

## Stockton Unified School District

### Health and Safety Plan 2021

This Health and Safety Plan (HSP) supersedes all former versions of Stockton Unified School District's Return to School Plan. This document is in accordance with [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools](#) and [CAL/OSHA guidance](#), directives that apply to all public and private schools operating in California to support school communities as they implement plans for safe, successful, and full in-person instruction. This guidance is designed to enable all schools to offer and provide full in-person instruction to all students safely, consistent with the current scientific evidence about COVID-19.

CDPH will continue to assess conditions on an ongoing basis, and will determine no later than November 1, 2021, whether to update mask requirements or recommendations. Indicators, conditions, and science review will include vaccination coverage status, in consideration of whether vaccines are available for children under 12, community case and hospitalization rates, outbreaks, and ongoing vaccine effectiveness against circulating variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 in alignment with the CDC recommended indicators to guide K-12 school operations. Stockton Unified School District will update this plan as needed to follow health guidelines pursuant to state and local requirements whilst remaining steadfast in our unified vision to meet individual, academic student need.

#### RESOURCES

[Guidance for face coverings \(ca.gov\)](#)

[CA Covid-19 School Readiness Hub](#)

[Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards](#)

[K-12 Schools Guidance 2021-2022 Questions & Answers \(ca.gov\)](#)

#### PHYSICAL DISTANCING:

CDPH and CDC agree that in-person instruction can occur safely without physical distancing requirements when other essential mitigation strategies are implemented; safety measures such as universal masking in schools, classroom ventilation, and daily self-screening promote both safety and in-person learning by reducing the need for physical distancing both indoors and outdoors.

Students will not need to be physically distanced during recess, lunch periods, or structured play periods, and masks will remain optional when outdoors.

#### MASK REQUIREMENTS:

According to the [California Department of Public Health](#), masks are one of the most effective and simplest safety mitigation layers to prevent in-school transmission of COVID-19 infections and to support full time in-person instruction in schools. Per state requirements, all K -12 students are required to use face coverings while indoors, despite vaccination status, and face coverings are optional when outdoors. The latest guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) supports CDPH whereby recommending universal masking in schools. Please note, mask directives could change as new guidance becomes available.

Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it as per [CDPH](#). Schools are required to provide students alternatives if they are not exempt from wearing a face covering under CDPH guidelines. Please speak directly to your child's administrative team at your school site regarding those alternatives.

Stockton Unified School District will have face coverings available for students who inadvertently fail to bring one to school to prevent unnecessary exclusions. As we saw last school year, our students/families were understanding of the community need to wear a mask as a mitigation measure against the virus, and we anticipate the same supportive response this year as part of ongoing safety measures for return to public school with the focus on remaining in school.

Stockton Unified School District offers alternative educational opportunities (Virtual Academy) for students who are not comfortable returning to in-person learning.

### **MASKS AND ATHLETICS**

To remain compliant with mask directives from CDPH, masks are a required safety component for indoor athletic practices, games, and events and must be worn by student athletes, coaches, and all who are in attendance, regardless of vaccination status. However, as it pertains to outdoor athletics, masks are optional.

### **MASKS AND BUSES/TRANSPORTATION**

Mask wearing is mandatory at all times while riding the bus.

### **NUTRITION SERVICES - MEALS**

During meal periods when students remove masks to eat, students are physically distanced to the greatest extent practicable, especially when indoors.

Frequently touched surfaces that come in contact with food will be washed, rinsed, and sanitized before and after meals.

#### ***Elementary Schools***

Breakfast is served in the cafeteria.

Lunch is served in the cafeteria.

#### ***High Schools***

Breakfast is served in the cafeteria before the bell.

Lunch is served from food carts/snack bar windows or cafeteria during the student's designated lunch period.

#### ***Virtual Academy Program***

Students enrolled in the Virtual Academy can pick up their meals every Thursday, 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. from curbside distribution locations at Chavez High School and Edison High School.

### **VENTILATION:**

#### **CLASSROOMS AND BUILDINGS**

Indoor environments such as classrooms, offices and multiuse facilities will continue to be sufficiently ventilated for the health and safety of students and staff. In January 2021, Stockton Unified made a

significant investment in acquiring high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters to further improve the air quality in schools. Air filters are checked and replaced regularly and Ion generators were installed in all HVAC units to ensure optimal air quality.

## **SELF SCREENING AND SYMPTOMS:**

### **SELF-SCREENING**

Staying home when ill is an essential safety layer to protect one another and prevent the spread of infections in schools. Students who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for evaluation, possible testing and care.

### **STOCKTON USD EMPLOYEES**

In Stockton Unified employees are required to continue the self-screening process by completing a daily survey that asks questions related to COVID-19 symptoms and exposure, before reporting to campus/work. This daily self-screener uses the same online platform and delivery method as last school year. Based on the individual's survey results, he/she will either be directed to remain home or be approved to come to work. If the results direct an individual to remain home, he/she will be asked to complete a contact tracing survey to help identify close contacts.

#### **What do I do if I had no symptoms in the morning but I'm now at work and experiencing symptoms?**

Please update your Qualtrics response – Go to your email response from the address COVID Monitor Stockton with the title *Daily Symptom Check Results*. This email states, "Based on your responses, you are eligible to report to work." On the last line of this email is a link that reads "[Update Record](#)" which you will click on to update your current symptoms. This will start the contact tracing process.

### **STOCKTON USD STUDENTS**

Stockton Unified students are to complete a self-screening prior to reporting to campus. Students who are [showing symptoms consistent of COVID-19](#) are encouraged to get tested; results may help with rapid contact tracing as well as prevent possible spread at school and a safe return to in-person learning.

#### **What if my child is showing symptoms?**

Students with symptoms of COVID-19 should not return for in-person instruction until they have met the following requirements:

At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; **and**

Other symptoms have improved; **and**

They have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2, **OR** a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are not contagious, and the student may return to school (e.g., allergies, asthma, strep throat), **OR** at least 10 days have passed since symptoms started.

Stockton Unified School District will provide excused absences for students who are sick and remain home.

### **HEALTH SCREENING ROOMS**

#### **Stockton Unified School District Health Screening Room Action Steps**

If a student begins to show flu or cold-like symptoms while at school, the following process will occur:

1. Teacher or staff excuses student from classroom or area within the school and the student is taken to the Health Screening room.
2. The student's parent/support provider is called, and arrangements are made for the student to either go home or seek emergency medical attention
3. The student will wear a mask and be seated 6-feet from others
4. The student's parent/support provider picks up the child from school and contacts their healthcare provider for evaluation and possible COVID-19 testing
5. The School Nurse is informed of student(s) checked in/sent home with symptoms
6. The seat student occupied is cleaned and disinfected.

### **CONTACT TRACING REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION:**

Stockton Unified will continue to track and document COVID-19 cases throughout the district and is required to report all positive cases to [San Joaquin County Public Health Services](#). The SUSD Health and Safety Coordinator will serve as the district's liaison when assisting the local health department with contact tracing and investigation.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Identified close contacts (within 0-6 feet indoors for more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period) of a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be notified by school site or Health Services team. Individual cases will be reported to [San Joaquin County Public Health Services](#) only. Specific school communities will be notified by Stockton Unified if a COVID-19 outbreak should occur. An outbreak involves at least three probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases within a 14-day period in individuals from different households and can only be determined by the County Health Official.

### **QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION:**

The [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) recommends a symptom-based strategy to determine the duration of isolation/quarantine for people with COVID-19 who are symptomatic, meaning they have symptoms, or asymptomatic, meaning they have no symptoms.

### **VACCINATED EXPOSURES**

Who is fully vaccinated? For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 if it's been two weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or two weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen) in accordance with [CDPH guidelines](#).

Fully vaccinated students should adhere to the following [quarantine guidance](#) set forth by CDPH:

#### ***If asymptomatic:***

Students who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19 if asymptomatic (meaning no symptoms are present). Students who begin to show COVID-19 symptoms will stay home to quarantine and will be encouraged to get tested for the virus.

#### ***If symptomatic:***

Students who begin to show COVID-19 symptoms will stay home to quarantine and will be encouraged to get tested for the virus.

## UNVACCINATED EXPOSURES

If students were masked in an indoor classroom setting or unmasked in an outdoor setting at the time of exposure, unvaccinated students who are identified as a close contact may choose to undergo a modified 10-day quarantine as follows:

### *If asymptomatic:*

An unvaccinated student who has been exposed to COVID-19 may continue to attend in-person instruction for the duration of their 10-day quarantine **if and only if:**

1. The student is asymptomatic;
2. The student continues to wear a mask (as required);
3. The student undergoes COVID-19 testing twice during their 10-day quarantine\*; and
4. The student continues to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports and activities within the community setting

\*COVID-19 tests are provided to SUSD staff and students through HR Supports every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00am – 5:00pm and Friday 8:30am – 4pm at the following locations: Chavez HS, Edison HS, Franklin HS, and Stagg HS. If a student is unable to acquire COVID-19 testing at least twice during their 10-day quarantine as outlined, the student will be ineligible to attend in-person instruction and must complete their quarantine at home.

### **Whether masked or unmasked at time of exposure, quarantine can end for asymptomatic students when the following is true:**

A quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing, as long as the student continues to self-monitor for symptoms daily through Day 10 from last known exposure and follows all required mitigation measures in place (wearing a mask, handwashing, avoiding crowds) through Day 10 from last known exposure

*Or*

A quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen is collected after Day 6 from the date of last exposure and tests negative and follows all required mitigation measures in place (wearing a mask, handwashing, avoiding crowds) through Day 10 from last known exposure (not applicable to students who were exposed to COVID-19 in their household).

Unvaccinated students who have been exposed to COVID-19 and do not meet the above criteria must remain home for the duration of their 10-day quarantine.

### *If asymptomatic, tests positive:*

Any student who is asymptomatic but tests positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate at home until the following is true:

1. At least 10 days have passed since the date of the first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test. If the student develops symptoms during this 10-day period, they should follow the isolation guidelines for symptomatic individuals listed in the [CDPH Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine for COVID-19](#).

### *If symptomatic:*

If an unvaccinated student who is an identified close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case begins to develop symptoms at any point during their quarantine, they must self-isolate at home until they have met the requirements to return to school.

## **Where can we go to get tested?**

COVID-19 tests are provided to SUSD staff and students through [HR Supports](#) every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00am – 5:00pm and Friday 8:30am – 4pm at the following locations: Chavez HS, Edison HS, Franklin HS, and Stagg HS

## **SCHOOL VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS:**

Access to school campuses is permitted. Visitors and volunteers are not allowed in classrooms unless deemed essential for educational purposes. In those cases, all safety protocols will be adhered to.

## **HYGIENE AND CLEANING PRACTICES:**

All Stockton Unifies School District schools and campuses teach and reinforce healthy hygiene practices including hand washing, avoiding touching one's face, and covering one's mouth when sneezing or coughing.

Hand washing is promoted throughout the day, especially before and after eating, after using the restroom, and after handling garbage.

SUSD and individual school sites ensure that campuses have adequate supplies readily available including face coverings, soap, tissues, and hand sanitizers with at least 60% ethyl alcohol.

## **CLEANING AND DISINFECTION**

### ***When we will clean:***

In accordance with [CDC's guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Facilities for COVID-19](#), classrooms and office spaces are cleaned once a day to reduce the risk of infection.

Cleaning simply requires soap or detergent to remove contaminants on surfaces and is generally only needed once per day when no people with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 have been in a space.

### ***When we will disinfect:***

Disinfection is used to kill any remaining germs on surfaces after cleaning, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection.

If there is a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 within a school facility within the previous 24 hours, all areas the student or staff member frequented will be both cleaned and disinfected for additional safety.

## **STOCKTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DASHBOARD:**

- The [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) reflects staff and student counts that are currently enrolled in Stockton Unified School District school sites. All notifications of close contacts are sent to the appropriate staff and communities enrolled in Stockton Unified School District. The numbers will be updated once per week and will reflect statistics for the **previous 7 days from time of posting**.

Once the District learns of an individual who has tested positive at a school site or office, these steps will be followed:

- Isolate the positive individual if present and advise of any required self-quarantine
- Contact SUSD Health Services Department
- Contact trace within SUSD to determine close contacts\*
- Immediately notify anyone within SUSD determined to have had close contact\* and advise of any required self-quarantine or modified self-quarantine
- Follow any additional recommendations from the San Joaquin County Department of Public Health

*\*Close Contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period.*