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Dear FUHSD Community,

As we prepare to welcome back students for full, in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year, it is our hope that our updated ***FUHSD Guide to Reopening*** will provide families and staff with the information they need to understand the precautions we are continuing to take to keep every member of our community safe as we move through this next phase of the pandemic. While COVID-19 cases are rising across the country due to the Delta variant, we remain confident that the continued protective measures we are taking, and the high rate of vaccinated individuals in Bay Area counties, will allow us to remain safe in the new school year.

Throughout the pandemic, our public health partners at the county and state levels and at the CDC have made decisions based on the latest available science. The latest science demonstrates that in-person instruction is safe, and also the right thing to do for our students. Numerous scientific studies have shown that the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among children and young people wearing masks is very low. That risk is even lower now that the Bay Area has some of the highest local vaccination rates in the world.

For more than a year, our students were unable to participate in in-person instruction with their teachers and lost many of the benefits provided by regular, in-person schooling. It is now time for our schools to once again provide the critical interpersonal interactions that shape our students during these important developmental years.

With that said, we must continue to do our part to protect the overall health of our community as the pandemic continues. This summer, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) both released updated COVID-19 related guidance for schools. Masking has been a powerful tool in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and when we return to school on August 16, all students and staff will be required to wear masks at all times while indoors in accordance with CDPH guidelines, regardless of vaccination status. This requirement is also in-line with the recent mask mandate issued by Santa Clara County on Aug. 2. Under the updated CDPH guidelines, in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing when masks are used. We also continue to encourage all individuals who are eligible to get vaccinated, if they have not yet done so. Vaccines remain our best tool in the fight against severe illness from the coronavirus.

We are extremely grateful that we have more tools to fight the pandemic now than we did a year and a half ago and we are very much looking forward to a return to some normalcy in both our school routines and modes of instruction, while ensuring a healthy learning environment for each and every student in the process. Thank you for your support as we prepare to welcome all students and staff back to school this August.

Sincerely,

Polly Bove  
Superintendent

# FUHSD GUIDE TO REOPENING FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

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## DISTRICT COVID-19 LEADERSHIP

- COVID-19 Designee: [Trudy Gross](#), Associate Superintendent
- COVID-19 Designee Back-up: [Rachel Zlotziver](#), Coordinator of Communications
- Human Resources: [Paula Robinson](#) and [John Dwyer](#), HR Directors

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## OVERVIEW OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT STUDENTS AND STAFF ON CAMPUS

Safety measures in place at each of our campuses include the following:

- the expectation that students and staff wear face coverings at all times indoors in accordance with [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) guidelines](#) and regardless of vaccination status;
- requiring students and staff to wear masks as they travel to and from classes/during passing periods, and strongly recommending that students wear masks outdoors during brunch and lunch when they are not eating or drinking;
- identified Isolation Room on campus and process for use when a student or staff member exhibits symptoms of illness;
- MERV 13 filters installed in every classroom, with filters changed at least once every 3 months or more dependent on the environmental conditions (such as excessive smoke from wildfires) and servicing of all Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) units on a regular schedule;

- a full supply of proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including surgical masks, face shields, hand sanitizer, disinfecting and standard wipes, and disinfecting equipment;
- strict [cleaning and disinfecting protocols](#);
- clear signage throughout the campus regarding hand washing and the wearing of face masks;
- plexiglass dividers available for teacher/staff use including assessments and other 1:1 student-staff interactions; and
- COVID-19 Designee system for reporting confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the SCCPHD's Educational Portal and training on procedures around close contacts.

Each of these practices play an important role in keeping our students and staff safe. Please read on in this guide for additional detailed information on these precautions.

## **COVID-19 SYMPTOMS, COLD AND FLU AND OTHER ILLNESSES**

It is important to note that there are many cold and flu [symptoms that are similar to COVID-19](#). If you experience any of the following symptoms, please stay home and contact your healthcare provider. Staff members should also immediately inform their work supervisor. Students and families reporting an absence will be asked to provide information on specific symptoms and whether the student has been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.

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

### **Reporting an Absence**

When leaving a message on the attendance line, please provide as much detailed information as possible about the reasons for a student's absence, including all symptoms they are experiencing, the date of onset of these symptoms and whether they have been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. This information will help us to advise you on any further action that needs to be taken.

## **Returning to Campus After Illness & Doctor's Note Requirements**

Prior to returning in person to school or work you will need a doctor's note clearing you to return or a negative COVID-19 test result. A valid doctor's note must include the following three pieces of information:

- (1) confirmation that a medical evaluation was completed by the doctor (a tele-health appointment is valid);
- (2) a statement that an alternative explanation for symptoms has been identified; and
- (3) a statement that COVID-19 testing is not indicated.

Individuals must be fever-free for 24 hours (without taking fever-reducing medication) and show signs of improvement of their symptoms, before returning to campus. Please remember that taking care of yourself, helps take care of all those around you as well.

## **FACE COVERINGS & PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

- Students and staff are required to wear a face covering at all times while indoors on campus or a District property and while traveling between classes and across a campus.
- Per public health guidelines, face coverings should:
  - Have at least two layers of material; and
  - Fit snugly over your nose, mouth and chin, hooking around your ears or tying behind your head.Do not wear your face covering below your nose or with the top tucked underneath your chin.
- Students without masks will be provided with a disposable one to wear while at school.
- Per public health guidelines, the following people do not have to wear face coverings:
  - People who a healthcare professional has advised should not wear a face covering because they have a medical condition that would make wearing a face covering dangerous.
  - People who cannot put on or take off a face covering without assistance.
  - People who are hearing impaired or people who are communicating with someone else who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- The FUHSD Face Covering Exemption Process is required for anyone who will not be wearing a mask while at school. Shields with drapes will be available for individuals who are able to wear this option.
- Staff who are prevented from wearing a face covering due to health conditions or instructional/communication needs will be provided with a clear face shield with a drape. Extra face coverings will be available and provided if needed.
- Students will be instructed on proper face covering protocol.
- When drinking water in the classroom, students and staff should lower their mask to drink and then place the mask back over their nose. Masks should not be removed to drink water while in the classroom.
- Parents are asked to familiarize their children with the use of cloth face coverings, including the importance of being careful not to touch their mask or areas of their face.

- Per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, cloth face coverings should be washed whenever they get dirty or at least daily. If you have a disposable face mask, throw it away after wearing it once. Individuals should wash their hands after touching a used face covering.
- Visual reminders regarding face covering protocols will be posted for staff and students.
- Students who refuse to wear face coverings and do not have an exemption will be given one warning. Students who continue to not wear a mask or not wear a mask correctly may be sent home for the remainder of the day. This will be an unexcused absence and parents/guardians will be contacted.

## **HAND HYGIENE**

- Students will be instructed to wash or sanitize their hands upon arrival into the campus, during transitions between rooms, when using the restroom and at lunch.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all school sites, around campus and in every classroom.
- Schools will limit sharing of supplies. Students are expected to bring their own supplies to campus.
- Visual reminders will be provided and posted for staff and students.

## **ISOLATION ROOM PROCEDURES**

Isolation rooms will be identified at each campus for the purpose of minimizing exposure of staff and students to students with COVID-19 symptoms. The isolation room is for the temporary holding of students who are displaying symptoms until a parent/guardian can be notified and release or pick-up is confirmed. The space must allow for social distancing of multiple students (at least 6 feet apart) and be well ventilated, with open windows/doors or through the use of a MERV 13 filtration system.

An Isolation Room Designee, referred to as Designated Trained Personnel (DTP) and a back-up will be identified to provide supervision of students assigned to the isolation room. DTP/Back-up will be provided appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) including at minimum gloves, surgical mask and face shield.

Students who exhibit or complain of experiencing COVID-19 symptoms as identified by SCCPHD will be assigned to the isolation room and will remain there until they are picked up/released from school. The isolation room is intended as a safe temporary waiting area for students who report experiencing, or are observed experiencing, COVID-19 symptoms. Any student assigned to the isolation room is expected to follow the following rules and expectations which will be posted at the door of the isolation room.

### **Isolation Room Rules**

The isolation room is intended as a safe temporary waiting area for students who report experiencing, or are observed experiencing, COVID-19 symptoms. Any student assigned to the isolation room is expected to follow the following rules and expectations:

1. Sit in any designated seat that is at least 6 feet away from another person, including the isolation room designee.
2. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between other people at all times.
3. Do not enter an isolation room if:
  - a. Another person is present without face covering on. Wait at the doorway for the isolation room designee to provide guidance.
  - b. Student is not wearing a face covering. Request a face covering from the isolation room designee.
4. Keep face covering on at all times. If unable to do so due to respiratory difficulties or because the face covering has become damaged/soiled, remove the face covering and inform the isolation room designee as soon as he/she arrives. Do not enter the isolation room without a face covering.
5. Remain seated until dismissed or instructed to move about the room.
6. Keep noise levels to a minimum and work on class work until dismissed from school.
7. Avoid discussions with others while in the isolation room.
8. Dispose of trash in the appropriate bin within the isolation room.
9. If the restroom is needed, notify the isolation room designee and wait for instructions:
  - a. avoid interacting with other students while in the restroom
  - b. wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
  - c. return to the isolation room immediately taking care to avoid interacting with others.
10. Upon dismissal, exit the isolation room and proceed to the school exit as instructed.

## MENTAL HEALTH

Students can request to speak with a School Based Therapist or School Psychologist by filling out the Wellness Check-In Form for their school site, all of which are available on both our [Return to School Information & COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage and our [Mental Health Resources](#) webpage. Appointments can be made during regular school hours, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This form should not be used for medical or mental health emergencies, please call 911 or visit your nearest hospital emergency room in the case of a medical or mental health emergency or use the Crisis Resources listed below. We have also provided contact information for each of the school's guidance counselors, school based therapists and school psychologists below.

- 24-hour Suicide and Crisis Line (Santa Clara County): 1-855-278-4204
- Bill Wilson Youth Hotline (24-hour Suicide & Crisis Line): 408-850-6125
- Center for Living with Dying (part of the Bill Wilson Center): 408-243-0222
- Kara Grief Support for Children, Teens, Families and Adults: 650-321-5272
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (24-hour): 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Rape Crisis Hot Line (24-hour): 650-493-7273
- Trevor Lifeline LGBTQ+ Crisis Support: 1-866-488-7386

- Crisis Text Line Text “LISTEN” to 741741
- 911 or visit your nearest hospital emergency room if you can get there safely

### Cupertino High School – Principal: Kami Tomberlain

Main Phone: 408-366-7300; FUHSD email is: First Name\_Last Name@fuhdsd.org

Administrative & Guidance Team	Alpha Group	Phone Number
Assistant Principal, Melina Nafrada	A – F	408-366-7319
Guidance Counselor, Gregg Buie		408-366-7328
Assistant Principal, George Bechara	G – Le	408-366-7375
Guidance Counselor, Belinda Olson		408-366-7358
Assistant Principal, Steven Puccinelli	Li – Re	408-366-7374
Guidance Counselor, Tamara Emmert		408-366-7312
Assistant Principal, Jackie Corso	Ri – Z	408-366-7376
Guidance Counselor, Lillie Phares		408-366-7330
School Based Therapists & School Psychologists		Phone Number
School Based Therapist, Cathy Gomez		408-366-7300
School Based Therapist, Christopher Hickey		408-366-7326
School Based Therapist, Kristen Marengo		408-366-7365
School Based Therapist, Denise Salin		408-366-7329
School Psychologist, Melody Yi		408-366-7300
School Psychologist, Ivanna Warren		408-366-7300

### Educational Options

Main Phone: 408-522-2208; FUHSD email is: First Name\_Last Name@fuhdsd.org

Administrative & Guidance Team	Phone Number
Director of Educational & Special Services, Nancy Sullivan	408-522-2232
Director of Educational Options, Alison Coy	408-522-2275
Assistant Principal of Educational Options, Laura Gonzales	408-522-2292
Guidance Counselor, Jessica Wu	408-522-2276

School Based Therapist & School Psychologists	Phone Number
School Based Therapist, Alisa Dunlap	408-522-2239
School Psychologist, Jeanette Medina	408-522-2234
School Psychologist, Denise Lagarde	408-522-2407

### **Fremont High School – Principal: Bryan Emmert**

Main Phone: 408-522-2400; FUHSD email is: First Name\_Last Name@fuhsd.org

Administrative & Guidance Team	Alpha Group	Phone Number
Assistant Principal, Brooke Chan	A – Go	408-522-2411
Assistant Principal, Chris Moore	Gr – O	408-522-2419
Assistant Principal, Andy Walczak	P – Z	408-522-2409
Dean, Connor Smith	11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Graders	408-522-2416
Dean, Paula Mockler	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Graders	408-522-2489
Guidance Counselors, Sherry Fazzio & Sandra Woosley	A – D	408-522-3835
Guidance Counselor, Sarah Giarritta	E – LL	408-522-2480
Guidance Counselor, Ana Franco	LM – Ra	408-522-2428
Guidance Counselor, Dan Amezcuita	Rb – Z	408-522-2484
School Based Therapists & School Psychologists		Phone Number
School Based Therapist, Vandana Koppula		408-522-2495
School Based Therapist, Deirdre Louie		408-522-2487
School Based Therapist, Becky Byrne		408-522-2444
School Based Therapist, Jessica Wang		408-522-2476
School Psychologist, Shelly Greene		408-522-2477
School Psychologist, Denise Lagarde		408-522-2407
School Psychology, Theodore Ahn		408-522-2440



**Homestead High School – Principal: Greg Giglio**

Main Phone: 408-522-2500; FUHSD email is: First Name\_Last Name@fuhsd.org

<b>Administrative &amp; Guidance Team</b>	<b>Alpha Group</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Assistant Principal, Terri Hannigan	--	408-522-2509
Assistant Principal, Geoff Wright	--	408-522-2510
Assistant Principal, Brian Dong	--	408-522-2511
Dean, Anthony Nguyen	A – L	408-522-2556
Dean, Maria Trejo	M – Z	408-522-2506
Guidance Counselors, Marisa Amezquita	A – F	408-522-2550
Guidance Counselor, Raquel DeJesus	G – Li	408-522-2517
Guidance Counselor, Wilma Wu	Lj – Sam	408-522-2544
Guidance Counselor, Derek Chan	San – Z	408-522-2520
<b>School Based Therapists &amp; School Psychologists</b>		<b>Phone Number</b>
School Based Therapist, Shabbie Afshar		408-522-2565
School Based Therapist, Sarah Loyd		408-522-2533
School Based Therapist, Dawn Predium		408-522-2558
School Psychologist, Emily Bersaglia		408-522-2549
School Psychologist, Ellen Lain		408-522-2564

**Lynbrook High School – Principal: Maria Jackson**

Main Phone: 408-366-7700; FUHSD email is: First Name\_Last Name@fuhisd.org

Administrative & Guidance Team	Alpha Group	Phone Number
Assistant Principal, Yukari Salazar	A – Gh	408-366-7703
Assistant Principal, Eric Wong	Gi – Lim	408-366-7719
Assistant Principal, Susan Rocha	Lin – Sha	408-366-7707
Assistant Principal, David Erwin	Shb – Z	408-366-7706
Guidance Counselors, Nikki Dang	A – H	408-366-7766
Guidance Counselor, Shana Howden	I – Pg	408-366-7767
Guidance Counselor, Malissa Goldstein	Ph – Z	408-366-7790
School Based Therapist and School Psychologists		Phone Number
School Based Therapist, Jenna Starnes		408-366-7743
School Psychologist, Brittany Stevens		408-366-7756
School Psychologist, Jack Neudorf		408-366-7725

**Monta Vista High School – Principal: Ben Clausnitzer**

Main Phone: 408-366-7600; FUHSD email is: First Name\_Last Name@fuhisd.org

Administrative & Guidance Team	Alpha Group	Phone Number
Assistant Principal, Sydney Fernandez	A – Gou	408-366-7603
Guidance Counselor		408-366-7615
Assistant Principal, Nico Flores	Gov – L	408-366-7609
Guidance Counselor		408-366-7616
Assistant Principal, Janice Chen	M – Sha	408-366-7607
Guidance Counselor, Sylvia Lam		408-366-7626
Assistant Principal, Mike White	She – Z	408-366-7608
Guidance Counselor, Clay Stiver		408-366-7614

School Based Therapists and School Psychologists	Phone Number
School Based Therapist, Richard Prinz	408-366-7638
School Based Therapist, Leila Lurie	408-366-7627
School Psychologist, Annie Roe	408-366-7664
School Psychologist, Glenn Fisher	408-366-7643

## SCREENING AND CONFIRMED CASES

We have established flow charts that explain how the District will handle situations where a student or staff member is: (1) displaying symptoms at school, (2) is identified as a close contact or (3) tests positive for COVID-19. The flowcharts for all student-related situations are below. The district has specific communication protocols in place for informing individuals who may have been in contact with a person who tested positive. In addition, a school community will be informed if a person within the school community tests positive, while maintaining the strictest of confidentiality around the individual's identity.

- [Scenario 1: Symptomatic Individual](#)
- [Scenario 2: Close Contact](#)
- [Scenario 3: Confirmed/Positive Case](#)