Charter and Private Schools COVID-19 Coordination

March 1, 2022
Today’s Topics

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  ○ CAL/OSHA
● NEW CDPH Masking Guidance
● Santa Clara County Indoor Masking Announcement
● NEW CDPH Childcare Guidance
● NEW CDC Framework
● California K-12 Antigen Testing Program Playbook
Santa Clara County COVID-19 Cases Dashboard
Last updated on February 28, 2022

Cumulative COVID-19 Cases 304,662
7-Day Rolling Average of New Cases 351

Displaying: Cases

Cases by Specimen Collection Date

Values for the most recent 7 days are preliminary.
Governors Newsom, Brown and Inslee Announce Updated Health Guidance

Published: Feb 28, 2022

Statement from California Governor Gavin Newsom: “California continues to adjust our policies based on the latest data and science, applying what we’ve learned over the past two years to guide our response to the pandemic. Masks are an effective tool to minimize spread of the virus and future variants, especially when transmission rates are high. We cannot predict the future of the virus, but we are better prepared for it and will continue to take measures rooted in science to keep California moving forward.”

In California, starting March 1, masks will no longer be required for unvaccinated individuals, but will be strongly recommended for all individuals in most indoor settings. After March 11, in schools and child care facilities, masks will not be required but will be strongly recommended. Masks will still be required for everyone in high transmission settings like public transit, emergency shelters, health care settings, correctional facilities, homeless shelters and long-term care facilities. As always, local jurisdictions may have additional requirements beyond the state guidance.
Masking Requirements

Masks are required for all individuals in the following indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status. Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are highly recommended.

- Indoors in K-12 schools[6], childcare[7] (through March 11, 2022)*
- On public transit[5] (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares) and in transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina, train station, seaport or other port, subway station, or any other area that provides transportation)
- Emergency[8] shelters and cooling and heating centers[9]
- Healthcare settings[10] (applies to all healthcare settings, including those that are not covered by the State Health Officer Order issued on July 26, 2021)**
- State and local correctional facilities and detention centers[11]
- Homeless shelters[12]
- Long Term Care Settings & Adult and Senior Care Facilities[13]

*After March 11, the universal masking requirement for K-12 and Childcare settings will terminate. CDPH strongly recommends that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings when the universal masking requirement lifts.
Santa Clara County Universal Indoor Masking Requirements
March 1, 2022

State Indoor Masking Requirements Still Apply in Certain Settings Regardless of Vaccination Status

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – Today, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department announced that all masking metrics have been met and therefore indoor masking will no longer be required beginning March 2. However, the Public Health Department and the California Department of Public Health strongly recommend that the public continue to wear masks in all indoor public spaces.

The California Department of Public Health continues to require masking in higher-risk settings such as public transit, healthcare facilities, shelters, jails, and long-term care facilities. For information on the State’s requirements, visit: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx
What are the implications of recent changes to CDC & CDPH masking guidance for transportation on school buses serving K-12 populations?

- School buses serving K-12 populations are considered a school setting and accordingly, masking remains required through March 11, 2022, after which time masking will be strongly recommended.
- After March 11, 2022, the following [CDC statement regarding the Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/worksites/public-transportation.html) will be relevant in California: “CDC is exercising its enforcement discretion to not require that people wear masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems … CDC plans to amend its Mask Order as soon as practicable to not require that people wear masks while outdoors on conveyances or while outdoors on the premises of transportation hubs, and to not require that people wear masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems.”
- Additionally, as is always the case: (1) state requirements and recommendations are subject to change; and (2) local health agencies and/or educational authorities may have additional requirements beyond state and federal requirements.
- When practicable and safe, CDPH recommends optimizing air quality on school buses by opening windows to create more ventilation.
# NEW Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs

**Updates as of February 18, 2022**

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<th>Child Care</th>
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# How CDC Measures the COVID-19 Community Levels

## COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community

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<td>Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)</td>
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California K-12 Antigen Testing Program Playbook

2022
California Department of Public Health & Santa Clara County Office of Education is collaborating on a Ventilation Webinar and Portable Air Purification Study.

Please join us on Tuesday March 22, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

More information to come.
REFERENCES & RESOURCES
COVID-19 and Improving Indoor Air Quality in Schools

February 10, 2022

Having good ventilation and air filtration in schools is very important to reduce COVID-19 and other diseases that spread through the air. Improving indoor air quality also creates a healthier school environment by limiting exposure to harmful chemicals and wildfire smoke. In addition, better air quality increases student performance and attendance. You can improve indoor air quality using one or more of the following strategies:

**Optimize or Upgrade Your Mechanical Ventilation (HVAC) System**

The HVAC system reduces hazards in the air by pulling in outdoor air and circulating indoor air through filters. Work with facility managers to optimize your system by reviewing the CDPH Guidance for Ventilation. Use federal stimulus funding to work with indoor air quality or ventilation consultants to assess whether your system needs an upgrade.

**Add Portable Air Cleaning Devices (PACs)**

You can add portable air cleaning devices to classrooms to supplement mechanical and natural ventilation. Purchase PACs that are sized appropriately and circulate air through High Efficiency Particulate Air or “HEPA” filters. Most PACs will list the intended room size. Avoid devices that advertise “ionizer” or “ozone” technology. Alternatively, a low-cost DIY PAC such as the Corsi-Rosenthal Box can be built and added to classrooms.

**Open Doors and Windows (Natural Ventilation)**

While natural ventilation can be an important tool to improve air quality, it is not as easy to control as mechanical ventilation. Opening windows and hallway doors on opposite sides of the room creates a cross draft which is the best way to naturally introduce outside air. Use CO2 monitors to determine if enough outdoor air is being brought into a classroom from natural or mechanical ventilation. Levels above 800 parts per million (ppm) can indicate more outdoor air is needed.
How To Use Your N95 Mask

- Wash your hands
  Make sure to wash your hands before and after touching your mask.

- Store your mask
Youth Vaccination Updates - Week of February 13, 2022:

Get vaccinated
Your health matters

Free with no insurance required
Drop-in Clinic, subject to capacity
First and second doses for people ages 5 and up
Pfizer Booster for people 12 and up (5 months after 2nd Pfizer dose); Moderna Booster for people 11 and up (5 months after 2nd Moderna dose)

Vaccine options available: Pfizer & Moderna

Location: Homestead High School
Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022
Time: 12:00pm - 7:00pm
Address: 21370 Homestead Road
Cupertino, CA 95014

Santa Clara County Weekly Vaccine Schedule

Week of Saturday, February 26 - Saturday, March 5, 2022
Vaccines are free, safe, and easy. You do not need health insurance and all immigration statuses are eligible. Staff are able to support language needs and disability access.

Drop-in/no appointment needed at all of the following vaccine sites:

**San Jose**
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, Expo Hall
2/26-2/27 8:30am-2:30pm
2/28 9/10 1pm-9pm
2/28-3/1 8:30am-2:30pm
2/28-3/1 8:30am-2:30pm
2/28-3/1 8:30am-2:30pm
2/28-3/1 8:30am-2:30pm

San Jose (continued)

**Gilroy**
Bay Area Community Health
2/22 10:30am-2:30pm
2/24 10:30am-2:30pm
2/20 10:30am-2:30pm

**Gilroy**
Carolyn T. Belli, MD
2/24 10:30am-2:30pm

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**Santa Clara County Office of Education**

No proof of vaccination status required

Staff are available to support language needs and disability access. Call 711 for Hearing and Speech Relay Service.

Santa Clara County Health Services
(408) 978-2899
scfsvax.org

Equity • Diversity • Inclusion • Partnership
COVID-19 Testing Task Force
Office Hours for Schools and Districts
Tuesdays @1pm

Join Zoom Meeting (New Link):
https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1605166231?pwd=dDJtQ2xkYUNIWHZ1cSt4MUJ3Ymh4QT09

Meeting ID: 160 516 6231
Passcode: 388817
State of California Safe Schools For All Hub

The Safe Schools For All Hub consolidates key resources and information related to COVID-19 and schools. New resources will be added to the Hub on a routine basis.

Technical Assistance Portal for School Leaders and LHD/LHJs to request direct support from the State Safe Schools For All Team. **Start Your Request →**

- School Guidance ↓
- Testing ↓
- Vaccine ↓
- Ventilation ↓
- Contact Tracing ↓
- Child Care ↓
- Mental Health ↓
- Maps & Data ↓
Instructional Modes survey will need to be submitted through the **submission portal**.
Below is the current reporting schedule

**DATA SUBMISSION**

- When do I have to submit my data?
  - All school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and private schools are required to submit data on the **second and fourth Monday of each month** (unless the Monday is a State holiday, in which case the reporting window will be the Tuesday immediately following).

The data collected from the Instructional Modes Survey will be used to populate the public-facing interactive maps and state dashboard on the **CA Safe Schools for All Hub**.

If you have any reporting issues or need assistance please contact the **CA Safe Schools Support Desk** for assistance with the Instructional Modes Survey or check the **FAQ** sheet for responses to our most commonly asked questions.

Reporting occurs on 3/14 & 3/28
CA Safe Schools Support Help Desk

Please fill out this form to submit questions regarding the data submission process for the Instruction Status Reporting Survey.

9 Questions

START →
School Site - Youth Vaccine Clinics

Email Jennifer Mutch for additional information

jmutch@sccoe.org
Guidance and General Questions

• Emergency Operations Center: 
  schools@eoc.sccgov.org  
  (408) 808-7812

• Incident Command Center:  
  (408) 453-6500
COVID Testing at SCCOE

What:  Observed self-administered nasal swab testing for COVID-19

Where:  Santa Clara County Office of Education, 1290 Ridder PArk Dr., San Jose, CA, 95131, San Jose Room

When:  Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays
        (7-11am, 12-4pm, 5-7pm)

Appointments and walk ups welcome.

Appointments can be made in English and Spanish by calling 1-888-634-1123 or visiting lhi.care/covidtesting

To Schedule an Appointment, click here
COVID-19 Dashboards

- Cases, Death, and Testing Dashboards
  - **COVID-19 Cases and Deaths**
    Provides detailed information about cases and deaths from COVID-19.
  - **COVID-19 Case Rates by Vaccination Status**
    This dashboard shows the 7-day daily average COVID-19 case rate by day for Santa Clara County overall, for unvaccinated residents, and for fully vaccinated residents.
  - **Demographics of Cases and Deaths**
    Provides information on characteristics and demographics of COVID-19 cases and deaths, including: age, gender, race/ethnicity, source of transmission for cases, and underlying conditions for deaths.
  - **COVID-19 Testing**
    Provides information on the total daily testing for COVID-19.
  - **COVID-19 Variants**
    This dashboard provides the cumulative count of COVID-19 variants that have been identified and reported in Santa Clara County to date.
EOC Superintendents
COVID-19 Coordination Schedule

March 15, 2022
April 5, 2022
April 19, 2022
May 3, 2022
May 17, 2022
June 14, 2022
Thank you!

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