

Solana Beach School District Inspiring Wonder and Discovery in Learning and Life

2022-23 School Year

COVID-19 <u>Student</u> Health and Safety Protocols

Protocol for COVID-19 Symptoms or Positive Test Results

- 1. Any student who develops new, unexplained symptoms should not return to campus until it is clear that symptoms are mild and improving or are due to a non-infectious cause (e.g., allergies). This includes waiting until 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- 2. Additionally, if symptoms are concerning for COVID-19, it is strongly recommended that students wear a mask and get tested immediately. Students should follow <u>CDPH</u> recommendations for testing, retesting, and/or isolating if results are positive.
- 3. If COVID-19 test results are positive, this information must be reported to your school site.

Notifications and protocol for students who have had direct close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.

- 1. Parents/guardians will be notified if their student has been identified as a direct close contact at school to an individual who has tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19.
- 2. Students identified as a direct close contact should follow the guidelines outlined in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Guidance for K-12 schools.
- 3. Upon supply, at home test kits will be available for students at school sites.
- 4. A COVID-19 Dashboard is no longer maintained on the District website.

Facial Coverings

Per current CDPH guidelines, face coverings are strongly recommended indoors.

Vaccinations

CDPH recommends that students be immunized for influenza and COVID-19 unless contraindicated by personal medical conditions.

Testing

Per CDPH, testing remains a key mitigation layer to detect and curb transmission of COVID-19. Schools will supply COVID-19 testing kits for students as needed as supplies last. Due to the increased travel and social interactions that often occur during school-breaks, it is recommended that students and staff get tested for COVID-19 prior to returning to school following major breaks (e.g., summer, fall, winter, spring).

Volunteers

Partnering with our families is an integral part of the success of our students. SBSD utilizes a volunteer/visitor management system. Outdoor, workroom, and classroom volunteer opportunities may be available at your school site(s). As a friendly reminder, volunteers are **required to apply annually.** To begin the process, submit your interest in volunteerism at our <u>District Volunteer link</u>, Volunteers must comply with new and existing volunteer provisions.

Improving Indoor Air Quality

Having good ventilation and air filtration in schools is important to reduce COVID-19 and other diseases that spread through the air. Improving indoor air quality also creates a healthier school environment by limiting exposure to harmful chemicals and wildfire smoke. SBSD employs the following mitigation measures for healthy air quality:

- 1. SBSD has installed MERV 13 filters in all classroom HVAC systems as recommended by CDPH, CDC, and ASHRAE.
- 2. SBSD has increased outside air and air exchanges for all of our sites.
- 3. To further promote ventilation, portable air scrubbers with HEPA filters were purchased and are in place in classrooms and other high use areas.