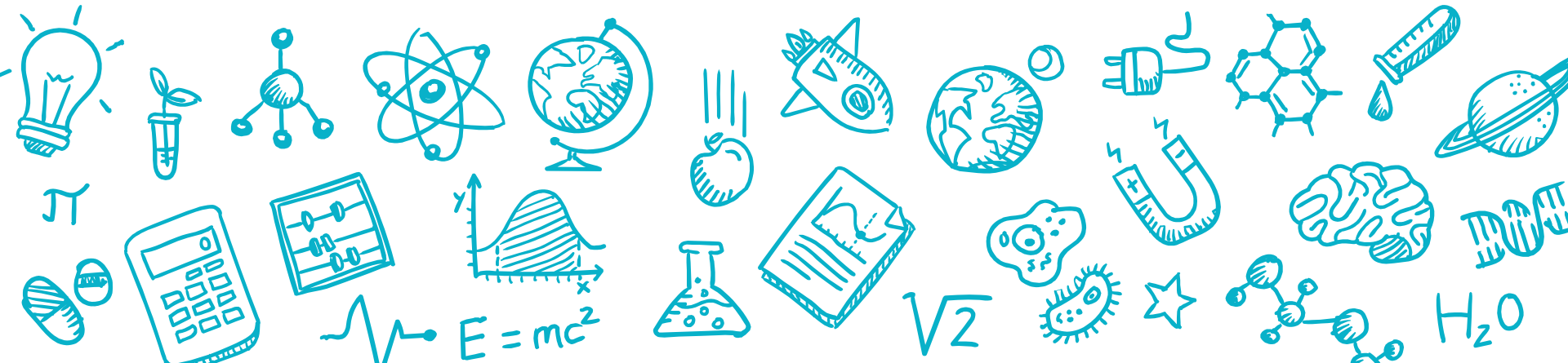




# 2021-22 School Year Update

October 14, 2021



# Health Guidance Agencies

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Centers for  
Disease  
Control (CDC)



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California  
Department of  
Public Health  
(CDPH)



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San Diego  
Human Health  
Services Agency  
(SDHHSA)

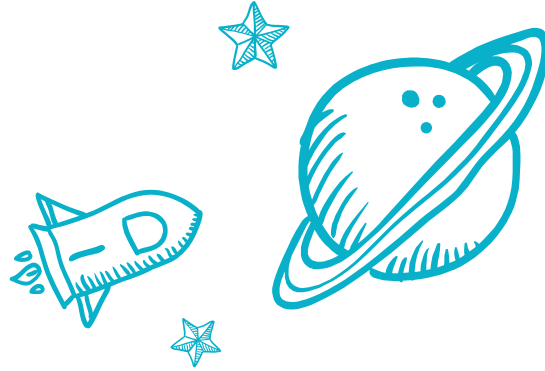




# CDPH - Foundational Principle

**The foundational principle of this guidance is that all students must have access to safe and full in-person instruction and to as much instructional time as possible.** In California, the surest path to safe and full in-person instruction at the outset of the school year, as well as minimizing missed school days in an ongoing basis, is a strong emphasis on the following:

- Vaccination for all eligible individuals to get COVID-19 rates down throughout the community;
- Universal masking in schools, which enables no minimum physical distancing, allowing all students access to full in-person learning, and more targeted quarantine practices, keeping students in school; and,
- Access to a robust COVID-19 testing program as an available additional safety layer.

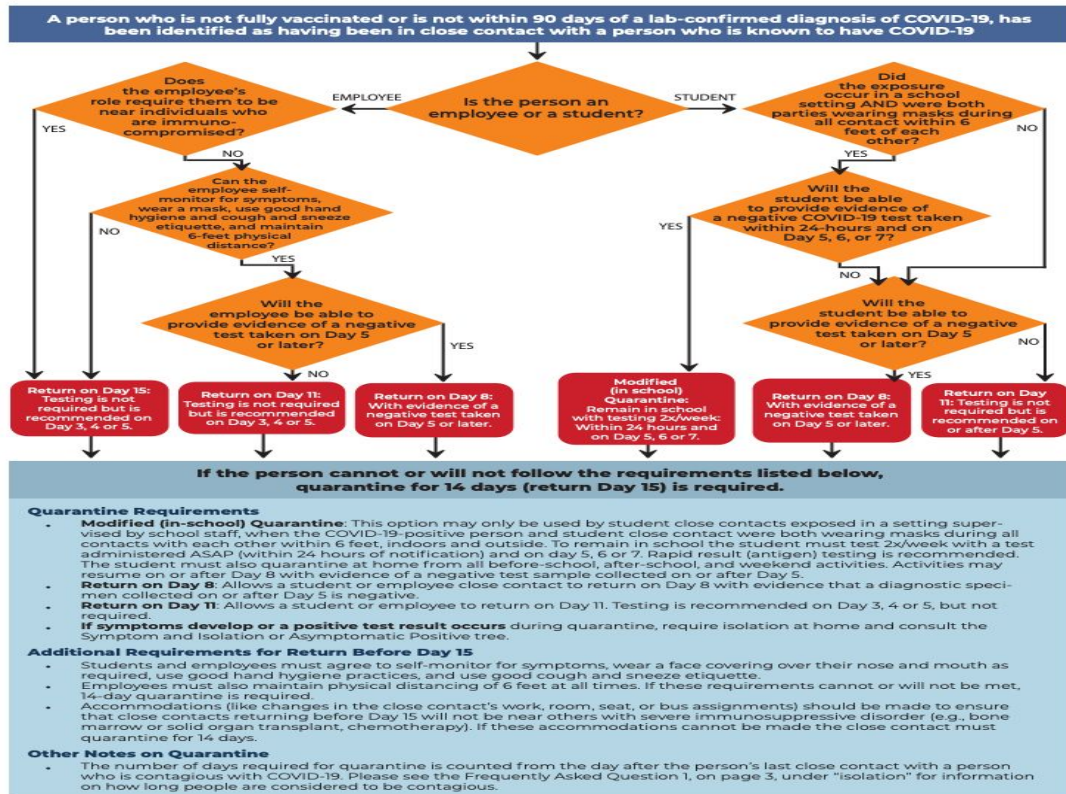


Keeping Students and Staff Healthy and Safe  
&  
Keeping Students in Class Whenever Possible

**Following CDPH Guidelines**

# Decision Tree - Revised Again (October 5, 2021)

## Close Contact and Quarantine Tree





# CDPH - Quarantining (Modified)

- Quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated students for exposures when both parties were wearing a mask, as required in K-12 indoor settings. These are adapted from the CDC K-12 guidance and CDC definition of a close contact. When both parties were wearing a mask in any school setting in which students are supervised by school staff (including indoor or outdoor school settings and school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems), unvaccinated students who are close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet indoors) may undergo a modified quarantine as follows.
- They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:
  - Are asymptomatic;
  - Continue to appropriately mask, as required;
  - Undergo at least twice weekly testing during quarantine; and,
  - Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.

# CDPH - Quarantine (Return on Day 8 or Day 11)



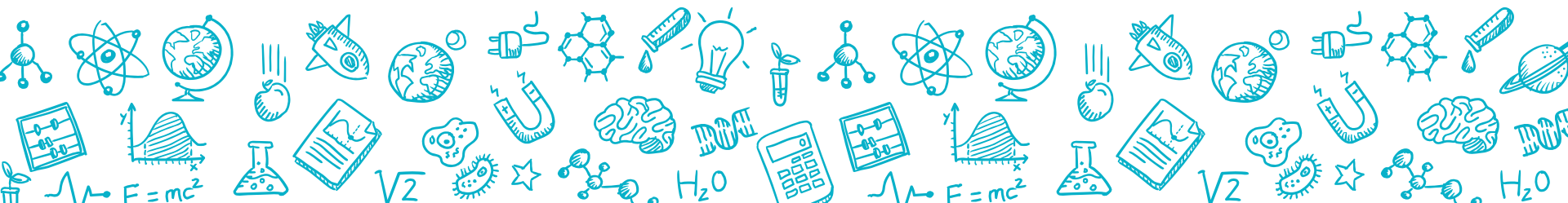
Quarantine recommendations for: unvaccinated close contacts who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the indoor exposure (CDPH FAQ).

- For these contacts, those who remain asymptomatic, meaning they have NOT had any symptoms, may discontinue self-quarantine under the following conditions:
  - Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing; OR
  - Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative.
- To discontinue quarantine before 14 days following last known exposure, asymptomatic close contacts must:
  - Continue daily self-monitoring for symptoms through Day 14 from last known exposure; AND
  - Follow all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., wearing a mask when around others, hand washing, avoiding crowds) through Day 14 from last known exposure.
- If any symptoms develop during this 14-day period, the exposed person must immediately isolate, get tested, and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care.



# Health and Safety Measures

**SBSD Multiple Layers of Mitigation**





# Health and Safety Measures



## CDPH

- Indoor masking, students and adults, regardless of vaccination status
- Healthy hygiene breaks
- Ventilation
- Contact tracing for quarantine options

## State of California

- Employees show proof of vaccination or test weekly

## SBSD

- Outdoor masking *to follow* **CDPH** Contact Tracing Requirements to maximize modified quarantine for students (August 26, 2021)
- Increased indoor filtration with HEPA filters (arriving 10/19 & 10/20)
- Seating charts

## As of October 13, 2021:

- **Positive COVID-19 Cases (*Outside of School Transmission*)**
  - Students = 34
  - Adults = 4
- **Quarantine Options = 12 Classes**
  - Modified = Four (4) Classes
  - Modified/Day 8 = Two (2) Classes
  - Day 8 = Six (6) Classes
  - Day 11 Return = Zero (0) Classes

# Additional Information

1. Surrounding Zip Code Data
2. Surrounding School District Dashboard Data
3. SBSD CDC Preschool
  - a. No masking outside or nap time
  - b. One positive case and no in-school transmissions

# CDPH Terminology for Contact Tracing

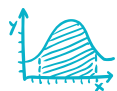


## CLOSE CONTACT DEFINITIONS

- **Close Contact:** more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet
- **Seating charts:** Assigning seating and consistently applying in the classroom and other settings like lunch can reduce the time spent determining close contacts
- Close contacts not identified in seating charts and not named are ***not*** identified as close contact

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# A Picture Says a Thousand Words . . .





# Three Options:

1. Continue Outdoor Masking
  2. Strongly Recommend Outdoor Masking  
(and require when students are outside for assemblies and instructional activities)
  3. Optional Outdoor Masking
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# Stakeholder Feedback

## STUDENTS

- Like being able to be closer and play with more friends
- Like being in-person back at school
- They like the safety measures that keep them safe and keep them in school
  - 50% don't want masks outside
  - 50% like masks to keep them safe
- Want to play with more friends (no more recess zones)



Where students find their **VOICE**, share their gifts, and advance the world



# Stakeholder Feedback

## PRINCIPALS

- General agreement:
  - Masking all the time or optional
- Prefer modified quarantine and concerned Return on Day 8 quarantines will increase
  - Students identified through contact tracing and are not masked

## STAFF

- Several Schools Report
  - 70-75% retain outdoor masking
  - 25-30% allow optional masking
  - 50% retain outdoor masking
  - 50% allow optional masking
- In general, staff wants students to be in school and they recognize that if that means masking outside to qualify for Modified Quarantine, then they feel outside masking is necessary.



# Stakeholder Feedback

FAMILIES, PTAs/PTOs

- **SH -**
  - 50% want to keep outdoor masking
  - 50% want to remove outdoor masking
  - PTA - split; some want masking others do not
- **SSF -**
  - PTO - Outdoor transmission is low, majority do not want masks, make voluntary
- **SV -**
  - want whatever will enable students to stay in school whenever possible
  - PTO - families are split; some want others do not
- **SR -**
  - PTO - school is 50/50
- **CC -**
  - PTO - prefer to wear to stay in school
- **Sky -**
  - PTO - families are split; some want others do not

# Stakeholder Feedback

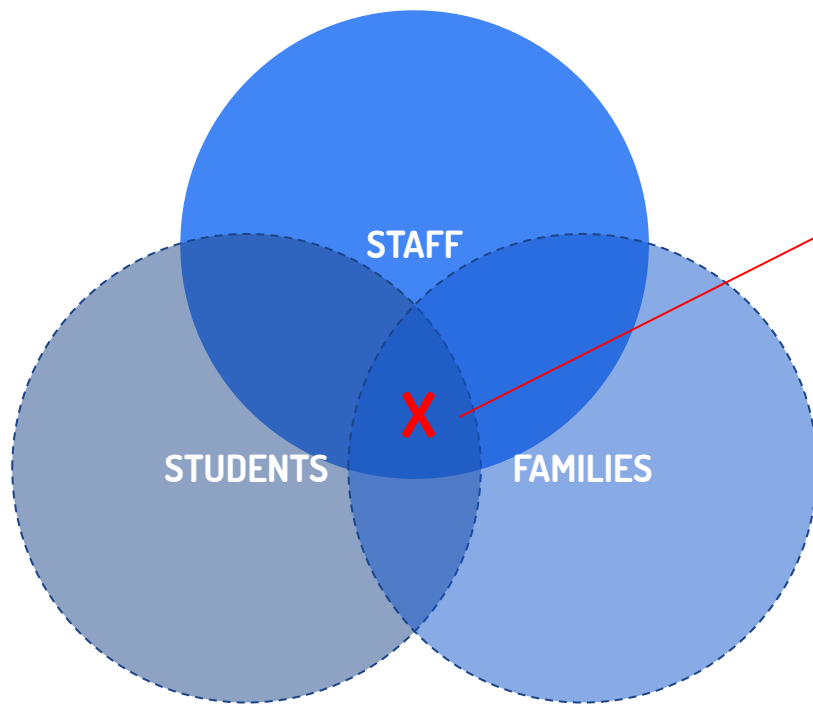
## SBTA

- Support continued outdoor masking
- Concern about playtime leading to transmission (close proximity, yelling, exertion)
- Prefer consistency - The students don't seem to mind masking outdoors.
- Cold and flu season is coming up- before vaccines are available for younger children, it may be wise to lessen time away from school due to cold and flu symptoms by continuing masking.
- Workload concerns - managing seating charts, giving reminders to stay apart, contact tracing logs take valuable time away from instruction
- Covid exposure and risk to teachers' sick leave - our members currently do not have any leave provided in the case of Covid exposure.

## SBASP

- Support continued outdoor masking
- Support clarity in masking or not masking outdoors (not different options)
- Concerned about supervising students where families want them to wear masks

# FINDING COMMON GROUND



- Students are in school and receiving in-person instruction whenever possible (more Modified than Return on Day 8 quarantines)
- Students, staff, and families healthy and safe
- Provides families, students, and staff choice for outdoor masking



# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**What:** Strongly Recommend (not require) Outdoor Masking, however, still require masking outdoors when there are outdoor assemblies or instructional activities.

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

## Why:

1. As of September 21, 2021, CDPH contact tracing terminology and practice ***changed*** which now prevents “*over identifying*” students needing to be quarantined. The reason staff brought forth the recommendation for outdoor masking in August was to support contact tracing efforts that promote modified quarantine enabling students to remain in school whenever possible.
2. Students are at least 6 feet apart during lunch and snack eating times.
3. Outdoor exposure remains a less likely form of transmission between individuals.
4. Increased ventilation indoors with additional portable air scrubbers with HEPA filters is an increased health and safety measure.
5. District resources to support multiple layer facial coverings for students and staff.
6. Students are back into the routine of wearing face masks regularly and appropriately indoors.
7. Vaccines (EUA) are expected to be available for students ages 5-11 in November
8. No later than November 1, 2021, CDPH committed to revisiting indoor universal masking

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**When:** Effective Monday, November 1, 2021, which enables revisiting and practicing students putting on and taking off masks, and safely storing them during outdoor play times.



# DISCUSSION/ACTION

