

## Cabrillo Elementary Back-to-School 2021-22

Overview of instructional models and COVID-19 health and safety protocols

August 2021





### Introduction

- Welcome back, Cabrillo families!
- Meet our assistant principal, Summer Graves!
- This year, we have two instructional models:
  - In-person Instruction
  - Independent Study Program
- In order to bring everyone back to campus safely amid the continuous threat of COVID-19 and its emerging variants, we will continue to employ the health and safety protocols advised by public health experts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and keep our students, staff, and community safe.



### Agenda

- Health & Safety
- Instructional Models
- Cabrillo Procedures & Logistics
- Learning & Community Supports



## **Health and Safety**





### Health and Safety

While the variants may change, the typical recommended strategies to fight COVID-19 remain effective and widely available.

#### At Wiseburn, we will employ them all in combination:

- 1. Masks
- 2. Ventilation
- 3. Vaccines
- 4. COVID-19 Testing
- 5. Limiting indoor crowding where possible





### Masks

- Masks continue to reduce transmission of COVID-19, including the Delta variant, per the CDC.
- Per state and local directives, **indoor masking is required for everyone at K-12 schools regardless of vaccination status.** Students, staff and visitors must wear masks inside our schools.
- Some limited exceptions apply: Students granted a reasonable accommodation in the form of mask exemption due to a disability or other condition are not excluded from in-person education. However, it is strongly recommended by the LADPH that these students be tested for COVID-19 weekly.
- Students who do not comply with the masking requirement will be offered an opportunity to join our Independent Study Program. They will not be allowed on campus.
- Outdoor masking is recommended, but we will use this time to also allow students to take mask breaks, especially while eating/drinking.
- Per LADPH, physical education classes held indoors requires all present to wear masks except when drinking water.





### Ventilation

- COVID-19 spreads through the air. To combat COVID-19, the CDC, recommends using filtered ventilation systems.
- In March 2021, we installed state-of-the-art air purifier systems that are connected to our current HVAC systems in all 150 classrooms, office spaces, and multi-use rooms.
- These air purifiers are similar to those used to disinfect air in airplanes, and they will be active and providing continuous disinfection in our classrooms.
- Our HVAC systems are routinely maintained. Air filters on air conditioning units will be replaced every three months.





### Vaccines

- Per the CDC:
  - COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at preventing COVID-19, including severe illness and death.
  - COVID-19 vaccines are effective against severe disease and death from variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 currently circulating in the United States, including the Delta variant.
  - Infections happen in only a small proportion of people who are fully vaccinated, even with the Delta variant. When these infections occur among vaccinated people, they tend to be mild.
    - More than 99.99% of people fully vaccinated against Covid-19 have not had a breakthrough case resulting in hospitalization or death
  - If you are fully vaccinated and become infected with the Delta variant, you can spread the virus to others.
  - People with weakened immune systems, including people who take immunosuppressive medications, may not be protected even if fully vaccinated.



### Vaccines

- At Wiseburn, we recognize that:
  - Unvaccinated employees are at greater risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19 within the workplace and to the District community
  - A portion of the District's students, those who are 11 years of age and under, are not eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine at this time, and thus face an elevated risk of contracting COVID-19
  - It is critical that we protect the health and safety of our students and staff
- Because of this, we are requiring all staff members to be vaccinated against COVID-19, with limited exceptions (those who fall under these exceptions must undergo regular COVID-19 testing) as per a Health Order issued by Governor Newsom (effective 8/12/21)



### of members of the Wiseburn community ages 12+ have been vaccinated, per LADPH data through 8/6/2021





### **On-campus Testing Protocols**

Used in conjunction with other mitigation strategies, regular COVID-19 testing provides an additional tool to support a safe and successful in-person instruction, allowing for early identification of cases and preventing transmission.

- Wiseburn will be offering COVID-19 testing for students, staff, and community members twice a week beginning the week of August 23.
- COVID-19 test results will be available to the patient as well as the Wiseburn COVID-19 Compliance Officer within 24 36 hours.
- Wiseburn will also have a cache of rapid COVID-19 tests for immediate use should the need arise.





### **Limiting Indoor Crowding**

- Per LADPH, physical distancing strategies are still recommended as long as they do not interfere with full-time attendance for all students. They recommend 100% masking where distancing is not feasible.
- Wiseburn will employ social distancing where possible and will rely on 100% indoor masking.
- Class transitions and hallway use will be monitored and adjusted, as needed by site administrators.
- Wiseburn will also maintain an increased distance as much as possible during times when students or staff are not masked (e.g., due to eating or drinking, napping).
- Wiseburn will limit on campus visitors to essential visitors.



## Additional Health and Safety Measures

In addition to our five most critical strategies, Wiseburn will maintain additional preventative strategies that provide added defense against COVID-19.



### **Daily Screening**

Prior to entering campus, all students and staff must conduct a COVID-19 screening test. The screening will be done via a tailored daily self-screening application sent to parents/caretakers daily, as done during the 2020-21 school year.

Students who are symptom-free will receive a time-stamped certification to participate in school and related activities. They will receive a green checkmark, which they will show to enter school grounds.

Students who have symptoms or potential exposure to COVID-19 will receive a red X which means they are not allowed to enter school.





### **Additional Health and Safety Measures**

- Staff members will be provided the appropriate PPE including face masks, face shields, and gloves. PPE will be provided to students upon request. Wiseburn will also provide desktop plexiglass shields and hand sanitizer stations.
- The District will coordinate with the custodial staff to be sure **facilities are regularly and sufficiently cleaned and disinfected** to LADPH and CDC standards. Our custodians have checklists and sign off on cleaning assignments at their required intervals on a consistent schedule.
  - The District will continue with enhanced cleaning protocols, to include regular disinfecting of high touch surfaces and daily classroom sanitizing.
- Learning may take place outdoors as appropriate.



## Wiseburn Exposure Protocol



### **Reporting Off-campus COVID-19 Exposure**

Staff and families should self-report to the individual school site by contacting the individuals listed below if they or their child have <u>symptoms</u> of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

#### Juan Cabrillo Elementary School

Laura Nilsson (Inilsson@wiseburn.org, 310-725-5400)

Note that ANY administrator may be contacted should you need immediate assistance.

### Wiseburn On-campus Exposure Protocol Examples

#### Scenario

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A child is exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 at home

A child in who has been in the classroom tests positive for COVID-19

A child has illness symptoms not consistent with COVID-19 (potential COVID-19 symptoms are fever, new uncontrollable cough, vomiting, diarrhea)

#### Response

That child should not come to school, should be tested for COVID-19, and should quarantine at home for an appropriate amount of time, communicated by the WUSD District Nurse.

Families of the students in that classroom are notified, students & teacher/adults will be sent home to quarantine if appropriate as communicated by the WUSD District Nurse and/or LADPH. Students will be provided work to complete at home for the duration of the quarantine. Staff will communicate with the family and adjust the delivery method of work, as needed.

Parents will be notified and student will either return to class or will need to be picked up, depending on symptoms and their severity

### Wiseburn On-campus Exposure Protocol Examples

#### Scenario

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A staff member (not a teacher) tests positive for COVID-19

#### Response

The WUSD COVID-19 Compliance Team, in collaboration with school leadership, convenes to determine who, if anyone, was a close-contact ("exposed") to this individual. The confirmed case and all close-contacts are sent home to quarantine and are recommended to get tested for COVID-19

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A child is identified while at school of exhibiting potential COVID-19 symptoms The child is sent home, and a medical provider should be consulted for appropriate next steps, possibly including a COVID-19 test, treatment for other symptoms, etc. The child should remain home until fever-free without medication for 3 days and any other symptoms have improved



## Instructional Models





### **In-person Instruction**

Students enrolled in full-time, in-person instruction can expect:

- A return to full-time instruction, with schedules matching those from before the pandemic
- To wear masks at all times indoors
- To complete the daily COVID-19 screening test required for entry to campus, sent to parents/caretakers each day
- Comprehensive health and safety protocols employed at each school site



of WUSD students are returning for full-time, in-person instruction



### Long Term Independent Study Program

- Per the California Department of Education Assembly Bill 130 (AB 130), WUSD is required to provide an alternative to in-person classroom instruction for students whose health would be put at risk during the 2021-2022 school year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- 40-50 total students (2% of student population) opted into the program across the district, pending further discussions with their school site





## Long Term Independent Study Program

Students enrolled in the WUSD independent study program will:

- Access online curriculum in all subjects through an online learning resource. Learning will be independent with support provided online based on grade level.
- Kindergarten to grade 3: Participate in daily synchronous instruction\* throughout the school year.
- Families asked to commit to full semester(s) of independent study.
- All students have the option to return to in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year.
- Families required to conference with school administrator prior to student enrolling in ISP and sign a written learning agreement.

\*"Synchronous interaction/instruction" means designated small group or one-on-one instruction in the form of internet/ZOOM or telephonic communications between the teacher or instructional aide and student(s).





### Short Term Distance Learning Model

- Per standard guidance for isolation at home after close contact, the classroom where the COVID-19-positive individual was based may need to close temporarily as students isolate.
- During the isolate-at-home period, the school site will provide a plan for continuity of education with online schedules matching those of a regular school day, social services, and meal program, as needed, as well as alternate mechanisms to support student in quarantine.
- WUSD has proactively purchased ZOOM accounts for all teachers and administrators and continues to provide access to learning resources online through Google Classroom and the CLEVER single sign on portal for all online learning programs.



### **Return to Distance Learning Procedures**

In the event that a whole class/cohort is sent home to quarantine, the students would shift to a 100% Distance Learning model with no change to their daily learning <u>schedule</u>. Teachers will utilize zoom, Google Classroom, and/or other online platforms to provide for continuity of learning.

Students who are enrolled in our Independent Study Program model will not be impacted by quarantine protocols and/or classroom closures as they will continue with their current schedule and instructional model.

If a student or a small group of students are quarantining, they will still have access to their classwork (asynchronous assignments).

### For additional information on instructional models,

please visit our 2021-22 Instructional Models and Schedules webpage at:

bit.ly/wusd-2021-models



# Cabrillo Procedures and Logistics



### Schedule for 8/31 & 9/1

	TK & Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade
Minimum Day	<b>8/31</b> 10-11 a.m. <b>9/1</b> 8:10-8:20 arrival window 8:20 class begins 10-10:15 recess 11:30 dismissal	8:15-8:30 arrival window 8:30 class begins 10:30-10:45 recess 11:40 dismissal	8:15-8:30 arrival window 8:30 class begins 10:45-11 recess 11:40 dismissal

- Parents and Caregivers will not be allowed on campus, even on the first day of school. (As a rule, we will only allow campus visitors who are deemed essential at the administrators' discretion. The school office is still open for parents who need to drop items off or ask a question.)
- There will be many aides, administrators, and teachers present to welcome our cubs and help them find their way to class.
- Start talking about school and the first day arrival in a positive way to help your student prepare!

### **TK & Kindergarten Arrival**







- You have two options for dropping off your student: Walk up or valet line (If you ride a bicycles, please dismount and walk your bicycle to the walker station for drop off).
- There are bike racks available for students to use that are located insider our gates

### 1st and 2nd Grade Arrival



135th St.



### Cubs Only Zone!

Please adhere to the Cubs Only Zone demarcations.

Thank you!





## What to expect when students depart...

- Students will depart from the same gate area at which they arrived.
- Students will be waiting in line and can walk to either the valet or pedestrian station.
- If you are late to pick up your student, please drive to the front of the school and park. Pick up your student at the entrance to the PAC.





### Dismissal

- On minimum and shortened days (such as during the first two weeks of school), 2nd grade dismisses from the 134 St. gate. On regular dismissal days (beginning 9/13) 2nd grade dismisses from the main gate
- 1st grade dismisses from the main gate.
- TK/K dismiss from the three kindergarten gates
  - West gate by grass: Rooms 2, 3, and 4
  - Middle gate: Rooms 1, 5, and 6
  - East gate by room 9: Rooms 7, 8, and 9





### Example Classrooms









### Help us keep everyone safe!

- Keep your student home if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19
- Help us convey the message:
  - $\circ$  Washing hands
  - $\circ$  Wearing masks
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Giving space to others
- Please immediately inform our office of any positive COVID-19 results, so that we can respond appropriately.




# Learning & Community Supports





### 2021-2022 School Initiatives

- TK-5 Physical Education
- STAR Math & Reading Common Assessment Review Cycle
- Teacher Collaboration Time
- Balanced Literacy Support
- Schoolwide implementation of Writers Workshop
- NGSS/STEM Support
- TK-8 Science Resource Adoption



### **Right at School**

- Meaningful Before- and After- School Support for Your Child From 7am to 6pm
- Peace of Mind for Parents
- Help with Homework
- Enrichment Activities Daily
- Camps Available during Summer, Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring Break
- Gwendolyn Osornio, Program Manager juancabrillo@rightatschool.com
  Site Cell Phone: (310) 339-4772
  Customer Service: (855) 287-2466

https://rightatschool-juan-cabrillo-elementary.jumbula.com





### Social Emotional Learning (SEL) & Inclusion

- <u>Parents/Caregivers</u>: Our elementary school and middle school counseling programs provide comprehensive resources for parents, students, and teachers on their websites. This includes back-to-school support.
  - <u>CARE Team</u> (Elementary school counseling program-<u>www.wusdcareteam.org/home</u>)
  - Families will have an opportunity to share and learn about cultural traditions and participate in learning opportunities to promote an environment where everyone feels a sense of belonging.
- <u>**Teachers:**</u> We are building a structure to support teacher well-being and improved student outcomes.
  - Teachers will participate in regular trainings and support sessions to help ensure social-emotional lessons are implemented regularly in the classroom with fidelity and that all students feel a sense of self-pride and appreciation for others.
  - Counselors will work with teachers to implement an evidenced-based curriculum with teachers to support their own well-being.
- <u>Students</u>: Students will participate in regular opportunities for social-emotional learning and will have access to mental health support including individual, group, and family counseling.
  - Students will participate in weekly classroom lessons for all students
  - Students may participate in direct counseling services and programs offered through the counseling programs.
  - Students will engage in an instructional environment designed to help students appreciate diversity



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### **Wiseburn Education Foundation**

#### 2021-22 Funding Commitments

- TK-5 Enhanced Science Programs
- Music Program Expansion
- K-3 Keyboarding/Typing Training
- \$40K in Teacher Grants
- TK-5 P.E. Expansion
- · TK-8 Care Team Support
- Elective support at Dana
- Johnstone Scholarships for Seniors





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### FAQs



#### Will the school hours return to pre-COVID-19 times?

Yes. Our school sites will follow our regular schedule. Please see the school website or newsletter.



# Will Back to School Nights be done virtually or in person?

To mitigate large in-person gatherings where possible, our school sites will hold Back to School Nights virtually. However, please visit Cabrillo on Monday, August 30, for Back to School Eve to familiarize yourself with our campus.



# What is Wiseburn's policy/procedure for students who refuse to wear a mask?

Students who refuse to wear a mask will not be allowed to remain on campus as per a Health Order from the LADPH. Note that health orders are legal mandates. The school administrators will work with these students and families to find the best alternative for them to continue with their learning. The District's Independent Study Program would be a viable option.



# Will students be required to be tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis?

At this point in time, students will not be required to be tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis. However, the District will have a testing site open two days a week at no cost to our students, families and community members.



# Are students 12 years of age and older required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

At this point, vaccinations are only required for school district staff. However, we strongly encourage and recommend that all eligible students be vaccinated.



# Will students be required to quarantine after traveling out of state?

Vaccinated individuals do not have to quarantine after traveling out of state. It is recommended that those who are unvaccinated get tested for COVID five days after return and/or quarantine for 7 days. This is a recommendation and not a health order. For more information, refer to cdc.gov: <u>Domestic Travel During</u> <u>COVID-19</u>



## What do after-school activities look like at Wiseburn?

After school activities will resume as normal, but we will have to build back some of our program offerings that were in place prior to the pandemic. Our after school daycare program will resume and all activities will follow the same protocols as those required by WUSD related to COVID safety and mitigation strategies.



### Are masks going to be required only for indoor scenarios or also for outside such as recess and PE, between classes passing periods?

It is recommended that masks are worn when students are in large groups. However, we understand that these outdoor opportunities allow students to have a "mask break". We ask that students who are not wearing a mask outdoors physically distance themselves from others.



#### How does lunch on campus work?

All students are able to receive a free lunch this year. You may also send a lunch with your student, instead, if that is your preference. Students will let their teacher know each morning whether they wish to have school lunch that day. A monthly menu will be sent home in the school newsletter.

For students who are quarantined or on Independent Study, Monday-Friday from 11-11:30 at the back door of the Dana Middle School kitchen. This door is located near the east front entrance gate of the middle school, between the gym and MPR.



### Will students have recess while at school?

Yes, students will have recess each day, as noted in the school schedule. Students will be able to use the play structure and equipment as usual.



#### Will classroom activities, especially for more hands-on classes like science (experiments/labs) and Project Lead the Way (PLTW), return to "normal"/pre-COVID-19 status, or will they be limited/removed as they were when students returned to school in Spring 2021?

We expect a much more normal return to school with the ability to do hands on projects, group work, etc. However, this will evolve as students and staff become more comfortable with the current circumstances. It is recommended that group work happen in "chunks" of around 15 minutes, but this too, will evolve.



# Will hand-washing be incorporated into the daily/hourly routine?

Good hand hygiene is an important element of virus mitigation. Handwashing will be incorporated into the daily routine and hand sanitizer will be strategically placed throughout the campuses.



#### What is the policy/procedure if we have children at 2 schools and one school/classroom shuts down and the other does not? Are families expected to hold both children from school? Do they do their schoolwork online?

The only students who would be restricted from school are those who are considered by LADPH to be close contacts to someone infected with COVID-19. If a sibling is a close contact, the District will likely determine that the other sibling is also exposed to the virus. Thus, both students would be required to stay home and will be provided the opportunity to access school work online. If it is determined that only one of the siblings is a close contact then the District will not restrict the other sibling from attending school.



### What are the cleaning and sanitizing procedures at Wiseburn?

- Intensified cleaning, sanitation and ventilation will be put into effect at all schools and work locations.
- High-touch items will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- Classroom and student work areas will be cleaned and sanitized when a new group of students will be using the location.
- School-approved Environmental Protection Agency-listed disinfectant products proven to eliminate the COVID-19 virus will be used.

Additional information on Wiseburn's policies can be found in our <u>Health and Safety protocols</u> page.



#### Can students walk to school or ride a bike?

Yes, students are able to walk to school or use a bike/scooter/skateboard and properly lock them up in the designated area. Caregivers will still need to show the green checkmark for their health clearance.



### Will students be sharing supplies and materials in the classroom?

Your teacher will give further guidance on this specific to each class, but we are trying to limit shared supplies to the greatest extent possible. When sharing is inevitable to best further learning, we will ensure more frequent hand-washing/sanitizing and cleaning of the materials between use as much as possible.



### Will I be notified if there is a COVID-19 case on campus?

Yes, you will be notified anytime there is a positive case on our school site campus. If your student is deemed a "close-contact," you will also be contacted and will receive additional notification of quarantine or isolation procedures by the Wiseburn COVID-19 Compliance Officer.

For more information, you may also reference the <u>Wiseburn COVID-19</u> <u>Dashboard</u> page, which contains the active and total COVID-19 case numbers for the District.

#### For all COVID-19 health and safety FAQs,

please visit our Health and Safety webpage at:

bit.ly/wusd-healthandsafety-faq

#### For more information visit:

https://cabrillo.wiseburn.org/

**On Instagram: @cabrillocubs** 

**On Facebook: Juan Cabrillo Elementary**