

COVID Protocols Update 7/26/2022

Cleaning of Campuses:

- Summer cleaning / daily cleaning should incorporate sanitizing practices on all high-touch surfaces, door knobs, shared objects, etc. These practices have not changed from the end of 21-22 school year.
- Electrostatic sprayers should be utilized on a routine basis, especially in areas where cases of COVID-19 transmission may have occurred on campus.

PPE:

- Face masks are optional for all employees and students. However, anyone on campus should feel free to wear a mask at any time. Disposable masks are available in the office at any school or work site in TUSD.
- There is no social distancing requirement currently in place, but a best practice is to maintain three feet between people where possible.
- Air conditioning unit filters were changed as a part of summer cleaning and portable air filters should continue to be utilized where available.
- Plexi-glass shields remain optional at the present time, even in high-traffic areas.

Staff / Student Self-Screening:

- Staff and students should self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19 each morning before reporting to work. If symptoms are present or a person receives a positive COVID-19 test result, they should stay home and contact personnel (staff) or their school attendance office/health clerk (students) for next steps.
- Testing is recommended 3-5 days after a suspected exposure.
- In-person COVID-19 testing is available several times per week at Tustin High School.
- TUSD school sites and the personnel office have received at-home test kits for use by staff and students as needed.

Students Who Test Negative for COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status):

- If a student is ill (flu, etc.), but tests negative for COVID-19, they may return to school as soon as they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

Students Who Test Positive for COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status) Should:

- Contact their school Health Office / Attendance Office to report the COVID-19 case and absence. Sites will track and maintain record of these positive cases according to FERPA guidelines (and report clusters of three or more cases to the local health care agency).
- Stay at home (isolate) for a period of at least five days from a positive test.
- Students may re-test after five days of isolation (or later). If the result of their re-test on day five (or later) is negative, the student may return to school the following school day (assuming symptoms have subsided including being fever-free for at least 24 hours). If students elect not to re-test, they must stay out for the full ten days since their initial positive test result or from the day symptoms began.

Staff Who Test Positive or Show COVID-19 Symptoms (regardless of vaccination status):

- Staff with COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until all the following have occurred:
 - At least five days have passed from the date that COVID-19 symptoms began or, if the person does not develop COVID-19 symptoms, from the date of the first positive COVID-19 test.
 - At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications.
 - COVID-19 symptoms have improved.
 - If an employee elects not to test, at least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared.
 - COVID-19 tests may be self-administered and self-read only if the independent verification of the results can be provided – this may include a time-stamped photograph of the results.
 - Staff returning to work prior to 10 days after testing positive for COVID-19 may be asked to wear a mask for the full 10-day window.
 - Staff may re-test after five days of isolation (or later). If the result of their re-test on day five (or later) is negative, the staff member may return to work the following school day (assuming symptoms have subsided including being fever-free for at least 24 hours). If the staff member elects not to re-test, they must stay out for the full ten days since their initial positive test result or from the day symptoms began.
 - A negative COVID-19 test will not be required for an employee to return to work.
 - If an order to isolate or quarantine an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee will not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted. If no period was specified, then the period will be 10 days from the time the order to isolate was effective.
 - COVID-19 (SPSL) Leave for up to 10 days is still available (in specific cases as determined by Personnel).
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