



COVID-19 Safety Plan

For In-Person Instruction

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Introduction and Intent

The safety and well-being of our students and staff is our top priority. To that extent, the Goleta Union School District's (GUSD) COVID-19 Safety Plan is designed to be in alignment with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Cal/OSHA, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), California Department of Education (CDE), and Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (SBCPHD). As new guidance is provided from any of the previously listed agencies, this document will be revised.

We follow CDPH's guidance for K-12 school programs (March 20, 2023) and Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations (March 2023):

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2022-23-School-Year.aspx>

https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Non_Emergency_Regulations/

Learning Options

Full-Time In-Person School

- GUSD provides a full-time, in-person schedule of instruction. If a student is required to isolate, short-term independent study will be provided to ensure ongoing learning.

Independent Study Program

- For the 2022-2023 school year, GUSD offers an independent study option to students and families to be made available to students whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction, as determined by the parent or guardian. A student who participates in GUSD's Independent Study Program will primarily receive instruction from a parent/guardian and work independently through assignments, following the learning plan and utilizing district materials assigned weekly by an Independent Study teacher. Students in Independent Study will be required to follow the same curriculum standards, as well as expectations for work completion and expected academic progress, as our in-person instructional program.

Health and Safety Practices

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Cleaning and disinfecting references and requirements have been removed from Cal/OSHA emergency regulations. We continue to follow standard cleaning and disinfecting procedures with products from the [EPA's List N](#) and [List Q](#) shown to kill enveloped viruses such as COVID-19 and Monkeypox.

Daily Health Screening

GUSD expects all staff and families to self-screen for symptoms daily prior to entering a school campus, district location, or bus. Parents/guardians shall screen themselves and their child for symptoms every day prior to the start of each school day. If a student, family member of a student, or employee has any of the following symptoms, they will not enter a school campus, district location, or bus and will notify their school office and/or the school nurse assigned to their school.

- Fever (100° or higher) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Runny nose or congestion

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE, Masks)

Face Coverings, although not required by regulation, the CDC and [CDPH](#) strongly recommend that individuals in K-12 settings continue to wear masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status; therefore, we will continue to provide masks at each site. Current Cal/OSHA regulations are as follows:

1. Face coverings are no longer required indoors regardless of vaccination status.
2. Face coverings are no longer recommended outdoors regardless of vaccination status.
3. Face coverings are recommended for asymptomatic employees (regardless of vaccination status)

who have been exposed to COVID-19 (i.e., shared indoor air space with an infected individual for a cumulative period of 15 minutes). Such employees should wear a well-fitting mask when around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings and when near those at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease. This does not include persons infected within the prior 90 days.

4. Face coverings are required for employees (regardless of vaccination status) who have tested positive for COVID-19 for a total of 10 days. Face coverings may be removed earlier than 10 days if the employee has two sequential negative COVID tests at least one day apart.
5. Face coverings may be required at specific locations at the discretion of the District in consultation with SBCPHD.

Ventilation

Maximum airflow will be encouraged at all times by opening windows and doors. In addition, all classrooms, indoor learning spaces, and office spaces have been provided with fans and/or HEPA air filters. At least two windows on each bus will remain open to increase airflow/ventilation, as practicable.

COVID-19: Contact Tracing, Testing, Vaccinations

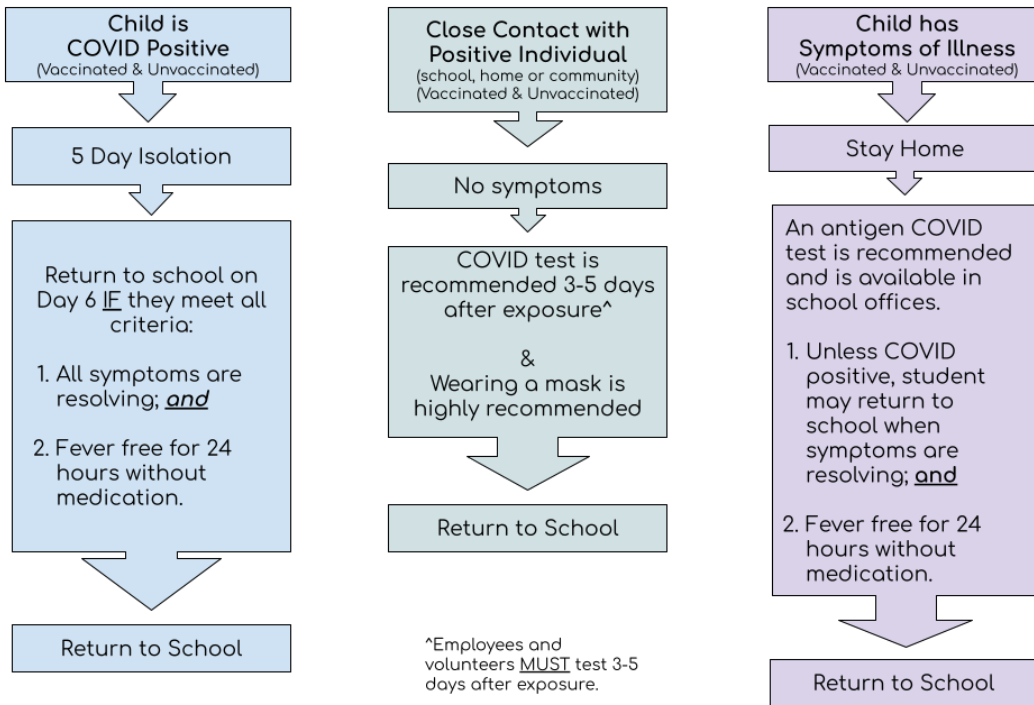
Contact Tracing

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 or are diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider, GUSD will instruct the student or staff member to remain at or return to their home or place of residence and not report to or attend school until such time as they satisfy the minimum criteria to return to school. Families and staff members will receive a notification when there is a confirmed positive COVID case believed to have shared indoor airspace (e.g., a classroom) with the individual for more than 15 minutes during a 24-hour period.

Four Workplace Infection Control Coordinators (WICCs), each of whom are school nurses, have been designated as staff liaisons to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All staff have been informed of how to contact the WICC. All families should contact the school nurse or their site's School Office Assistant if a student has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive. All GUSD School Nurses are trained to coordinate the documentation and tracking of possible exposures, in order to notify local health officials, staff, and families in a prompt and responsible manner. This will support local health department efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19.

The District will report information about COVID-19 cases to the local health department whenever required by law, and provide any related information requested by the local health department. The Local Health Department will guide GUSD on whether GUSD must report any positive cases to the Center for Disease Control. If there is a serious illness or death of a staff member occurring in the place of employment or in connection with any employment the District will report immediately to Cal/OSHA, as defined under [CCR Title 8 section 330\(h\)](#). GUSD will maintain records of the steps taken to implement our written COVID-19 Prevention Program in accordance with [CCR Title 8 section 3203\(b\)](#).

To effectuate an early return from isolation or quarantine, employees and students may re-test as described below in the GUSD Family Quick Guide for COVID-19 infographics.



COVID-19 Testing of Students and Staff

Testing protocols will be compliant with [State](#) and local mandates. The [California Department of Public Health Order of September 13, 2022](#), no longer requires all asymptomatic unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated staff members to complete COVID-19 surveillance testing weekly. SBCPHD Managing COVID-19 Exposure at K-12 Schools is used by GUSD for guidance ([interactive version found here](#)).

Vaccinations

Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination, throughout the community and for all who are eligible, can help schools safely remain in-person learning by reducing transmission risk. Individuals 6 months and older are currently eligible to obtain a vaccine that protects against COVID-19. Please visit the ["Keep Kids Safe - Vaccinate!" website from SBCPHD](#) or [Vaccinate ALL 58 from CDPH](#) for more information on vaccines.

Assemblies, School Meetings, Events, and Field Trips

Assemblies

School sites are permitted to have indoor and outdoor assemblies with multiple grade levels in attendance. While masks are not required indoors, they are highly recommended. Guests, whether visitors or volunteers, and presenters at said assemblies must follow the guidelines described in the section titled "Visitors and Volunteers on School Sites and District Locations."

Field Trips

Students will be allowed to participate in field trips with permission from their parents/guardians. Prior

to going on a field trip, teachers ensure compliance with the GUSD COVID Safety Plan. All volunteers must follow the guidelines described in the section titled "Visitors and Volunteers on School Sites and District Locations."

School Meetings and Events

School events, including but not limited to, PTA, School Site Council (SSC), English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC), Jog-A-Thons, 6th-grade promotions, Back-to-School nights, and Open House nights, will follow all COVID-19 Safety Plan Guidelines. While masks are not required, they are highly recommended. Guests, whether visitors or volunteers, attending these events must follow the guidelines described in the section titled "Visitors and Volunteers on School Sites and District Locations."

Visitors and Volunteers on School Sites

Visitors

School sites may allow visitors, regardless of vaccination status, on-campus both indoors and outdoors. Visitors may include but are not limited to executive board PTA members, school site council committee members, English learner advisory council committee members, SST/504/IEP meeting participants, and occasional classroom presenters/observers.

Prior to entering a school campus, all visitors will be required to self-screen for any COVID-19 symptoms. If a visitor has any of the COVID-19 symptoms or symptoms of infectious illness, they will not enter the campus and will seek testing and care. Visitors must sign in and out for health and safety purposes.

Volunteers

School sites may allow adult volunteers aged 18 or older to assist in school-related activities including but not limited to classroom support, field trips, and overnight camps. All volunteers must complete the *Expectations and Requirements for Volunteers/Adults on Campus* form prior to starting.

Prior to entering a school campus, all volunteers will be required to self-screen for any COVID-19 symptoms. If a volunteer has any of the COVID-19 symptoms or symptoms of infectious illness, they will not enter the campus and will seek testing and care. Volunteers must sign in and out for health and safety purposes.

Educational Partners and Outside Contractors

Outside educational partners and contractors, including but not limited to student teachers, presenters for assemblies, and instructional presentations, will be required to follow all GUSD safety plan guidelines.