

Superintendent's *Weekly Summer Brief*

"Preparing and empowering all students for a future of endless possibilities."

June 19, 2020

Three Pieces of Good News!

1. The Woodland Joint Unified School District has been recognized by the CDE as having a model program for providing distance learning for our dual language students. We were one of two programs identified on the CDE website as a model program.
2. Our Federal Program Monitoring audit is complete and the results are in – we only had one minor finding. Two years ago, we had 24 findings with some being significant. Our federal programs have come a long way!!
3. The restroom facility buildings arrived at the Pioneer High School football field this week. We are hopeful that they will be installed by the beginning of school – no more portable restrooms!

Governor Newsom Approves New Executive Order Regarding Face Coverings

On Thursday, June 18, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom ordered that face coverings be worn State-wide, effective immediately. The Order states that people in California must wear face coverings when they are in the high-risk situations listed below:

- ✓ Inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space (unless exempted by state guidelines for specific public settings);
- ✓ Obtaining services from the healthcare sector in settings including, but not limited to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank;
- ✓ Waiting for or riding on public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle;
- ✓ Engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off-site, when:
- ✓ Interacting in-person with any member of the public;
- ✓ Working in any space visited by members of the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time;
- ✓ Working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others;
- ✓ Working in or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities;
- ✓ In any room or an enclosed area where other people (except for members of the person's household or residence) are present when unable to physically distance.
- ✓ Driving or operating any public transportation or paratransit vehicle, taxi, or private car service or ride-sharing vehicle when passengers are present. When no passengers are present, face coverings are strongly recommended.
- ✓ While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible.

According to the Order, the following individuals are exempt from wearing a face-covering:

- Persons age two years or under.
- 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

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- wearing a face-covering could obstruct breathing or who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
- 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 for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
 - Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face-covering is necessary to perform the service.
 - Persons who are seated at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, while they are eating or drinking, provided that they can maintain a distance of at least six feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.
 - Persons who are engaged in outdoor work or recreation such as swimming, walking, hiking, bicycling, or running, when alone or with household members, and when they can maintain a distance of at least six feet from others.

The Order notes that persons exempted from wearing a face-covering due to a medical condition who are employed in a job involving regular contact with others should wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

We are hopeful that additional clarification will be provided either by the Governor or our local health department as to how this new order applies to school environments.

Athletics for the Fall

The staff has been reviewing CIF documents as well as local documents related to local youth activities, and they will be connecting with site principals as well as athletic directors and coaches beginning next week. Ultimately, each sport is going to need to have an approved plan in place before holding any activities involving our students and our facilities. More details to come.

Planning For The Fall: Reopening Task Force and Advisory Committee

After nearly a month of discussions and conversations around how to re-open in the fall. And, after considering survey results from nearly 1200 parents, 2400 students, and 300 staff members. And, after reviewing a variety of guidance documents; we have put together a draft recommended framework for re-opening in the fall. The draft framework is as follows:

ELEMENTARY

Preschool: Blended Learning Model

TK-6: Blended Learning Model

TK-6: Virtual Academy Option

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SECONDARY

7-12: Virtual Academy (Online Learning)

CCHS: Blended Learning Model

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Elem. & Secondary SDC: In-person (with class sizes 18 or below)

ADULT EDUCATION

Blended Learning Model

As you can see, there is still work to determine the details, but these recommendations are doable based upon the guidelines we need to follow and the input gained throughout the process.