COVID-19 Update March 29, 2022

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Indoor Mask Policy Change

The California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) universal indoor masking requirement for K-12 schools ended on March 11, 2022. Wearing a face mask indoors within a K-12 school setting is strongly recommended, but not required.

- Face masks are optional for all students, staff, and campus visitors
- Face masks are optional on district provided transportation
- Disposable masks (in appropriate sizes) will be made available to students upon request
- The District is committed to providing a supportive environment where students who wish to wear a mask can do so without fear of intimidation or harassment

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COVID-19 Control Measures Still in Place

- **Improved Indoor Ventilation**: The District is maintaining the higher level of air filtration and the increased introduction of fresh air as practical
- **Self-Screening for COVID-19 Symptoms:** The standard continues that persons who have symptoms must isolate and be tested
- **Quarantine Procedures:** Compliance with quarantine guidance for student/staff who are exposed to someone testing positive for COVID-19
- **Reporting Requirements:** Continued reporting of positive cases to the VCPH and sending notification to parents and staff
- **Hand Hygiene:** Continued emphasis on proper handwashing
- **Cleaning & Disinfection:** Daily cleaning and, after a COVID-19 case on campus, disinfection with a low hazard disinfectant
- **Vaccination Verification of all School Workers:** Workers not vaccinated need to show proof a negative test

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Group-Tracing Approach to Student Quarantine

The California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) strongly recommends that schools utilize the Group-Tracing approach for students exposed to COVID-19 in a K-12 setting.

- Triggered when a student spends a cumulative total of 15 minutes (within a 24-hour time period) in a shared indoor school airspace with a person testing positive for COVID-19
- Parents of an exposed student are notified regardless of vaccination status
- Exposed students should get tested for COVID-19 within 3-5 days after last exposure, unless they had COVID-19 within the last 90 days.
- Exposed students may continue to attend school and participate in extracurricular activities unless they have symptoms or test positive

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