

TK-12 COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

Under COVID-19 Conditions



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2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

In accordance with the California Department of Public Health's most recent 21-22 K-12 School Guidance, this plan outlines the Corona-Norco Unified School District's current safety measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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As of July 16, 2021 CNUSD schools are all slated to open for the 21-22 school year with a full regular bell schedule.

What are the criteria for closing a school to in-person learning?

Temporary school closures should be considered only after conferring with local health officials. There is no specific case threshold at which the State recommends an immediate temporary closure of a classroom or school. Instead, the process will be guided by local epidemiology, with particular attention paid to concern for in-school transmission. Operational factors may also be considered, including the ability to maintain sufficient teaching staff to provide in-person instruction.

STABLE GROUPS

CNUSD is committed to limit the number of interactions among students and staff together with continued smaller class sizes as well as facilitate an effective and efficient rapid-response contact tracing protocol which will provide a safe environment for students and staff.

Stable groups provide a key mitigation layer in schools. A stable group is a group with fixed membership that stays together without mixing with any other groups for any activities.



WHAT TO EXPECT FOR 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR

CNUSD has developed protocols that every school site will be required to follow when schools open for students and staff. These protocols are divided into two areas: District Protocols and School Site Protocols. Under District Protocols, CNUSD is responsible for creating the overall District Plan and responsible for providing training for employees and students.

When campuses reopen, it will look different.

Screening at Home:

- Families are recommended to take temperatures daily before going to school. Anyone with a fever of 100° F or higher should not go to a school site. Personal illness, quarantine, and COVID-19 illness or symptom related absences will be excused.
- Parents/students and staff will self screen for respiratory symptoms, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of smell/taste, sore throat, fatigue, headache, stomach ache, nasal congestion/runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, or poor eating/appetite prior to coming to school each day. **Students and staff experiencing those symptoms will stay home.**

Arriving at School:

- Students and staff members will be required to wear face masks indoors.
- Parents & visitors will have limited access to the school campus.
- School sites will have signage throughout campus to remind students and staff about staying home when they're ill, hand washing, and limiting the spread of germs.
- Mobile hand washing stations will be provided to all campuses.



FACE MASKS & PPE

In accordance with California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) and Riverside County's Department of Public Health Guidance:



AGE/GRADE	FACE MASK REQUIREMENT
2 years old - 2nd grade	Yes, unless unable**
3rd grade - 12th grade	Yes, unless exempt ***

**Students pre-school up to 12th grade are required to wear a face mask indoors. If a student in pre-school – 2nd grade is unable to properly wear a facemask in the classroom, the student will be offered a face shield with a drape.

*** For additional face mask information & exemptions please see below

Students and Staff must wear face masks at all times while indoors

- Except while eating and drinking.
- Personal face masks will be allowed in compliance with the dress code policy.
- Any student or staff member who refuse to wear a face mask will be sent home.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided to staff and students:

- Students and staff will be provided face masks and are expected to wear them daily.
- Teachers and identified staff members can request a reusable face shield with a reusable drape.
- Gloves are recommended for use when conducting cleaning, first aid, symptom screening, food service, or when handling commonly touched items.
- For staff who come into routine contact with others, CDPH recommends the use of disposable 3-ply surgical masks, which are more effective than cloth face coverings.

Face Shields & Exemptions:

According to CDPH Guidelines unless a person is exempt, as explained below, in limited indoor situations where a face mask cannot be used for pedagogical or developmental reasons, (i.e. communicating or assisting young children or assisting those with special needs) a face shield can be used instead of a cloth face mask while in the classroom as long as the wearer maintains 6-foot physical distance from others.

- The use of a face shield requires a drape. Face shields must wrap around the side of the face and extend below the chin.
- Face masks are required for students preschool - 12th grade. If a student in preschool-2nd grade is unable to wear a face mask, the student must wear a face shield with drape while in the classroom and a face mask when outside of the classroom.
- **The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face mask:**
 - Children age two years or under. These very young children must not wear a face mask because of the risk of suffocation.
 - Individuals must submit a CNUSD Medical Exemption Form with verification from their provider in order to be exempt from wearing a face mask on campuses. The exemption form applies to individuals with a disability, mental or physical health condition that prevents them from wearing a face mask. For students with a medical exemption, a face shield may be used as an appropriate alternative.
 - Individuals who are hearing impaired or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

CAMPUS CLEANING & VENTILATION

Campus Cleaning

Indoor Spaces

Indoor spaces will be disinfected when students and staff are not present.

- Indoor spaces are cleaned daily.
- High contact food service areas will be cleaned between uses.

Cleaning & Disinfecting Products

Our cleaning and disinfecting products are approved for use against COVID-19 and are on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - approved list "N" with asthma-safer ingredients (hydrogen peroxide) as recommended by the US EPA Design for Environment Program. The product we are using is Ecolab Peroxide multi-surface cleaner and disinfectant and its EPA N List registration number is 1677-238; its active ingredient is hydrogen peroxide. This product is safe for electrostatic spraying and wiping and is approved for hard surface and comply with the Healthy Schools Act.

EPA links pertaining to the N List and disinfectants can be found below:

- List N Tool: COVID-19 Disinfectants
- Frequent Questions about Disinfectants and Coronavirus (COVID-19)

If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact our Maintenance Department.

Ventilation

- CNUSD has upgraded to the highest grade filter possible. HVAC units have been upgraded with MERV-11, 4-ply filters with an antimicrobial coating and increased outdoor air supply to the maximum extent possible.
- MERV-13 filters are installed in our newer HVAC units throughout District.
- CNUSD has added Needlepoint BiPolar Ionization as an additional mitigation measure to increase indoor air quality.

TRANSPORTATION

- Drivers will wear a facemask and conduct a verbal wellness check as students board the bus. If a student is symptomatic they will be seated at least 6 feet away from other students and driver and will be sent to the isolation areas upon arrival at school.
- All students must wear a facemask while on the bus.
- Students who do not have a facemask will be provided one upon entry.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for students to use at their school sites and encouraged to use prior to boarding the bus.
- A minimum of two windows will be open on the bus to increase air circulation.
- All buses that are in active service will be cleaned daily when students are not present.

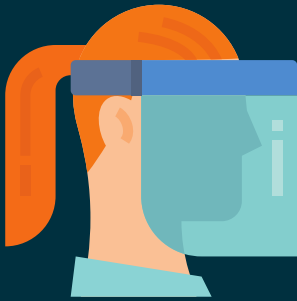


SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- All students, including students on an IEP or 504 Plan, are required to have a verified medical exemption if unable to wear a face mask. The CNUSD medical exemption form may be requested and submitted to the school of residence.
- Students who are deaf/hard of hearing will not be required to wear facial coverings.
- Students who are on IEPs will have access to Virtual Learning if student's family deems necessary.
- School personnel will work closely with families of students who are immunocompromised regarding specific needs when returning to school.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR STAFF WORKING WITH STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- Staff will wear either a face shield and a face mask or a clear face mask. Whichever is most conducive to addressing their specific student needs.
- IEP services will be delivered with adherence to the wearing of facial coverings, physical distancing, increased hand washing, and sanitizing.
- All staff who work with students who require more hands on services such as diapering, catheterization, feeding, etc. will utilize both face coverings and gloves.
- Staff who work with students who require modeling of oral tasks to complete work will be issued face shields so students are able to view their instructor.



ATTENDING TO THE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF OUR STUDENTS WILL BE A TOP PRIORITY AS THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL.



District and school staff are committed to supporting students' social emotional wellness and offering resources to ensure students transition back to school smoothly. Support may include social emotional learning, building relationships, community building activities, and increased access to mental health/wellness services. Families and schools will need to work together to check how students are feeling and assess their individual needs to provide the support our students need during these challenging times.

Your family can access our free tele-health and virtual therapy resources made available through our partner Care Solace. Those in need of support may contact Care Solace 24/7 at 888-515-0595, email weserve@caresolace.org, or access our district's unique page: www.Caresolace.com/cnusdfamilies. For more resources, visit www.cnusd.k12.ca.us/mentalhealth.

FAMILY RESOURCES

The Parent Center provides a wide variety of resources to help families with their academic and social emotional needs. Parents can access the following by visiting the center or by calling and speaking to one of our staff members.

- COVID-19 awareness and training in spread prevention
- Assistance with enrollment, transfers, and all registration needs
- Guidance on applying for Medi-Cal and CalFresh renewals
- Community resources including food, clothing, utility assistance, and low income housing
- Tutoring services
- Little Scholar early learning program
- Mental health services including counseling and referrals to outside agencies
- Community computer lab
- Classes and webinars on parenting, emotional safety, and general school information
- College and career advising
- Support with medical needs

The Parent Center is located at
152 E. Sixth Street
Corona, CA 92879
(951) 273-3132

COVID-19 Symptom Decision Tree



Low Risk

- Fever (>100°F)
- Headache
- Congestion/Runny Nose
- Sore Throat
- Nausea/Vomiting, Diarrhea
- Fatigue/Muscle or Body Aches

High Risk

- New, uncontrolled cough
- Difficulty Breathing (not due to asthma)
- Loss of Taste or Smell

If a student or staff member has **one low risk symptom and has NOT been exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual**: student or staff member will be sent home and may return to school the next school day as long as he/she no longer has the symptom AND has not taken a fever reducing medicine (i.e. Tylenol or Motrin) in the last 24 hours.

If a student or staff member has **two or more low risk symptoms OR one high risk symptom**: Student or staff member that is symptomatic must be sent home and...



If there is a medical diagnosis other than COVID-19 (i.e. migraines, allergies, etc.), a medical note is required.

If tested for COVID-19 AND and received a negative test result (PCR Test or Antigen)

If tested for COVID-19 AND received positive test result

If not evaluated by health care provider and did not get tested



Individual may return to school 24 hours after symptom resolution (without fever medication). If symptom persists, individual needs to test or isolate.

Individual MUST remain home until ALL of the following have taken place:

- Negative test taken on day 5 or later
- If not tested, 10 days have passed from onset of symptoms.
- 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication AND
- Symptoms have improved.

Student Quarantine Decision Tree

Follow the steps below to determine if a student needs to stay at home or if they can attend school.

Is the student symptomatic?

If No:



- If the student receives a group-tracing notice, they can remain at school as long as they remain asymptomatic. Testing is strongly recommended.
- If exposed at home, please see chart below.



Home Exposure:



- If no test, quarantine at home for 10 days.

OR

- Must home quarantine for a minimum of 5 days. May return on day 6 if all the following are met:
 - Negative test taken on day 5 (antigen recommended)
 - Symptoms improved
 - Fever free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medication.

Exempt from quarantine if student is current on vaccination status or has tested positive in the last 90 days.

If Yes:



- Must home quarantine for a minimum of 5 days. May return on day 6 if all of the following are met:
 - Negative test taken on day 5 (antigen recommended)
 - Symptoms improved
 - Fever free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medication.
- If no test, quarantine at home for 10 days.

Students or Staff that present symptoms while at school

Please refer to the Symptom Decision Tree on page 9.

Note: Parents should be prepared to pick up their student(s) immediately in the instance they develop COVID-19 symptoms while at school. Please be sure to have updated emergency contacts in Parent Connect.

Guidelines are subject to change based on Riverside County Public Health, CDC and CDPH recommendations. It is not intended to replace an evaluation by a medical provider.

High Risk Employees

Employees who are in the high risk group and are concerned about coming to work should contact Human Resources.

Based on what we know now, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- People 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:
 - People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - People who have serious heart conditions
 - People who are immunocompromised
 - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
 - People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
 - People with diabetes
 - People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
 - People with liver disease
 - Pregnant people might be at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 compared to non-pregnant people

Center for Disease Control (CDC) COVID-19 Prevention

Everyone should

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you've been in a public space, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not regularly available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover.

COVID-19 Protocol. When CNUSD receives confirmation of a positive COVID-19 case, the following protocols will be followed:

- Notify Public Health
- A group exposure notice will be sent to staff and students at the site/department where exposure occurred with information that an individual tested positive for COVID-19 including known exposure date, protocols, and resources.
- Desks, furniture, surfaces, restrooms, classrooms, conference rooms, etc. will be disinfected.

Students & Staff returning to school after a diagnosis of COVID-19

- Students and staff must be cleared by site administration and/or Human Resources.
- After a positive diagnosis is made, individuals should expect to be in isolation for at least 5 days after the onset of symptoms/positive test result, and potentially longer if they continue to remain symptomatic.

Student & Staff Symptom & Exposure Screening

Household or anyone you know COVID-19 Exposure

- Students and staff who have been exposed to anyone in their household with COVID-19 in the past 10 days must stay home (quarantine) for 5 days; may exit quarantine with a negative antigen test and no symptoms. If no test, they may return to work/school on day 11 but must continue to monitor for symptoms.

Individuals Exempt from Quarantine

- An individual with an exposure to a COVID-19 case is not required to quarantine if they meet the following:
 - Has tested positive in the last 90 days.
 - Boosted
 - Vaccinated but not yet Booster eligible
 - 6 months from last dose of Pfizer/Moderna or 2 months from J&J
 - Remain asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure
 - Testing recommended day 5 or later

Testing

According to the California Department of Public Health and Riverside County Department of Public Health, once schools are re-opened to in-person instruction, it is recommended asymptomatic testing be implemented based on the local disease trends. If epidemiological data indicates for increasing community transmission, schools should increase testing of staff to detect potential cases as lab testing capacity allows. The District will follow the testing requirement according to CDPH and local health guidance.

