



EVERGREEN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Student COVID Safety Plan



***Educating Students and Staying Healthy
During the COVID-19 Pandemic***

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Preface

The following pages will provide you details regarding the Evergreen Union School District’s “Big Four” approach to operating schools while COVID-19 exists in the community. Those four aspects are: Stay Home When Sick, Hygiene Etiquette, Clean & Disinfect, and Face Coverings.

Please be aware there is no such thing as a “COVID-free zone” in our classrooms or schools. The more people congregate in society – no matter where that takes place --- the more opportunity there is for any virus to spread. COVID-19 exists everywhere. That being said, representatives from the Evergreen Union School District and Tehama County Health Department have been meeting on a regular basis since March, 2020. The information that follows will provide the best measures to not only prevent the spread of the virus, but also give us an opportunity to keep classrooms open and provide the best education we can for all students.



Stay Home When Sick

Don't hesitate to stay home.

If you feel sick, stay home, except to get medical care.

Students and staff are asked to stay home if they have any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- Shortness of breath, sore throat or persistent cough
- Temperature higher than 100.4 degrees
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell



Students should also stay home from school if they are experiencing other illness symptoms such as severe or long-lasting abdominal pain, rash with fever, strep throat, head lice before first treatment or any other illness that prevents a student from participating comfortably in school activities.

Staff and parents of students are encouraged to notify school officials of any COVID-19 symptoms, positive tests for COVID-19, exposure to someone with COVID-19. Staff and students who are sick or who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 should follow quarantine protocols.

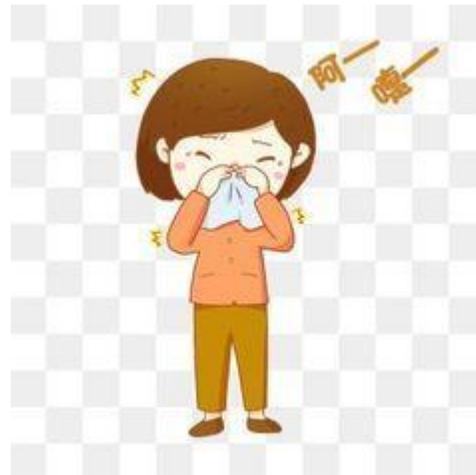
Health Rooms

Students or staff who are symptomatic should not come to school. If a student begins exhibiting symptoms after arriving at school, they will wait in the health room and maintain physical distance while arrangements are made for them to be

picked up by a parent or emergency contact as soon as possible. Parents and guardians need to make sure their emergency contact list is up-to-date.

Monitor Symptoms

Staff will be encouraged to safely and respectfully monitor any observable symptoms in students, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Staff will observe all applicable privacy laws and regulations in doing so. Additionally, schools will remind parents and students to self-check for symptoms, especially if exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual has taken place.



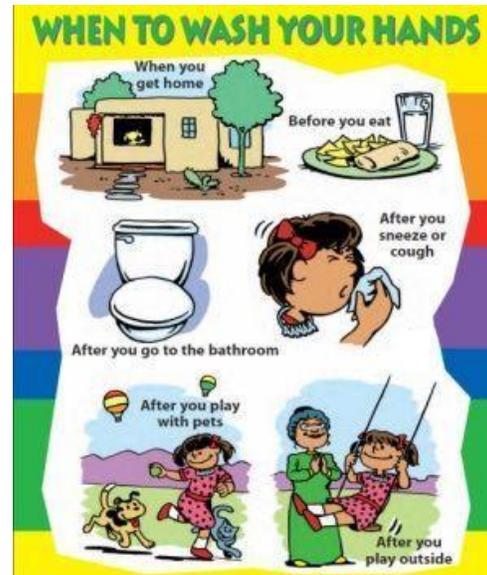


Hygiene Etiquette

Handwashing

Proper hand-washing techniques include lathering hands with soap, scrubbing between fingers, washing the backside of each hand, scrubbing each wrist, washing under fingernails and rinsing with water. The process should take 20 seconds.

Elementary schools will provide frequent opportunities for students to wash hands, including before and after recess, lunch and other activities.



Hand Sanitizing

If soap and water are not readily available in some classrooms, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol will be used (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer).



Respiratory Etiquette

Staff, students and school visitors will continue to be encouraged to exercise proper respiratory etiquette, which includes covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Clean & Disinfect

Cleaning Schedule

The District will continue its multi-step cleaning protocol in all schools, including daily disinfection of touchpoints – drinking fountains, handrails, door handles, sinks, toilets, partition walls and locks. Other daily disinfection will include bathroom floors, student desks and chairs.

Lunchroom tables will be disinfected by lunchroom monitors, custodians and nutrition staff between each lunch group.

Air Handling & Filters

The Evergreen Union School District implemented guidelines to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, which includes increasing outside airflow through buildings and moving to a higher efficiency filtration level in HVAC equipment.





Face Coverings

Face Coverings Encouraged

Wearing a face mask to protect oneself and others from COVID-19 is strongly encouraged. Staff, students and volunteers can choose to wear a face mask throughout the day. Schools have face masks available for those who would like to wear a mask and do not have one with them.

No Face Mask Mandate

House Bill 294 eliminated all mask mandates established during the 2020/2021 school year. House Bill 1007 also states face masks cannot be mandated. This means no educational entity can require K-12 students to wear masks.



Isolation & Quarantine

Definitions to Understand

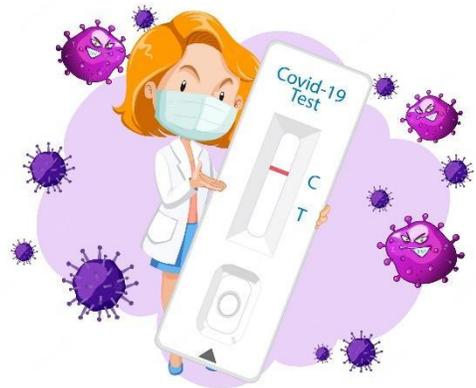
Isolation: Separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

Quarantine: Separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.



Verified Positive COVID-19 Cases

Any student or staff member who has verified positive COVID-19 diagnosis will not be allowed to attend school. They will be placed in isolation for 5-10 days and symptoms must be improving and fever free for 24 hours to return to school.



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Quarantine Recommendations after a School Exposure

If you are exposed to someone at school who tests positive for COVID-19, you can continue to come to school if you symptom monitor and remain symptom free.

Because there is no mask mandate, those returning from quarantine will not be required to wear a mask. However, wearing a face mask to protect oneself and others from COVID-19 is strongly encouraged.

Teachers will work with students who are quarantined or isolated at home. Many of the materials will be accessible digitally through Clever. In the event a student is sick and cannot receive in-person instruction, a teacher's first priority will be to the students in class. After meeting those needs, the teacher will work with students who are not in class to help keep them up to speed with their classmates. In every case, the student will be offered Independent Study.



Vaccinations

Vaccinations are not Mandated

Vaccination for COVID-19 is strongly recommended as the primary mitigation strategy by CDPH. The Evergreen Union School District recognizes individual choice. Vaccinations will not be given by the school district.