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## Twain Harte School District COVID-19 Safety Plan

Based on the most current [guidance](#) from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and in consultation with Tuolumne County Public Health (TCPH), Twain Harte School has developed the following COVID Safety plan for the 2021-22 school year. The COVID safety plan will be revised periodically as the guidance is updated.

### 1. Masks

- a. Masks are optional outdoors for everyone in K-12 school settings.
- b. K-12 students are required to mask indoors, with exemptions per [CDPH face mask guidance](#). Adults in K-12 school settings are required to wear a mask when sharing indoor spaces with students.
- c. Staff and students are required to mask when riding on district transportation vehicles.
- d. 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.
- e. Masks will be available in the office and in each classroom should a student arrive at school without one.
- f. Mask Enforcement Policy
  - i. Students who arrive on campus without a mask will be directed to the office and be issued one.
  - ii. Students who continually refuse to wear a mask indoors may:
    - o Be required to attend a conference with school administration.
    - o Be excluded from classroom instruction for a portion or the entirety of the school day.
    - o Be referred to an alternate educational placement
- g. In limited situations where a face covering cannot be used for pedagogical or developmental reasons, (e.g., communicating or assisting young children or those with special needs) a face shield with a drape (per [CDPH guidelines](#)) can be used instead of a face covering while in the classroom as long as the wearer maintains physical distance from others. Staff must return to wearing a face covering outside of the classroom.

### 2. Student Transportation

- a. Parents will be required to remain in their vehicles during drop off and pick up times.
- b. Campus will open at 7:45 for students eating breakfast and 8:00 for those not eating breakfast.

- i. The playground will open for student use at 8:00 when school staff are available for supervision.
  - c. Bus Transportation
    - i. Staff and students will be required to wear a mask when riding in a district vehicle.
    - ii. Physical distancing will be maximized to the extent possible.
      - When possible, students will sit one to a seat
      - Siblings may be required to sit together
    - iii. When weather allows, windows will be down to ensure adequate ventilation of the interior of the bus.
- 3. Physical distancing
  - a. Physical distancing of student desks in the classrooms will be maximized to the extent possible.
  - b. Students will be expected to maintain appropriate physical distancing from others during all indoor and outdoor activities.
  - c. Common areas and staff rooms will have posted occupancy limits to avoid overcrowding.
  - d. Student restrooms will have posted occupancy limits.
- 4. Ventilation recommendations:
  - a. Classroom and office spaces have all been supplied with portable HEPA air filtration units.
  - b. HVAC units will be monitored and serviced regularly to ensure units are circulating air effectively.
  - c. When weather permits, doors and windows should be open to facilitate the flow of outside air.
- 5. Recommendations for staying home when sick and getting tested:
  - a. All students should be screened by their parents or guardian for COVID-19 symptoms before arriving on campus. Students exhibiting symptoms should stay home from school.
    - i. COVID-19 symptoms include but are not limited to:
      - Fever or chills
      - New or Worsening Cough
      - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
      - Fatigue
      - Muscle or body aches
      - Headache
      - New loss of taste or smell
      - Sore throat
      - Congestion or runny nose
      - Nausea or vomiting
      - Diarrhea
  - b. Staff and students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection will not be allowed to return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to school for those with symptoms:
    - i. At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; **AND**
    - ii. Other symptoms have improved; **AND**
    - iii. They have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2, **OR** a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying

- chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) **OR** a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus), **OR** at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.
- iv. If a student becomes sick at school, TCPH has developed a [flowchart](#) that will be used to determine the necessary response.
6. Case reporting, contact tracing and investigation
    - a. Per AB 86 (2021) and California Code Title 17, section 2500, schools are required to report COVID-19 cases to the local public health department.
    - b. Twain Harte School District COVID-19 Liaisons: Kathy Cross and Gabe Wingo
  7. Quarantine recommendations for close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases. TCPH has developed a [flowchart](#) to use to determine if quarantine is necessary.
    - a. Quarantine recommendations for vaccinated close contacts
      - i. For those who are vaccinated, follow the [COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#) regarding quarantine.
      - ii. Following a known exposure at work, fully vaccinated workers do not need to quarantine if asymptomatic.
    - b. Quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated students for exposures when both parties were wearing a mask, as required in K-12 indoor settings. These are adapted from the CDC K-12 guidance and CDC definition of a close contact.
      - i. When both parties were wearing a mask in any school setting in which students are supervised by school staff (including indoor or outdoor school settings and school buses), unvaccinated students who are close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet indoors) may undergo a modified quarantine as follows. They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:
        1. Are asymptomatic; **AND**
        2. Continue to appropriately mask, as required; **AND**
        3. Undergo at least twice weekly testing during the 10-day quarantine; **AND**
        4. Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.
    - c. Quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated close contacts who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the indoor exposure; or unvaccinated students as described in #8 above.
      - i. For these contacts, those who remain asymptomatic, meaning they have NOT had any symptoms, may discontinue self-quarantine under the following conditions:
        1. Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing; **OR**
        2. Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative.
      - ii. To discontinue quarantine before 14 days following last known exposure, asymptomatic close contacts must:
        1. Continue daily self-monitoring for symptoms through Day 14 from last known exposure; **AND**

2. Follow all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., wearing a mask when around others, hand washing, avoiding crowds) through Day 14 from last known exposure.
        - iii. If any symptoms develop during this 14-day period, the exposed person must immediately isolate, get tested and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care.
  8. Isolation recommendations
    - a. For both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons, the district will follow the CDPH [Isolation Guidance](#) for those diagnosed with COVID-19.
      - i. Persons with COVID-19 who have symptoms and were instructed to care for themselves at home may discontinue self-isolation under the following conditions:
        1. At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset; **AND**
        2. At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; **AND**
        3. Other symptoms have improved
9. Hand hygiene
  - a. Additional hand washing stations will be placed outdoors to allow for increased frequency of access to hand washing.
  - b. School staff will teach and reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.
  - c. School staff will promote hand washing throughout the day, especially before and after eating, after using the toilet, and after handling garbage, or removing gloves.
  - d. The district will ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, tissues, no-touch trash cans, face coverings, and hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent ethyl alcohol for staff and children who can safely use hand sanitizer.
10. Cleaning
  - a. In general, cleaning once a day is usually enough to sufficiently remove any potential virus that may be on surfaces. Disinfecting removes any remaining germs on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection.
  - b. Classrooms and common areas will be cleaned daily. High use areas such as student restrooms will be cleaned throughout the day as needed.
  - c. Any area used by a person sick with COVID in the last 24 hours will be cleaned and disinfected prior to reopening for use by staff and students.
11. Food service
  - a. Meal times will be staggered to decrease the number of students in the cafeteria.
  - b. Physical distancing will be maximized as much as possible while eating (especially indoors). Additional seating spaces will be utilized outside of the cafeteria for mealtime seating when conditions allow.
  - c. Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned. Surfaces that come in contact with food will be washed, rinsed, and sanitized before and after meals.
  - d. Meals will be served pre-plated.

12. Vaccination verification
  - a. Student vaccination verification may be utilized when determining close contacts and quarantine timelines.
  - b. Staff vaccination verification will be implemented to allow staff members to remove their face covering when children are not present on campus.
13. COVID-19 Safety Planning Transparency
  - a. This safety plan and any subsequent revisions will be posted on the district website and will be distributed to families in advance of the start of the school year.
  - b. The COVID Safety Plan (CSP) will be reviewed and, if needed, revised a minimum of every 6 months.
14. Extracurricular Activities
  - a. Field Trips may be allowed with administration verification of appropriate health and safety measures being followed by the facility.
  - b. Music and Band instruction will follow the most current CDPH guidance to ensure the health and safety of staff and students.
  - c. Interscholastic Sports will follow the most current CDPH guidance.
15. Staff Policies
  - a. All staff completes annual COVID-19 training, through JPA 's Get Safety Trained site, as directed by law.
  - b. All staff will complete a COVID-19 health screening daily.

#### **Additional considerations or other populations**

1. Disabilities or other health care needs recommendations
  - a. Requirements related to provision of a free appropriate public education and requirements to reasonably accommodate disabilities will continue to apply.
2. Campus Visitors
  - a. Campus visitors will be limited to essential visits only.
  - b. Nonessential visitors and volunteers will be required to show proof of vaccination and follow all health screening procedures while on campus.
3. Facilities Use
  - a. All use of district facilities by outside organizations is temporarily suspended.