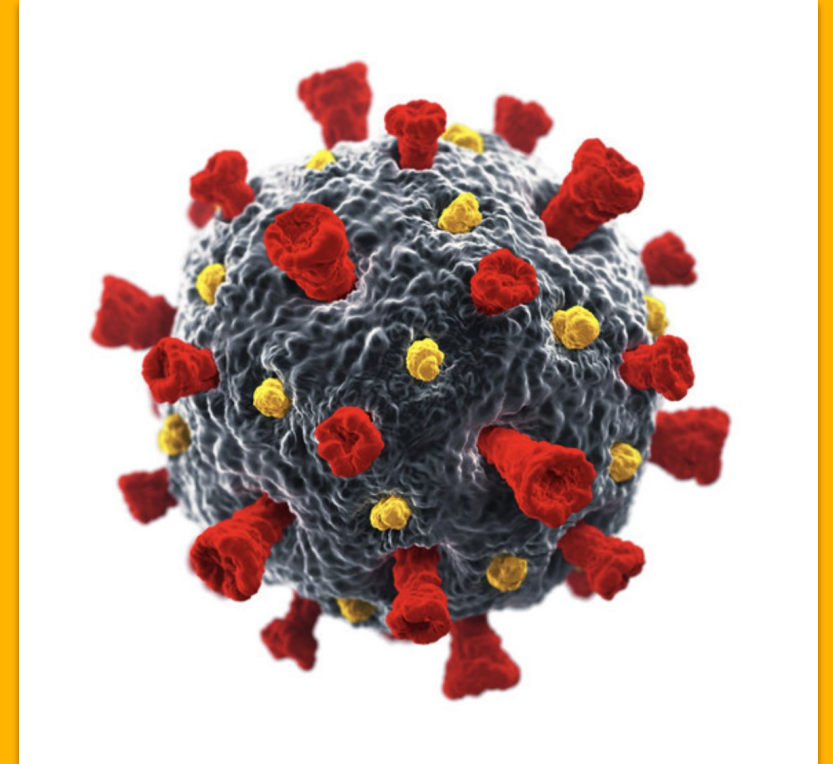
**School Year 2021/22**  
**Version 1**

**Monday, August 16**  
**Jenny Jungeblut, Assistant Principal & COVID Designee**



# Overview

- **Priority for full in-person learning**
- **General Safety Measures**
- **On campus: indoors**
- **On campus: outdoors**
- **Lunch & Recess**
- **Symptoms Check**
- **Quarantine Decision Tree**
- **Visitors & Volunteers**
- **Vaccination Status**
- **Testing**
- **Distance Learning**
- **COVID-19 & AQI**



# California Dep of Education / Public Health Guidance: Priority for full in-person learning

## California Department of Public Health Guidance for K-12 schools

- Aligns with the CDC's national K-12 schools guidance, and American Academy of Pediatrics
- Priority for full in-person learning, to support education, mental, emotional, and social development
- Layered approach: Vaccines, masks, ventilation, hand hygiene, stay home when sick, COVID19 testing. Transparency.
- Universal K-12 mask requirements
  - Indoors – required. All students; all adults when indoors with students.
  - Outdoors- optional.



### Summary of Major Guidance Changes

- Masking **indoors for all** when students/public present
  - Guidance reassessed on an ongoing basis; any decision to update by 11/1
  - Masks *optional* outdoors for all in K-12 settings
- Close contact definition has changed to >15 minutes over 24 hours within 0 to 6 feet **indoors**
- Alternative quarantine options in some cases for children/youth, but **adults still quarantine for full 10 days**
- Disinfect spaces occupied by a person sick within the last **24h**
- Increased focus on testing; resources for testing





# General Safety Measures

- Everybody on campus wears **masks** except for eating and drinking
- Students and staff continue to **wash or sanitize their hands** before entering and exiting a room
- No cohorts but **divisions are separated** as much as possible
- Students are instructed **not to touch each other** but no special distancing is enforced
- **Ventilation** in the classroom is a priority.
- Parents sign an **honor code** to check symptoms and keep children home
- **Testing** continues for all people on campus
- Faculty and staff need to be **vaccinated** (exceptions apply)



# On campus: indoors

- Mask requirement at all times
- No eating and drinking allowed anywhere indoors (including teacher's lounge)
- Ventilation as much as possible (windows and doors open, ventilator on)
- No mandated distancing but students should keep distance as much as possible
- Teachers should continue to avoid close contact



# On campus: outdoors

- General mask requirement
- Eating and drinking: distancing required for all people on campus (preferably six feet if at all possible)
- IF a teacher can maintain six feet distance of ALL students and teacher, masks can be temporarily removed outdoors for short periods of time
- Drinking fountains stay closed (water bottles can be refilled in the classroom or the restrooms)



# Lunch & Recess

- Every division stays in their area
  - Kibili
  - Elementary: inner court, playground, front field
  - Middle School: middle school court, basketball court and field to alternate with high school
  - High School: area in front of the art room, basketball court and field to alternate with middle school; off campus allowed (with new parent waiver)
- No games/activities allowed where students touch each other
- Lunch is staggered
  - 11.30-11.50/11.40-11.55: “a” classes and grades 9/10
  - 11.55-12.15/12.00-12.15: “b” classes and grades 11/12
  - Each grade level has a determined seating area for lunch
- Hot lunch will resume in MV
- No sharing of food or drinks



# Symptoms Check

At home and at school



- All parents have to sign an honor code that they will check for symptoms daily and keep their children home
- Teachers will monitor symptoms and are instructed to send children to the office (isolation room and home) if they display symptoms of COVID-19

## Doctor's Notes

### Summary

- No note needed if negative test.
- Cases for doctor's notes:
  1. Student has symptoms that the parent would have contacted the doctor for prior to the pandemic. Doctors provide an alternate explanation for the symptoms.
  2. Student has a chronic health condition. Doctor provides detailed information that will cover the school year.



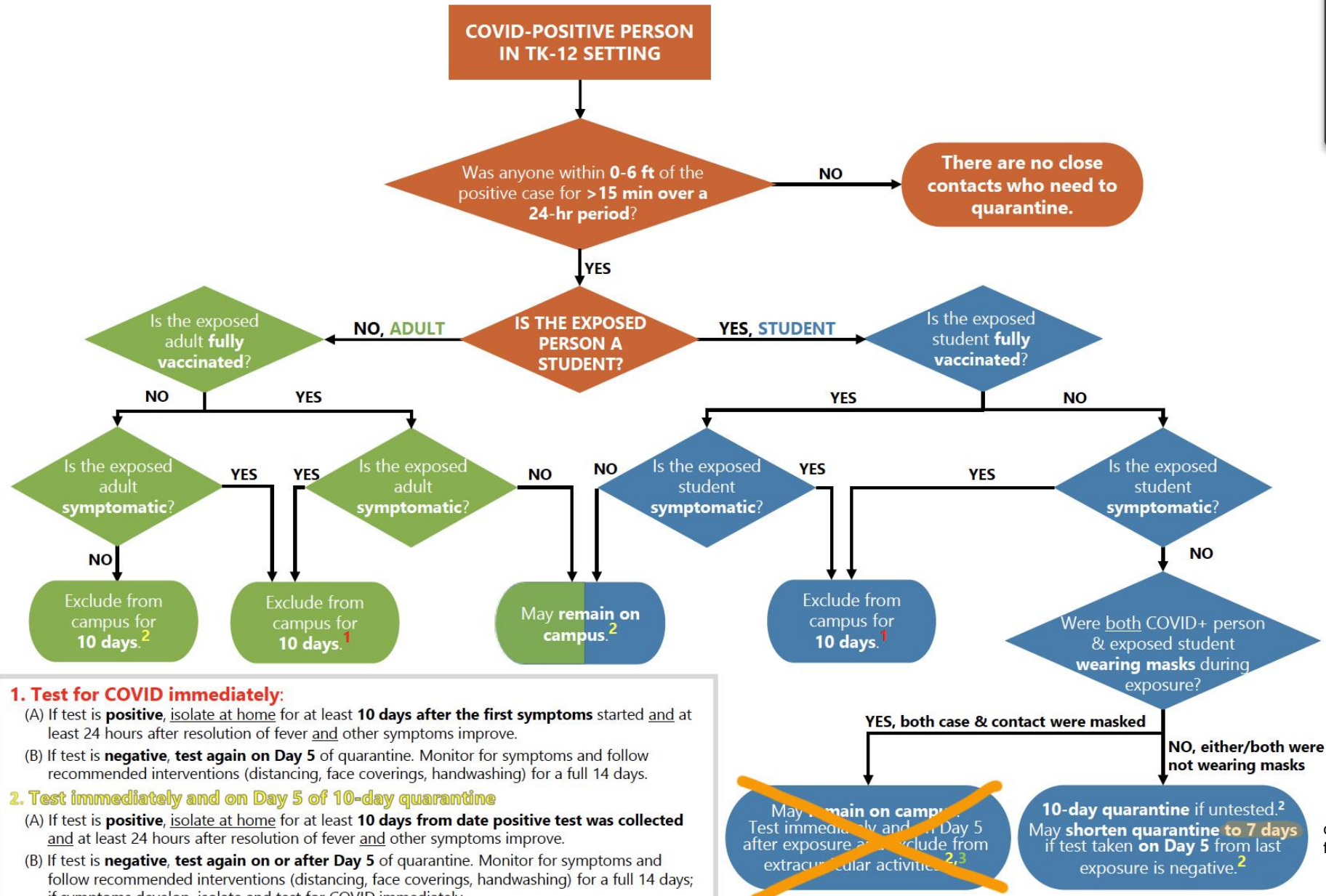


# Testing

- Continue periodic asymptomatic testing for students and staff
- Antigen-Testing is preferred for fast results.
  - Participation in CA School Testing (Primary.Health, BinaxNow test))
  - Self-administered test for K-12
  - More than 10% of student body and staff weekly (4 homerooms in MV and 2 homerooms in SF)
  - All unvaccinated staff is tested weekly
  - Needs trained personnel and parental approval
  - PCR tests are provided for fast testing in case of a positive result
- Testing for ALL students and staff at the beginning of the school year required



# 2021-2022 Quarantine Decision Tree for TK-12 School Settings



can return to school on day 6 for modified quarantine

# Visitors & Volunteers



- Only staff and students are allowed on campus (exceptions apply)
- Every volunteer who enters campus has to either be vaccinated or has tested negative in the last 7 days



## Field Trips

- Field trips are discouraged and only allowed as an exception (with prior approval) with the same guidelines as on campus (masking, ventilation)
- Chaperones have to be either tested or vaccinated





# Modifications to Distance Learning

- Currently, GISSV does not offer distance learning during school year 21/22 unless a medical exception indicates this as a necessity.
- In the case of class quarantines, the students will be taught via distance learning (K-12).
- In the case that a student has to go into mandatory quarantine because of exposure, they will be able to take part via Google Classroom.
- In the case that a student has special requirements before or after travel because of COVID-19, the student can be asked to complete work from the respective teacher(s).
- If a student is sick, they should rest and get better; however, the teacher might provide an overview of the topics that were discussed in their absence.





# COVID-19 and AQI

It's Wildfire Season

- AQI at 100+: Students can stay inside during recess; running during recess is discouraged; PE is non-exerting exercises only
- AQI at 150+: If measured at 6.30am: campus closed for the day and distance learning takes place (K-12); if measured until 11.30am: all students go home at 1.50pm

**High AQI might happen with wildfires increasing in the late summer.**

**Measures against COVID-19 and high AQI are mutually exclusive!**

