

**WOODLAND JOINT
UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

(Continuity of Services Plan, June 2022)



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INTRODUCTION

This guide was created for use by staff, students, families or community members that visit or work in District facilities. As the District enters different phases of reopening and as new health and safety guidance is released that is relevant to schools, this plan will continue to be updated.

Guidance and Directives from Public Health Agencies

This document is Woodland Joint Unified School District's, "Continuity of Services Plan". This plan is a revision to our Health and Safety plan presented in January 2021 and November 2021 and reflects the most recent guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Yolo County Department of Public Health (YCDPH).

[Covid-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California \(April 6, 2022\)](#)

The following guidance is designed to keep California K-12 schools open for in-person instruction safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with the current scientific evidence. The foundational principles are ensuring access to safe and full in-person instruction for all students and keeping equity at the core of all efforts described below. In-person schooling is critical to the mental and physical health and development of our students.

COVID-19 has impacted children in both direct and indirect ways, and California's response to conditions in schools has adapted to the dynamic challenges of the pandemic, based on humility and the evolving scientific understanding of the virus. To-date during the 2021-22 school year, the state has weathered two COVID-19 surges while prioritizing the safety of students and staff and in-person instruction. Hospitalizations for COVID-19 (including pediatric hospitalizations) and disruptions to in-person learning, although never inconsequential, have been substantially lower in California than in comparable states. As the most recent surge wanes and we collectively move forward, the next phase of mitigation in schools focuses on long-term prevention and our collective responsibility to preserve safe in-person schooling.

SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, is transmitted primarily by inhalation of respiratory aerosols. To mitigate in-school transmission, a multi-layered strategy continues to be important, including but not limited to getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, staying home when sick, isolating if positive, getting tested, and optimizing indoor air quality.

COVID-19 vaccination for all eligible people in California, including teachers, staff, students, and all eligible individuals sharing homes with members of our K-12 populations is crucial to protecting our communities. More information on how to promote vaccine access and uptake is available on the California [Safe Schools Hub](#) and [Vaccinate All 58 – Let's Get to Immunity](#).

On February 28, 2022, [California announced](#) that, based on a review of epidemiologic indicators and modeling projections, the universal indoor mask mandate in K-12 school settings would transition to a strong recommendation after March 11, 2022.

Following is a listing of current guidance that informs and guides our health and safety practices in Woodland Joint Unified School District related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year, CDPH](#), April 06, 2022

[Guidance for Use of Face Masks, CDPH](#), April 20, 2022

[Preliminary Testing Framework for K-12 Schools for the 2022-2023 School Year](#) May 27, 2022

[CDPH K-12 Testing Strategies](#) November 1, 2022

[Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards](#) – May 6, 2022

[Yolo County School Decision Tree: COVID-positive person on K-12 campus](#), YCDPH, Updated April 14, 2022

VACCINE VERIFICATION FOR WORKERS IN SCHOOLS

Updated as of October 1, 2021

On August 11, 2021, the California State Public Health Officer issued an Order requiring verification of vaccination status among K-12 school workers, and established diagnostic screening testing of unvaccinated workers to minimize the risk that they will transmit while on K-12 school campuses. All districts must be fully compliant with this order by October 15, 2021.

In accordance with the Order, the following modes may be used as proof of vaccination.

1. COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or WHO yellow card); OR
2. A photo of a Vaccination Record Card as a separate document; OR
3. A photo of the Vaccination Record card stored on a phone or electronic device.

"Fully Vaccinated" means individuals who are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19: two weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine authorized by the World Health Organization), or two weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).

"Workers" refers to all paid and unpaid adults serving in the K-12 school settings and included but are not limited to certificated and classified staff and volunteers who are on-site at a school campus supporting school functions. For our District, "workers" include substitutes, work-study tutors, ASES tutors, student teachers and employees on Variable Service Agreements.

Workers who are not fully vaccinated or for whom vaccine status is unknown or documentation is not provided, must be considered unvaccinated.

Asymptomatic unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers are required to undergo diagnostic screening tested at least once weekly with either PCR testing or antigen testing. Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers are NOT exempted from testing requirement even if they have a medical contraindication to vaccination.

Previous history of COVID-19 from which the individual recovered more than 90 days earlier, or a previous antibody test for COVID-19, does NOT waive this requirement for testing.

The District will continue to offer COVID-19 testing onsite to fulfill the needs of all of our community. A current testing schedule can be found on our website. Yolo County continues to offer testing in the community as well. Testing locations and times are posted on the Yolo County's website.

SAFETY MEASURES FOR K-12 SCHOOLS

The most recent and applicable health and safety guidance for K-12 schools in California was published by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) on April 6, 2022. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our schools, the District will continue to follow these safety measures until guidance relevant to K-12 schools in California is updated again by the CDPH, CDC, Cal OSHA or Yolo County Department of Public Health.

Symptom Screening

Watch for Symptoms,

People with Covid-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild symptoms.

People with these symptoms may have Covid-19.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell,
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose,
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Students and staff who are ill, and who have had no known exposure to a person with COVID-19, must stay home until they have met the CDPH criteria to return to school for those with symptoms:

- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications; and
- Other symptoms have improved; and meets one of the following criteria:
 - The student has a negative test for COVID-19; or
 - A health care provider has confirmed an alternative diagnosis; or
 - A health care provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying condition.
 - At least 10 days have passed since the day the symptoms first appeared.

The District will utilize the [**Yolo County School Decision Tree for Group Tracing on K-12 campus**](#) to determine the return to school requirements for students who have had close contact with a COVID positive person.

Chronic Conditions

Individuals with non-infectious chronic conditions should not be excluded from attending school or work. If there are questions about individual needs, students should contact the school office and staff should contact Human Resources.

Face Masks

Effective March 1, 2022, the requirement for unvaccinated persons to mask in indoor public settings and businesses was replaced by **a strong recommendation that all persons, regardless of vaccine status**, mask in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public. Additionally, after March 11, 2022, the universal masking requirement for K-12 and Childcare settings terminated.

CDPH currently **strongly recommends** that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings. Masking will continue to be an important layer of protection along with the continued recommendations around vaccinations, testing and ventilation, to keep schools a safe environment, even as case rates and hospitalizations decline.

Physical Distancing

CDPH recommends focusing on the other mitigation strategies provided in this guidance instead of implementing minimum physical distancing requirements for routine classroom instruction.

Ventilation Recommendations

For indoor spaces, indoor air quality should be optimized, which can be done by following [CDPH Guidance on Ventilation of Indoor Environments](#) and [Ventilation and Filtration to Reduce Long-Range Airborne Transmission of COVID-19 and Other Respiratory Infections: Considerations for Reopened Schools](#) (PDF), produced by the [CDPH Air Quality Section](#). Woodland Joint Unified has put these practices/recommendations in place.

Recommendations for Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested

- Follow the strategy for Staying Home when Sick and Getting Tested from the [CDC](#).
- Get tested for COVID-19 when symptoms are [consistent with COVID-19](#).
- Advise staff members and students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection not to return for in-person instruction until they have met the following criteria:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; AND
 - Other symptoms are improving; AND
 - They have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2, OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus), OR at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.
 - If the student or staff member tests positive for SARS-CoV-2, follow the guidance for isolation.

Screening Testing Recommendations

- CDPH has a robust State- and Federally-funded school testing program and subject matter experts available to support school decision making, including free testing resources to support screening testing programs (software, test kits, shipping, testing, etc.).
- WJUSD has rapid home antigen test kits available for staff and students as needed.
- WJUSD continues to partner with Covid Clinic to provide testing for staff, students and the community at the District Office location at 435 6th Street Woodland, CA 95695

Case Investigation and Reporting

- Per AB 86 (2021) and California Code Title 17, section 2500, schools are required to report COVID-19 cases to the local public health department.
- Schools or LEAs should have a COVID-19 liaison to assist the local health department with activities related to COVID-19.
- WJUSD continues to notify staff and students of positive cases on campus.

Recommendations for Students Exposed To COVID-19

Schools should permit asymptomatic exposed students, regardless of their COVID-19 vaccination status or location of exposure, to continue to take part in all aspects of K-12 schooling, including sports and extracurricular activities, unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19. It is strongly recommended that exposed students wear a well-fitting mask indoors around others for at least 10 days following the date of last exposure, if not already doing so.

- Exposed students, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, should get tested for COVID-19 with at least one diagnostic test (e.g., an FDA-authorized antigen diagnostic test, PCR diagnostic test, or pooled PCR test) obtained within 3-5 days after last exposure, unless they had COVID-19 within the last 90 days.
- Exposed students who had COVID-19 within the last 90 days do not need to be tested after exposure but should monitor for symptoms. If symptoms develop, they should isolate and get tested with an antigen test.
- If the exposed student has [symptoms consistent with COVID-19](#), they should stay home, get tested and follow the isolation guidance.
- If the exposed student tests positive for COVID-19, follow the guidance for isolation in Section below.

Follow the [Group Tracing Guidance](#) for notification recommendations for exposures that occur in a school setting.

Home Isolation for COVID Positive Individuals

- Everyone who is infected with COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection or lack of symptoms, should follow the recommendations listed in Table 1 (Isolation) of the [CDPH Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine for the General Public](#).

Hand Hygiene Recommendations

- Teach and reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.
- Promote hand washing throughout the day, especially before and after eating, after using the toilet, and after handling garbage or removing gloves.
- Ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, tissues, no-touch trashcans, face coverings, and hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent ethyl alcohol for staff and children who can safely use hand sanitizer.

Cleaning Recommendations

- In general, routine cleaning is usually enough to sufficiently remove potential virus that may be on surfaces. Disinfecting (using disinfectants on the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency COVID-19](#) list) removes any remaining germs on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection.
- For more information on cleaning a facility regularly, when to clean more frequently or disinfect, cleaning a facility when someone is sick, safe storage of cleaning and disinfecting products, and considerations for protecting workers who clean facilities, see [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#).
- If a facility has had a sick person with COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, clean AND disinfect the spaces occupied by that person during that time.
- Drinking fountains may be open and used by students and staff. Routine cleaning is recommended.

Food Service Recommendations

- Maximize physical distance as much as possible while eating (especially indoors). Using additional spaces outside of the cafeteria for mealtime seating such as classrooms or the gymnasium can help facilitate distancing. Arrange for eating outdoors as much as feasible.
- Per routine practice, surfaces that come in contact with food should be washed, rinsed, and sanitized before and after meals.
- There is no need to limit food service approaches to single use items and packaged meals.

School-Based Extracurricular Activities

The requirements and recommendations in this guidance apply to all extracurricular activities that are operated or supervised by schools, and all activities that occur on a school site, whether or not they occur during school hours, including, but not limited to, sports, band, chorus, and clubs.

Indoor mask use remains an effective layer in protecting against COVID-19 infection and transmission, including during sports, music, and related activities, especially activities with increased exertion and/or voice projection, or prolonged close face-face contact. Accordingly:

- Masks are strongly recommended indoors at all times for teachers, referees, officials, coaches, and other support staff.
- Masks are strongly recommended indoors for all spectators and observers.

- Masks are strongly recommended indoors at all times when participants are not actively practicing, conditioning, competing, or performing. Masks are also strongly recommended indoors while on the sidelines, in team meetings, and within locker rooms and weight rooms.
- When actively practicing, conditioning, performing, or competing indoors, masks are strongly recommended by participants even during heavy exertion, as practicable. Individuals using instruments indoors that cannot be played with a mask (e.g., wind instruments) are strongly recommended to use bell coverings and maintain a minimum of 3 feet of physical distancing between participants. If masks are not worn (or bell covers are not used) due to heavy exertion, it is strongly recommended that individuals undergo screening testing at least once weekly, unless they had COVID-19 in the past 90 days. An FDA-authorized antigen test, PCR test, or pooled PCR test is acceptable for evaluation of an individual's COVID-19 status.

Additional Considerations or Other Populations

Recommendations for Students With Disabilities Or Other Health Care Needs

- When implementing this guidance, schools should carefully consider how to address the legal requirements related to provision of a free appropriate public education and requirements to reasonably accommodate disabilities, which continue to apply.
- For additional recommendations for students with disabilities or other health care needs, refer to guidance provided by the [CDC](#), [AAP](#), and the [Healthy Kids Collaborative](#).

Visitor Recommendations

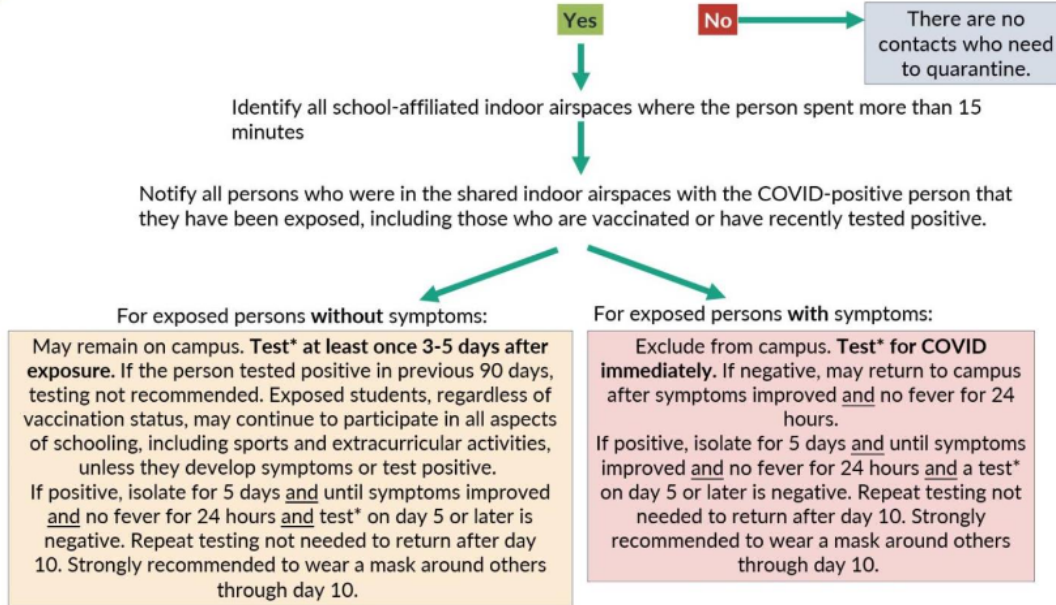
- Schools should not limit access for direct service providers, but can ensure compliance with school visitor policies.
- Schools should continue to emphasize the importance of staying home when sick. Anyone, including visitors, who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza or COVID-19, should stay home and seek testing and care.
- Schools should continue to check visitors for proof of vaccination and recent negative Covid test.

Childcare settings and providers remain subject to [separate guidance](#).

Yolo County School Decision Tree Group Tracing: COVID-positive person on K-12 campus*



Did the COVID-positive person spend more than 15 minutes (within a 24-hour period) in a shared indoor airspace?^



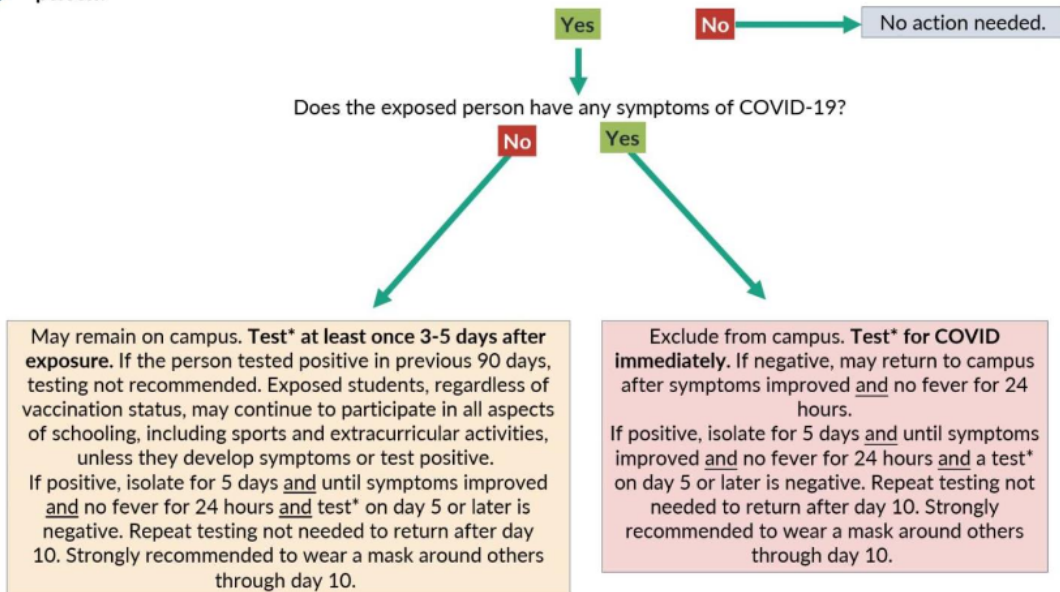
Notes
 *PCR or rapid antigen testing (including home tests) are acceptable testing methods. Antigen test preferred for anyone with a positive test in previous 90 days.
 ^Shared indoor airspaces include classrooms, gyms, cafeterias, buses, offices, locker rooms.
 *Use the off campus exposure decision tree for persons exposed off campus.

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Yolo County School Decision Tree Group Tracing: Off-campus exposure



Did a student or staff person spend more than 15 minutes (within a 24-hour period) in a shared indoor airspace with a COVID-positive person?^



Notes
 *PCR or rapid antigen testing (including home tests) are acceptable testing methods. Antigen test preferred for anyone with a positive test in previous 90 days.
 ^Shared indoor airspaces include homes, gyms, stores, cars, offices, etc.

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Stop Germs! Wash Your Hands.

When?

- After using the bathroom
- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage



How?



Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.



Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.



Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice.



Rinse hands well under clean, running water.



Dry hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of germs and stay healthy.

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CLEAN HANDS



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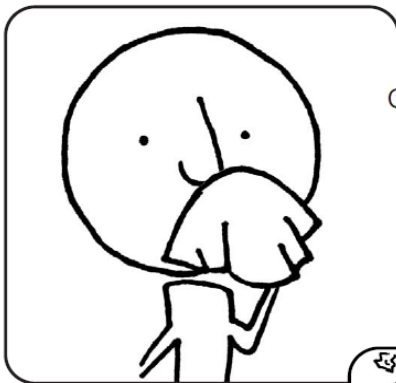


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Stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!

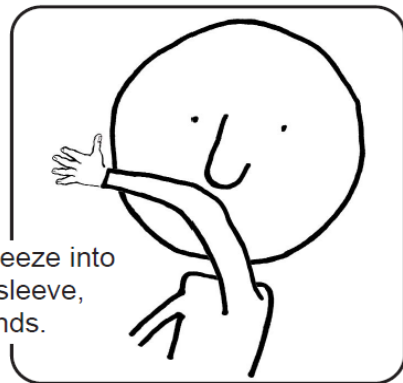
Cover your Cough



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze

or

cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.

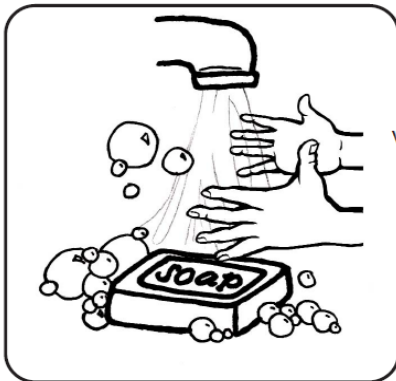


Put your used tissue in the waste basket.



Clean your Hands

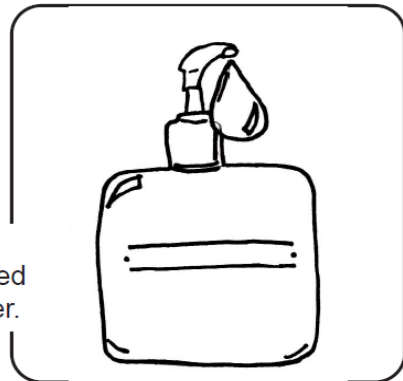
after coughing or sneezing.



Wash hands with soap and warm water

or

clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner.



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