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San Luis Obispo County Educational Agencies Commonalities for Opening

The educational agencies in San Luis Obispo County remain committed to providing students quality education in a safe environment. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have remained collaborative in our efforts to open our schools and serve our community by following the guidance of our County Public Health Department. In the press briefing on June 12, 2020, Dr. James Brescia, San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools, stated common alignments amongst the local school districts, colleges, and charter schools in our plans to open educational institutions for students provides consistency and clarity for the residents of San Luis Obispo County.

All plans for educational reopening include enhanced cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. All plans contain the implementation of proactive health checks and response protocols for COVID-19 symptoms. All plans call for collaboration with the County Public Health Department for action due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 case at a school. All plans include the incorporation of protective barriers, signage, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to reduce exposure and transfer of COVID-19. All plans include facilitation of physical spacing, hygienic practices, and transportation as recommended by the California Department of Public Health and County Public Health Department. All plans include an educational option for families who select to refrain from in-person instruction. All plans call for the flexibility to adapt for the maintenance of safety and compliance with current guidelines.

The following is the opening plan for Coast Unified School District. This plan is tailored to serving the community of Coast Unified School District while remaining in alignment with San Luis Obispo County educational institutions and the guidance of the County Public Health Department. Coast Unified School District provides this opening plan in order to inform our students, families, and community of the dedicated efforts our District has taken in order to provide a safe environment. It enables students to return to learning in proximity of their teachers and peers.

County-Wide School Opening Plan Commonalities

Our collective goal is to have similar, not identical, plans that include in person instruction and an alternative learning option available. Each district:

- *is receiving thermometers, masks, and hand sanitizer from the state (60-day daily supply)*
- *will submit and receive approval from the County Public Health Officer*
- *is increasing an emphasis on personal hygiene including teaching and providing time for handwashing, the additional availability of hand sanitizer, and signage around campuses.*
- *will adopt SLOCPHD guidance for in-person services.*
- *will have conscious room designs that maximize spacing to the extent possible between desks/students at tables*
- *will have additional sanitizing of surfaces*
- *will incorporate a Health Plan*
- *will utilize defined screening with self-checks and self-reporting, stricter enforcement of “sick policy” - staying home with cough, sneezing, fever, and will follow county guidance for contact tracing*
- *will address school procedures like:*
 - *Training for safety protocols of new school procedures where practicable*
 - *Enhanced ventilation*
 - *Encouraging the use of outdoor facilities*
 - *Reducing shared student supplies and devices to the degree possible*
 - *Gatherings based on public health recommendations*
 - *Limiting adult volunteers and visitors access to campus, delaying contact*
 - *Protection for front office staff interfacing with the public (eg Plexiglas, spacing, etc.)*

Coast Unified School District Plan For In-Person Services

Coast Unified School District is proud of the collaborative efforts of our staff, parents, and trustees to develop our opening plan for in-person services. Our District is committed to providing the support structures that many students depend on for their physical, academic, and emotional well-being. Our students' needs can be best addressed when students are physically on campus. This plan is designed

to be concise in order to provide clarity to the public at large and our students, parents, and staff. Therefore, this plan contains:

- County-wide commonalities
- CUSD Comprehensive School Setting (our new normal)
- Contingency Measures (implemented on a temporary basis)
- Health Plan

Formatting our plan in this manner allows us to clarify permanent improvements for the overall health and safety of our students and staff and the flexibility of temporary contingency measures designed to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 as circumstances change. This plan is also designed to meet the current recommendations of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department (SLOCPHD). Through collaboration with our County Health Department the administration will update this plan periodically. When updated, the Superintendent will republish this plan through email/Parent Square and post the plan on the District's website.

Comprehensive School Setting (our new normal)

On-campus instruction will commence with enhanced hygiene education, equipment and practices. These improvements are intended to be permanent.

- Thermometers provided for families in need of them and for appropriate personnel.
- Increase access to hand sanitizer for staff and students.
- Increase access to hand washing opportunities.
- Provide staff and students training on proper hand washing techniques, social distancing norms, and proper use of PPE.
- Increase space for all student seating.
- Enhanced ventilation for indoor spaces/increase use of outdoor spaces.
- All District provided HEPA/electrostatic air filtration systems that remove pollen, dust, pet dander, mold, smoke, bacteria and viruses must be in operation when students/staff are present.
- Reduction of unnecessary common touch points.
- Reduction of shared student supplies. All students to use/be provided with individual student supplies.
- Electronic devices (Chromebooks and iPads) will be issued to individual students.
- Enhanced sanitization protocols per the District's Cleaning and Disinfectant Protocol plan.
- Use of Plexiglas dividers where appropriate.
- Increase student access to emotional/social supports.

- Communicate with parents and staff via Parent Square, email, website, public meetings, staff trainings, etc. regarding the components and requirements of our District's Opening Plan.
- Utilize the following CDPH School Guidance #2 Promote Healthy Hygiene <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>
 - Teach and reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.
 - Teach students and remind staff to use tissue to wipe their nose and to cough/sneeze inside a tissue or their elbow.
 - Students and staff should wash their hands frequently throughout the day, including before and after eating; after coughing or sneezing; after classes where they handle shared items, such as outside recreation, art, or shop; and before and after using the restroom.
 - Students and staff should wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap, rubbing thoroughly after application. Soap products marketed as “antimicrobial” are not necessary or recommended.
 - Staff should model and practice handwashing. For example, for lower grade levels, use bathroom time as an opportunity to reinforce healthy habits and monitor proper handwashing.
 - Students and staff should use fragrance-free hand sanitizer when handwashing is not practicable. Sanitizer must be rubbed into hands until completely dry. Note: frequent handwashing is more effective than the use of hand sanitizers.
 - Ethyl alcohol-based hand sanitizers are preferred and should be used when there is the potential of unsupervised use by children.
 - Isopropyl hand sanitizers are more toxic when ingested or absorbed in skin.
 - Do not use hand sanitizers that may contain methanol which can be hazardous when ingested or absorbed.
 - Children under age 9 should only use hand sanitizer under adult supervision. Call Poison Control if consumed: 1-800-222-1222.
 - Consider portable handwashing stations throughout a site and near classrooms to minimize movement and congregations in bathrooms to the extent practicable.
 - Develop routines enabling students and staff to regularly wash their hands at staggered intervals.
 - Ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, tissues, no-touch trashcans, face coverings, and hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent ethyl alcohol for staff and children who can safely use hand sanitizer.

- Information contained in the CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings should be provided to staff and families, which discusses the circumstances in which face coverings must be worn and the exemptions, as well as any policies, work rules, and practices the employer has adopted to ensure the use of face coverings.
- Employers must provide and ensure staff use face coverings in accordance with CDPH guidelines and all required protective equipment.
- The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the Department of Public Health (CDPH) are and will be working to support procurement and distribution of face coverings and personal protective equipment.
- Strongly recommend that all students and staff be immunized each autumn against influenza unless contraindicated by personal medical conditions, to help:
 - Protect the school community
 - Reduce demands on health care facilities
 - Decrease illnesses that cannot be readily distinguished from COVID19 and would therefore trigger extensive measures from the school and public health authorities.
- Nothing in this guidance should be interpreted as restricting access to appropriate educational services.
- All volunteers/visitors to self-certify that they are symptom free upon entry.

Contingency Measures

As needs arise, the Superintendent, under the authority of the Board of Trustees, may implement any of the following preplanned contingency measures. These measures are intended to be implemented on a temporary basis depending on the current status of COVID-19 and guidance from SLOCPHD.

Health Plan

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

When to Seek Emergency Medical Attention - Look for emergency warning signs* for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, **seek emergency medical care immediately:**

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility: Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.

Management of COVID-19 Symptomatic Students/Staff:

1. Parents will be notified to pick up their student and testing will be recommended through their health care provider.
2. School nurses and other healthcare providers should use Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions when caring for sick people. See: What Healthcare Personnel Should Know About Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Possible COVID-19 Infection.
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3. Sick students/staff should be encouraged to get tested for COVID 19
 - Quarantine per current CDPH guidelines.

Management of Non-COVID-19 Symptomatic Students/Staff who need medical attention:

Students will be seen in the Health/Nurses office. This area is for well students with health care needs that cannot be addressed in the classroom (e.g. diabetic and other noncontagious health care needs).

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