



FUHSD Reopening Committee

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Where we are today

- We know a lot more about COVID-19 than we did two years ago
- We know that layered mitigations help lower the risk of contracting COVID-19
 - Masking
 - High-quality ventilation
 - On-site testing
 - Regular cleaning and sanitization
 - Encouraging vaccination and boosters

Where we are today

- In the first week of the semester, we had 236 student and 29 staff positive cases*
- In the second week of the semester, we had 279 student and 21 staff positive cases*
- Comparison of Monday, Jan. 10 to Tuesday, Jan. 18:
 - Jan. 10: 96 cases districtwide
 - Jan. 18: 33 cases districtwide

**cases with exposure to our campuses*

Where we are today

- Public health information suggests these cases has been overwhelmingly fueled by travel and activities that occurred during the two-week period of Winter Break and outside of school.
- During the first semester, our schools did not experience outbreaks or community spread due to the layered public health mitigations we had in place.
- While case counts rose over the last month, the good news is that, per Public Health experts, the cases they are seeing from Omicron are milder than those from previous variants.

Masking

- Due to the surge in COVID-19 cases and increased contagiousness of Omicron, we are recommending that all students and staff wear either a KN95 mask or double-mask with a surgical mask covered by a cloth mask.
- FUHSD has provided five (5) KN95 masks to every student and staff member.

Changes to CDPH Guidance: Close Contacts

- Change to Definition of Close Contact:
 - Any individual who has spent more than a cumulative total of 15 minutes within a 24-hour time period in a shared indoor airspace (such as a classroom) with someone with COVID-19 during their period of infectiousness.

Changes to CDPH Guidance: Close Contacts

- Change to Guidance for Close Contacts:
 - continue to come to work/school regardless of vaccination status (**quarantine no longer required**);
 - test for COVID-19 within 3-5 days of notification (strongly recommended by the CDPH);
 - monitor for symptoms of COVID-19;
 - get tested if symptoms arise; and
 - if test result is positive, isolate and notify your school site or COVID-19 designee right away.

Contact Tracing

- At this time, we will continue to notify all student and staff close contacts when they have been exposed to a positive case within a classroom or other school activity.
- We will also continue our practice of notifying the entire campus community of positive cases via email. However, this will now be in the form of a cumulative count from your school at the end of each week.

Testing Reminders

- We continue to offer testing 5 days a week across the district
- While we are working to ramp up our capacity, challenges remain due to availability of tests and staffing
- We have strengthened our process around ensuring that staff are able to move to the front of the testing lines at each site
- Individuals can now order four (4) free at-home COVID-19 tests from the federal government online at <https://www.covidtests.gov/>.

Questions on school closures & distance learning

- We know there are questions about when we might consider school closures and move to remote learning.
- Only public health departments have the legal authority to close a school or a district and move to distance learning.
- Our focus remains on keeping our campuses safe and open for all students and staff.
- Two full years into the pandemic, we are learning how to live with COVID-19 and integrate managing it into our daily lives. We know this remains challenging after navigating the various ups and downs of these past two years.

Breakout Group Discussion

- What are the most pressing concerns you have now that we have started the second semester and are facing the Omicron variant?
- What are you hearing from other parents/students/staff members?



Questions?
