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Health and Safety Information/Protocol for EDUHSD Families **Return to School, Hybrid Schedule**

Expectations for Students and Families During In-Person Instruction

As we return to in-person instruction, our goal is to provide the safest possible learning environment for our students, teachers, and staff. Therefore, families are required to read, complete, and submit the "EDUHSD Compact for 2020-2021" using the Google Form: [EDUHSD Compact](#) or print, sign, and return the attached copy to your school's Main Office no later than October 7, 2020. Paper copies are available in your school site's Main Office Reception areas.

If your student(s) will be attending school in person, it is required that you complete the EDUHSD [Daily Symptom Checklist](#) on a daily basis before sending your student(s) to school.

Students are required to stay home if they are ill and/or experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or another contagious illness. Students are also required to stay home if anyone in their household is in isolation for or tested positive for COVID-19. For more information, please use the following link: [Preventing the Spread of COVID-19](#)

Students are required to wear a face covering in accordance with State (CDPH) and County (EDCPH) Public Health guidelines. Students may not attend school in person if they fail to comply with California State face covering guidelines. Approved face coverings are available at each school for students, staff and parents. If a student is unwilling to comply with the public health directive regarding the need to wear face coverings, the student must attend an alternative educational program. Face coverings must be made of materials such as cotton, silk, or linen. See-through materials such as mesh or beaded mesh are not acceptable, as they do not meet CDC Guidelines. Please see links below for additional information regarding the requirements for face coverings:

[CDC Guidelines re: Face Coverings](#)

[CA Department of Public Health Guidelines re: Face Coverings](#)

If a person is exempt from wearing a cloth face covering, the person should wear a face shield, please see below for specifications regarding the use of acceptable face shields:

Acceptable



Unacceptable



Information Regarding Medical Exemptions for Face Coverings

A medical note from a licensed medical practitioner shall be required for exemption of the face covering requirement. Notes from medical professionals must be submitted to the school Health Office prior to student attendance.

Only the following individuals are exempt from wearing a face covering:

- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
- Persons exempt from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition should wear a nonrestrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits.
- Students are expected to maintain social distancing of six feet in the cafeteria and outdoors to the greatest extent possible. A face covering is required outdoors when six feet of distancing is not possible (i.e. passing in hallways).
- Students are required to wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer prior to entering a classroom. Effective hand washing [video](#).
- Students will be assigned seats and will be required to face forward and be spaced as far apart as possible.
- Students should bring their own, individual school supplies to school, to avoid the sharing of materials as possible.

Guidelines for Potential Student or Staff Illness

If a staff member or student becomes sick or is exposed to COVID-19, EDUHSD will implement the protocols prescribed by California and El Dorado County Department of Public Health.

Decisions to close individual schools will be on a case-by-case basis. If there are multiple cases or a high percentage of students/staff that are COVID-19 positive, temporary closure to in-person instruction might occur. Public Health and our school administrators will be working closely throughout the school year.

Procedures to investigate COVID-19 cases at schools will include contact tracing conducted in coordination with school nurses, administration, and public health department officials. Please be prepared in the event of a classroom or school closure.

EDUHSD Hybrid Model

EDUHSD's Hybrid Model is a combination of distance learning and in-person instruction.

In-person instruction means instruction under the immediate physical supervision and control of a certificated employee while engaged in educational activities required of the pupil.

Students attend school twice a week. Students do not attend every instructional day and alternate between in-person on campus instruction and distance learning from home. Students are divided into two cohorts where approximately 50% of the students attend on their assigned days.

Mondays will be distance learning days where students will be provided with assignments to be completed independently. Mondays are designed to provide teachers with training, collaboration and preparation time.

The maximum number of persons assigned to a classroom each day shall not exceed twenty (20). Persons include employees and students. For example, if an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) requires a paraprofessional or instructional aide to be assigned to a student, the employee providing IEP services shall be included in the twenty (20) person maximum limitation. Teachers are required to maintain six (6) feet of social distancing.

Life Fitness classes may not exceed twenty-five (25) total persons assigned to a section of instruction each day. Life Fitness activities will be conducted outside to the greatest extent possible with students and staff maintaining six (6) feet of social distancing.

Transportation

EDUHSD will provide all federally mandated transportation. Transportation will be provided based on the following conditions and protocols:

- Transportation is optional. Parents/guardians or students with driver's licenses may transport themselves to school. Bus fees will be prorated for students using transportation.
- Because of the close proximity of seating, students will be required to wear face coverings. The bus windows will be partially lowered to create high levels of air circulation, weather permitted.
- Family members will be asked to sit together. Students will fill the seats from the rear of the bus to the front in order to limit contact while boarding.
- Bus drivers are required to wear face coverings when passengers are present and strongly recommended to wear face coverings when passengers are not present.
- Since physical distancing cannot easily be maintained on a school bus, students and drivers will wear CDC approved face covering on the bus.
- Students will socially distance while waiting for the bus, and also while they enter and exit the bus.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected after each bus route is completed.
- Students will offload the bus from the front to the back.
- Students will face forward, sit in the same seat area each day, and wear face coverings.
- EDUHSD will not provide transportation for those students living within three (3) miles from the school the student(s) attend.

Minimizing Contact

In order to minimize contact:

- Students, teachers, and staff will wear an appropriate face covering.
- If a parent/guardian is on campus, they must wear a face covering.
- Schools may have new routes for entry and for exit.
- Parents/guardians must remain outside classrooms when reporting to campus.
- Students will not arrive earlier than 15 minutes before their school day.
- Students will have assigned seats within each classroom.
- Desks will be faced the same way, and students should remain facing forward when possible.
- Field trips will not occur.
- Large assemblies or programs will not occur.
- Meetings between parents/guardians and staff will be conducted remotely whenever possible.

Hand Washing Routine

Routines will be established with teachers and students to regularly wash their hands, and additional hand washing stations and hand sanitizing stations will be available at each site.

Food Service

- Students attending the in-person hybrid model may receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each day through December 31, 2020. Breakfast is being provided at each school site before classes begin and lunch will be served during the scheduled school lunch period.
- Students must show their student ID card to the Food Service cashier to receive a meal.
- A la carte items will also be available for purchase.

- Students may pick up meals each Monday starting October 12, 2020, for the days they are not physically on campus.

Signs of Illness While at School

Any student, teacher, or staff exhibiting symptoms of illness will be required to immediately report to an isolation area to be monitored by the school nurse or a trained staff member until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility.

Service Providers & Program Personnel

A variety of people are on a school campus to provide services and support to students and their families. These providers will continue to provide services, but will need to sign in at the school office each day. These individuals will not come on campus if ill, have any symptoms of COVID-19, or a temperature of 100.4 or higher when arriving at the school.

Physical Distancing Measures

- Use of shared objects will be limited.
- Modified flow of traffic within the school may occur in order to create a pathway in and out of buildings in order to minimize the mixing of students. Guidelines can be created on the floor that students can follow to enable physical distancing while passing.
- Schools can use non-classroom space for instruction, including regular use of outdoor space, as weather permits.
- Physical barriers, such as plexiglass, may be in place in the office, classrooms with tables, for aides and teachers conducting small group instruction and other areas where physical distancing is not possible.
- Students will socially distance while waiting for the bus, and also will socially distance when disembarking from the bus.
- Classrooms will maximize space between student seating. Each hybrid classroom will have 10-19 students in each session.
- Teacher desks should be at least 6 feet away from student desks.

Life Fitness/Athletics

Life Fitness classes may not exceed twenty-five (25) total persons assigned to a section of instruction each day. Life Fitness activities will be conducted outside to the greatest extent possible with students, teachers, and staff maintaining six (6) feet of social distancing.

Certain athletic programs or sports may be allowed if deemed safe and adhere to social distancing:

- Activities will be held in a large, well ventilated area or outdoors.
- Multiple groups can practice or participate in PE in one large area/field as long as separate groups are able to physically distance from one another.
- Physical activities that require less contact with surfaces will be encouraged.

Within Classrooms

- Time away from school has been challenging for most students. Teachers, counselors, and other staff on campus will be assisting students in making a positive adjustment to virtual or in-person learning.
- Teachers and other support staff will inform students about what has changed on the school campus since students left.
- [Students will be provided with information regarding healthy hygiene practices, use of space on school campuses, keeping physically distanced as much as possible, and how movement through the campus walkways may have changed.](#)

For your reference, the EDUHSD 2020-21 Reopening Plan is available on the EDUHSD [website](#).

Plans will be modified as the California Department of Public Health Guidance is updated. Below are helpful links for your reference:

- [California Department of Education Guide for Reopening Schools](#)
- [CA Department of Public Health](#)
- [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs](#)
- [COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year](#)
- [CDPH - Guidelines for Face Coverings](#)
- [El Dorado County Public Health Department](#)