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Health Information/Protocol for EDUHSD Families for Returning to School

We are very excited to take another step towards a normal return to school with our five days of instruction beginning this Monday, April 12, 2021. As we return to full in-person instruction, our goal is to provide the healthiest possible learning environment for our students, teachers and staff.

We would like to remind families of the State's recent decision to align with the Federal CDC's guidance, which halved the minimum social distancing requirement in schools from 6 feet to 3 feet as practicable. As a result, the California Department of Public Health's revised guideline is now simpler: 3 feet social distancing is "strongly recommended" but not required, as long as other safety measures are in place and enforced.

These measures include requiring students and staff to wear masks at all times except when eating or drinking, installing proper ventilation, set HVAC systems for maximum air intake, and configure classroom seating to maximize distancing as practicable. In addition, bi-polar reverse ionization units have now been put in place in each classroom HVAC system, with larger units for gymnasiums and locker rooms to be completed shortly. These units kill COVID-19 as well as other viruses and should dramatically reduce potential exposure for students, teachers and staff. The District also has contact tracing and virus detection protocols in place. COVID-19 vaccinations have also been offered to all school staff before the reopening of schools. Our District has implemented all of these measures to help ensure safety.

Expectations for Students and Families During In-Person Instruction

Students are required to stay home if they are ill and/or experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or another contagious illness. If you have any questions or are unsure about sending your student(s) to school, please contact your school's Health Office for guidance (contact information is listed below). Students are required to stay home if anyone in their household has tested positive for COVID-19 and is currently in isolation. For more information, please use the following link: [CDPH: COVID-19 Prevent and Protect](#)

People reporting to a school campus are required to complete the [EDUHSD Daily Symptom Checklist](#). Parents/guardians must complete the Daily Symptom Checklist on a daily basis before their student(s) reports to school.

People on campus and at school activities 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, teachers, staff and parents/guardians. 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.

Guidelines for Potential Student or Staff Illness

If a teacher, staff member or student becomes sick or is exposed to COVID-19, EDUHSD will implement the protocols prescribed by California and El Dorado County Departments of Public Health. Procedures to investigate COVID-19 cases at schools will include contact tracing conducted in coordination with school nurses, administration, and public health department officials.

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.

High School Health Office Contact Information:

El Dorado, Todd Hamor: (530) 622-3634 ext. 7137	Ponderosa High School, Kelly James: (530) 677-2281 ext. 7140
Independence, Todd Hamor: (530) 622-7090 ext. 7137	Union Mine, Diana Campbell: (530) 621-4003 ext. 7103
Oak Ridge, Amber Uber: (916) 933-6980 ext. 7114	Virtual Academy, Diana Campbell: (530) 622-6212 ext. 7103