

COVID-19 — NOTICE OF PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This Notice is intended to advise parents or guardians of their rights and responsibilities with respect to student in-person attendance during the current pandemic.

1. COVID-19 Screening.

I understand that it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to screen their child daily for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to sending their child to school. This daily screening must include taking my child's temperature and/or reviewing a list of COVID-19 symptoms with my child to determine whether my child has any symptoms of COVID-19. I understand that the school may conduct further health screenings once the student is on campus, including symptom and/or temperature screening.

I understand that the parent/guardian must notify the school immediately if their child exhibits any COVID-19 symptom listed below. Students may not attend school if they exhibit any COVID-19 symptom. If a student is identified as having any COVID-19 symptom upon arrival at school, or during the school day, the student will be isolated on campus and parents/guardians are required to pick the student up from school immediately.

COVID-19 symptoms include:

- fever (100° or higher) or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

2. COVID-19 Cases, Exclusion From School, and Immediate Reporting Obligation

I understand that the parent/guardian must immediately notify the SCCOE principal of the school when 1) their child, a household member, or other Close Contact¹ to their child tests positive for COVID-19, or 2) their child develops any symptom of COVID-19. I understand that my child will be placed in home isolation or quarantine until he/she is cleared to return to school.

If a student exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, I understand that the parent/guardian should contact their health care provider to have the student tested and should not bring the student to school until the parent/guardian can provide documentation of a negative test result to school administration. In lieu of a negative test result, symptomatic students may return to school with a medical note

¹ A close contact is someone who has been within 6 feet of the positive person while they were infectious for 15 minutes or more, even if one or both people were wearing face coverings. COVID-19 positive persons are considered infectious from 48 hours before their symptoms began (or 48 hours before they were tested for COVID if they never had symptoms).

signed by a California licensed physician that provides an alternative explanation for symptoms and a reason for not ordering COVID-19 testing.

If a student is excluded from school due to a positive COVID-19 test, COVID-19 symptoms, or exposure to a family member or other close contact who tested positive for COVID-19, I understand that the parent/guardian is responsible for ensuring the student abides by applicable isolation/quarantine requirements. Current requirements can be found here: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd-p/Diseases/novel-coronavirus/Documents/Home-Isolation-Quarantine-Guidelines.pdf>. Students must complete any period of isolation/quarantine prior to returning to school.

3. Face Coverings

I understand the following rules govern student use of face coverings (masks) on school property.

All students are required to wear face coverings that cover their nose and mouths:

- while arriving and departing from school campus;
- in any area outside of the classroom (except when eating, drinking, or engaging in physical activity); and
- while waiting for or riding on a school bus.

Students in grades TK-2 will be strongly encouraged, but are not required, to wear a cloth face covering within their stable classroom cohort.

Students in grades 3 and above are required to wear face coverings when in the classroom even if they are in a stable classroom cohort. If a student is having trouble breathing, unconscious, incapacitated, or cannot remove a face covering without assistance, the student may qualify for an exemption. For more information about obtaining an exemption, please consult your district's School Site Specific Plan.

Students in all grades (including TK-2) should bring a face covering to school. If the student does not have a mask, the parent/guardian may contact the SCCOE principal to request assistance. Students who forget to bring a mask to school will be provided a new disposable mask for use that day.

As required by current California Department of Public Health guidance (see <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>): "Schools must exclude students from campus if they are not exempt from wearing a face covering under CDPH guidelines and refuse to wear one provided by the school." As a result, any student who is required to wear a mask, and refuses to do so, will be excluded from campus, and will be placed in a 100% distance learning model (unless they select independent study). This is not a disciplinary measure, and the student may return to in-person instruction upon agreeing to wear a mask.

4. Federal, State and Local Health Guidance

The District’s schools will be implementing safety protocols and taking precautions based on current federal, state and local health requirements and guidance. While this Annual Parent Notification is consistent with health requirements in effect at the time of its issuance, these requirements may change in the future.

5. COVID-19 Risks and Alternative Instruction Options

Given the nature of COVID-19 virus, it is impossible for the District to guarantee students will not be exposed to the virus, or infected by the virus, while attending school in person. I understand that students may interact with others at school who are infected but do not have symptoms of illness, and that transmission of the virus may occur, even between individuals wearing masks and engaging in social distancing.

Parents/guardians wishing to reduce a student’s risk of infection have the option of selecting alternatives to in-person instruction. I agree that I have been informed of these options, which include 100% distance learning.

I understand and agree to follow all of the rules described above:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____.