



August 2, 2021

Parents and Families:

On Friday I had sent out a message saying that the information regarding COVID-19 would be pushed out on Tuesday. As it turns out, it came through late Friday, so here it is. The information below is from the Tehama County Department of Education and will be what I recommend to our Board that they approve. That said, all of this is subject to change with the ever changing mandates from CDPH/CalOSHA.

A few things to point out:

- Visitors/volunteers will be allowed on campus at the lower levels of transmission.
- Volunteers will no longer be required to be vaccinated.
- We will not be symptom screening at the curb nor bus stops at the lower transmission tiers.
- Face coverings are not required outdoors.
- Students no longer have to be placed in cohort groups.
- Physical distancing is no longer required.
- Contact Tracing and Quarantining must still take place but has been modified

Sincerely,

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Public Service Announcement
Tehama County TK-12 Public School Covid-19 Public Health Guidance
Expectations and Enforcement Plan
2021-2022 School Year

Tehama County Public Health, Tehama County Department of Education, and all Tehama County Schools have spent the summer working together to ensure our classrooms are filled with laughter and learning as we approach a new school year.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released the updated [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for TK-12 Schools in California](#) on July 12, 2021. Based on current data, some restrictions are no longer required which will allow us to return to a more typical school day.

Here are some of the updated guidelines:

- Face coverings are not required outdoors
- Student cohorts will no longer be required
- Physical distancing is no longer required
- Modified quarantine rules

CDPH guidance continues to mandate that **all TK-12 students and staff wear face coverings when indoors**. This is not a district or even a county decision. Masks are required at all schools in the state of California, public or private. Districts and school boards do not have a choice about whether or not to enforce public health's guidance; we are required to do so. If a district were to ignore this guidance, they could face criminal sanctions, expose the district to liability, risk loss of funding, and be subject to penalties from Cal/OSHA and public health.

All Tehama County Schools will be following the *Student Expectations and Enforcement Plan* for the 2021-2022 academic year. The state has indicated "county health agencies are responsible for making sure that districts enforce the mask mandate." The attached *Student Expectation and Enforcement Plan* has been developed and approved for use by the Tehama County Department of Education, all Tehama County schools, and our local Public Health Officer.

Our resources will be focused on safety and ensuring every student gets the best education and access to mental health services possible, as well as engaging students with gaps in learning due to COVID-19 disruption and challenges during the past school year.

All schools will continue to implement COVID-19 prevention measures and encourage everyone to take public health precautions and follow CDC and CDPH guidelines. Additionally, all schools remain committed to advocating for local control on issues of this nature.

**Tehama County TK-12 Public School COVID-19
Student Expectations & Enforcement Plan
2021-2022 School Year**

	Low Transmission 0-9 cases per 100,000 last 7 days	Moderate Transmission 10-49 cases per 100,000 last 7 days	Substantial Transmission 50-99 cases per 100,000 last 7 days	High Transmission 100+ cases per 100,000 last 7 days
Face Coverings Face coverings are required for all TK-12 indoor settings with exemptions per CDPH guidance. Face coverings are optional in all outdoor settings. Face coverings will be provided if a student does not have one.	<i>Students will be reminded to wear a face covering in any indoor setting.</i>	<i>Students will be reminded to wear a face covering in any indoor setting. If a student refuses to wear face covering, a school official will call home and report to the parent. If a student is reminded a second time, a parent conference will be scheduled. Results of the conference may include non-disciplinary action or placement into the Independent Study Program, if available.</i>	<i>Students must enter the indoor setting with a face covering on and keep it on. If a student refuses to wear a face covering, the student will be removed from the setting. A parent conference will be scheduled. Results of the conference may include non-disciplinary action or placement into the Independent Study Program, if available.</i>	<i>Students must enter the indoor setting with a face covering on and keep it on. If a student refuses to wear a face covering, the student will be removed from the setting. A parent conference will be scheduled. Results of the conference may include non-disciplinary action or placement into the Independent Study Program, if available.</i>
Healthy Hygiene	Teach and promote handwashing throughout the day. Adequate supplies will be provided to support healthy hygiene behaviors.			
Food Service	Maximize physical distancing when eating and use outside spaces, when possible. Clean frequently touched surfaces. Food service does not need to limit itself to single serve or packaged meals.			
Physical Distancing	In-person instruction can occur without minimum physical distancing.			
Ventilation	Ventilation will be optimized.			
Symptom Monitoring Health Screening	Parents should monitor their child's symptoms at home.		Parents should continue to monitor their child's symptoms at home. Schools will perform health screenings prior to the start of school each day.	
Testing		Offer screening testing for students not fully vaccinated at least one time per week.	Offer screening testing for students not fully vaccinated at least one time per week.	Offer screening testing for students not fully vaccinated at least one time per week.
Quarantine/Isolation	Per CDPH Guidelines	Per CDPH Guidelines	Per CDPH Guidelines	Per CDPH Guidelines
Cleaning/Disinfecting	Student spaces will be cleaned one time per day and cleaned and disinfected after a positive COVID-19 case has been identified.			
Visitors Face coverings are required for all TK-12 indoor settings. Face coverings are optional in all outdoor settings.	<i>Visitors will be reminded to wear a face covering in any indoor setting. Volunteers will be required to wear a face covering in the indoor setting.</i>	<i>Limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and external groups with people who are not vaccinated. All will be required to wear a face covering in any indoor setting.</i>	<i>Limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and external groups with people who are not vaccinated. All will be required to wear a face covering in any indoor setting.</i>	<i>Only allow access to direct service providers. They will be required to wear a face covering in any indoor setting.</i>
Transportation Face coverings are required for all TK-12 District transportation. Face coverings will be provided if a student does not have one.	<i>If a student refuses to wear a face covering, the student is omitted from riding the bus the next day. If a student is reminded a second time, a parent conference will be scheduled. Results of the conference may include omitting the student from all bus privileges.</i>		<i>Health screening will be conducted at all bus stops. If a student refuses to wear a face covering, the student will be omitted from riding the next day. If a student is reminded a second time, a parent conference will be scheduled. Results of the conference may include omitting the student from all bus privileges</i>	

Tehama County Public Health will publish the case rate on their website each Friday by close of business so that schools will know how to respond for the upcoming week.

