

## Stockton Unified School District Health and Safety Plan 2022

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 with 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:**

CDPH announced that, based on a review of epidemiologic indicators and modeling projections, consider wearing a mask around others if you have respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, runny nose, and/or sore throat). Masks remain one of the simplest and most effective safety mitigation layers to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2. High quality masks, particularly those with good fit and filtration, offer protection to the wearer and optimal source control to reduce transmission to others. To best protect students and staff against COVID-19, CDPH currently strongly recommends continuing to mask indoors in school settings, however, it is no longer mandated.

CDPH will continue to assess conditions on an ongoing basis to determine if updates to K-12 school guidance are needed, with consideration of the indicators and factors noted below, as well as transmission patterns, global surveillance, variant characteristics, disease severity, available effective therapeutics, modeling projections, impacts to the health system, vaccination efficacy and coverage, and other indicators. SUSD will have face coverings available for students who wish to wear one.

## **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 Revised: 8/19/2021 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. Employees and students who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID19, should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for evaluation, possible testing and care.

### **STOCKTON USD EMPLOYEES**

Stockton Unified employees are to self-monitor for symptoms prior to reporting to work. Employees showing symptoms consistent of COVID-19 are encouraged to get tested; and follow up with the office of RISK management for further instructions. Employees with a positive COVID-19 test should not return to work until they have been cleared by RISK management.

### **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 in-person learning environment.

*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;
- It is recommended by CDPH to have your student tested if they are exhibiting COVID-19 like symptoms.
- Use a mask for 10 days after testing positive when around other people indoors.
- Health Screening rooms have been transitioned out following all CDPH recommendations.

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 so that the student can go to the school office or health clinic (comprehensive high schools only) to call a parent/provider
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's parent/support provider picks up the child from school and contacts their healthcare provider for evaluation and possible COVID-19 testing.

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

Stockton Unified will continue to track and document COVID-19 cases throughout the district and is required to report outbreaks consisting of three cases epidemiological linked within a seven-day period 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. Group tracing per CDPH will allow for a quicker and broader response to cases identified in school settings, accomplishable through prompt notification, testing, and isolation protocols. The group tracing strategy also allows for schools to provide safe in-person instruction without undertaking intense (and often protracted) contact tracing processes to identify individual students within a specified radius of someone infected.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Outbreaks will be reported to San Joaquin County Public Health Services per their guidelines as set forth by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Specific school communities will be notified by SUSD if a COVID-19 outbreak should occur according to guidance from the local public health officer. School outbreaks are determined by San Joaquin County's local health agency (SJCPHS) or state health department, as stated in state legislature Assembly Bill 86.

### **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 positive test results. SUSD will continue to follow all Public Health and CDPH guidelines for quarantining after a positive test result.

### **SCHOOL VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS:**

Access to school campuses is permitted.

**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 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 month on the last school day of the month and will reflect statistics for the previous month from time of posting.

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