



## 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), CalOSHA, 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 (April 6, 2022) and Cal/OSHA emergency regulations (April 21, 2022):

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/documents/Apr212022-COVID-19-Prevention-Emergency-FOE-3rd-Readoption.pdf>

## 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 2021-2022 school year, each school district in California is required to offer 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.

### 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 CalOSHA 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 someone with COVID-19. 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.
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**

GUSD will investigate and respond to individuals who have positive test results or potential exposure to COVID-19. 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. [GUSD follows CDPH's guidance on group contract tracing in a K-12 setting effective on March 12, 2022.](#)

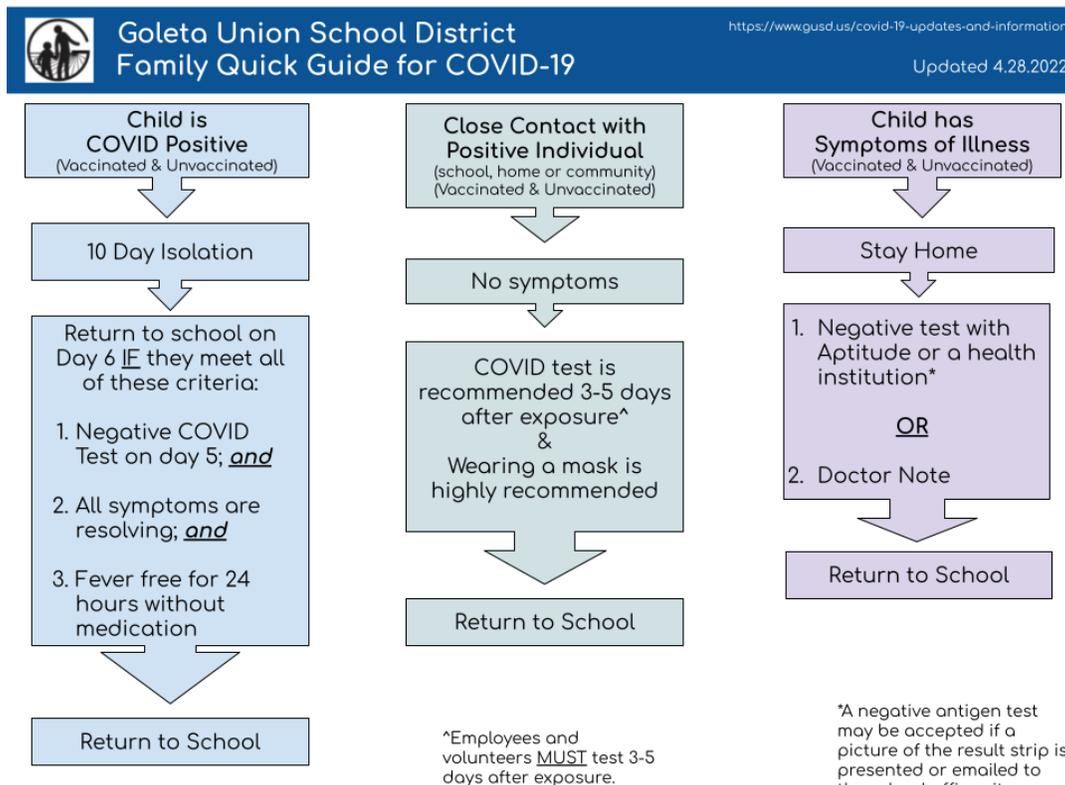
Two Workplace Infection Control Coordinators (WICCs), both school nurses, have been designated as staff liaisons to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All staff have been informed of how to contact the WICC. All families should contact the school nurse or their site's School Office Assistant if a student has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive. All GUSD 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.

GUSD will investigate and respond to parents/guardians and staff who report positive results for COVID-19 within the school community. 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 members to remain at or to return to their home or place of residence and not report to attend school until such time as they satisfy the minimum criteria to return to school. Families 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. [GUSD follows CDPH's guidance on group contract tracing in a K-12 setting effective on March 12, 2022.](#) GUSD will provide responsive testing for such students through Aptitude, who are opted-in, within five school days.

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 August 11, 2021](#), requires all asymptomatic unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated staff members to complete COVID-19 surveillance testing weekly. Workers who are not fully vaccinated (fully vaccinated means that an individual has received their original vaccine and a booster OR are not yet eligible for a booster), or for whom vaccine status is unknown or documentation is not provided, will be considered unvaccinated. If a staff member who is considered unvaccinated or only partially vaccinated has had COVID-19 within the last 90-days it does not waive the requirement for testing.

GUSD has contracted with Aptitude Clinical Diagnostics (Aptitude) to provide routine surveillance, response, and symptomatic testing for *all* students, staff, and family members who have opted-in. Specifically, GUSD offers free testing to *all* staff who had close contact exposure at work, regardless of their vaccination status. Asymptomatic testing, either with NAAT/PCR through Aptitude or [antigen tests](#), will generally be available during regular hours of school operation with results generally available within 24 hours.

SBCPHD Protocol as of April 6, 2022 ([English](#), [Spanish](#)) for symptoms, close contacts, and positive COVID-19 cases in a school setting for students and [SBCPHD Managing COVID-19 Exposure at K-12](#)

[Schools](#) are 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 return to in-person learning by reducing transmission risk. Individuals ages 5 years 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.

As per Governor Gavin Newsom's public health order of August 11, 2021, all school staff will be required to either show proof of full vaccination (fully vaccinated means that an individual has received their original vaccine and a booster OR are not yet eligible for a booster), or be tested at least once per week for COVID-19.

## **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.

## **Volunteers**

School sites may allow parent/guardian volunteers to participate in school-related activities. All volunteers must complete the *Expectations and Requirements for Volunteers/Adults on Campus* form prior to starting. Volunteers will follow the same regulations as employees. 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.

### ***Vaccinated Volunteers***

- Parents/guardians who are vaccinated may volunteer both inside and outside of the classroom, as well as on indoor and outdoor field trips. Vaccinated volunteers are not required to wear masks though they are strongly recommended. Every vaccinated volunteer **must** provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 (fully vaccinated means that an individual has received their original vaccine and a booster OR are not yet eligible for a booster). Unless evidence of vaccination of COVID-19 is on file within GUSD's Student Information System (SIS), the volunteer will be considered not vaccinated.

### ***Non-Vaccinated Volunteers***

- Parents/guardians who are not vaccinated may volunteer both inside and outside of classrooms, as well as on indoor and outdoor field trips. They must receive a negative Aptitude COVID test results 3-5 days prior to the start of volunteering. In order to continue, the volunteer must test with Aptitude weekly thereafter.

## **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 permitted on school sites so long as their employers or university has published vaccination requirements that are at least as stringent as those of GUSD. Such partners and contractors will be required to follow all GUSD safety plan guidelines.