

COVID-19 Safety Plan

Washington Union School District

September 8, 2021

Website Information

- The website contains information regarding health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. We update as appropriate in order to provide current information to our community.

Updated Information for 2021-2022 School Year

1. New guidelines
2. New mandates
3. Independent Study

CalOSHA standards are still in place and we have updated the California School Guidance Checklist that was required when we reopened our schools in the spring.

This presentation updates the areas that were required in the original plan and provides new information for the new school year.

Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School

- For student drop-off and pick-up, parents will use an identified area of the parking lot. Parents will not leave their vehicles when dropping off. If a student is picked up at a time other than regular dismissal, parents may enter the office, but only long enough to sign out their student and parents may not go beyond the office.
- Plexiglass barriers will separate parents from office staff to mitigate the risk of exposure. Masks are required for all individuals in school buildings at all times.
- Restrooms are closed to visitors.

Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School

- At Toro Park School, gates will be monitored to ensure a safe ingress for students. Parents may not enter the campus.
- At Washington Union School, Fourth Grade students will enter and leave on the west end of campus near the roundabout. Fifth grade students will enter and leave through the breezeway by the flagpole. Bus riders will enter and leave through the center breezeway.
- At San Benancio, drop-off and pick-up areas will be monitored to ensure that parents remain in their cars and students enter and exit safely. Buses have a designated area for pick-up and drop-off.

Face Coverings and Other Essential Protective Gear

- Students are encouraged to provide their own mask but the schools will provide masks for students who forget to bring one or whose masks are lost or destroyed during the school day. Additionally, several parents have made donations of masks to their children's classrooms.
- Masks are required while in classrooms and other school buildings but are optional when students are outside.
- If a student has a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask, an exemption can be given provided documentation from a medical professional is provided. In that case, a shield with a drape may be worn.
- Masks are required on school buses

Health Screenings for Students and Staff

- All staff and students are required to conduct an online health screening through ParentSquare before coming to campus each day.
- Each campus has an identified isolation area for students who become ill.

Healthy Hygiene Practices

- Staff have been provided with training and reminders about health and safety measures in the classroom and around campus. Each school staff has met to discuss and plan campus safety practices and protocols.
- Information discussed and shared with staff included safe ingress and egress, recess and lunch routines, what to do if a child becomes ill in class, handwashing routines and expectations, hand sanitizing, mask mandates, bathroom protocols, and promoting positive peer influence with regard to healthy habits.

Identification and Tracing of Contacts

- Site principals and district staff will contact the Monterey County Health Department (MCHD) to notify them of any positive cases. MCHD will communicate with school staff to gather information in order to conduct contact tracing through their office.
- Notifications will go out to the families of any class that is impacted by the positive case and quarantine protocols will be initiated. Likewise, if the infected student is a bus rider, an athlete, or participates in any other extracurricular activities, those groups will be notified as well. The district will follow current guidelines to determine quarantines for close contacts, as defined by CDPH.

Transportation

- All district buses have hand sanitizer placed at the entrance to the bus. In accordance with CDPH recommendations, bus windows are left open, weather permitting, to maintain adequate ventilation and airflow. Masks are required at all times on buses and students are encouraged to maintain as much physical distance as possible.
- Bus drivers will maintain rosters of riders in order to maintain consistent ridership and contact tracing information in the event of a positive case.

Travel

California has no travel restrictions or requirements at this time. Help keep California open and our communities healthy by following CDC travel guidelines.

Current travel recommendations

Whether your travel is domestic or international, follow [CDC travel guidelines](#) for testing, masking, and quarantine

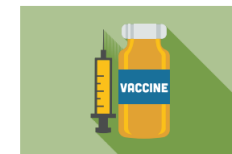
Traveling To or From California? Follow These CDC Travel Guidelines

Traveling to or from California? Help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by following current CDC travel guidelines. Read the [CDC's full travel guidance](#).

Delay Travel (Both Domestic and International) Until You're Fully Vaccinated¹

If you're fully vaccinated, you can travel safely within the United States (and you don't need to test or quarantine). If you're fully vaccinated and traveling internationally, follow [CDC testing guidelines for international travel](#) before and after your return to the US. Please follow all CDC and [California masking guidelines](#).

Please stay informed of [CDC Destination Travel Alerts](#) that will warn you about high transmission rates in an area.



If You Are NOT Vaccinated, But Choose to Travel, Get Tested Before and After

If you are NOT vaccinated, but choose to travel domestically, get tested with a [viral test](#) 1-3 days BEFORE travel AND 3-5 days AFTER travel. Also, even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for a full **7 days** after travel.

If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for **10 days** after travel.

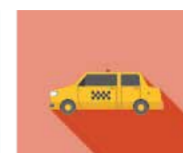
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ALWAYS Wear a Mask on Public Transportation (Regardless of Your Vaccination Status)

EVERYONE must wear a mask AT ALL TIMES on public transportation (including airports, planes, trains, buses, stations, etc.) into, within, or out of the U.S.

Read our [guidance for the use of face coverings](#).



¹Someone is considered fully vaccinated two weeks or more after their second dose of Pfizer/Moderna or two weeks after receiving the single dose J&J vaccine.

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Testing

- The district is working to add a testing option within the district for unvaccinated staff and for students who are symptomatic or have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus through close contact.
- District staff participated in training this morning. Notifications will go out to staff and to families in the next few days and testing will be available beginning September 20.

QUESTIONS?
