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Happy New Year Solana Beach School District (SBSD) Families,

As we return from the holidays, Solana Beach School District joins California's commitment to provide a safe and healthy in-person classroom learning experience for all students and staff. I recognize that this letter contains **a lot** of detailed information. I am respectfully requesting that you please read each section carefully as it will truly take everyone's cooperation and support to keep our students in their classrooms, our schools open, and most importantly our students and staff healthy and safe. Below, please find some important information to help us fulfill this goal.

At-Home COVID-19 Tests

With the support of Governor Newsom, California is strongly encouraging **all** families to access at-home COVID-19 testing for their children *before* they return to school Monday, January 10, 2022. To help make this a reality, California is providing rapid tests for **each** K–12 public school student.

Fortunately, Solana Beach School District has secured these tests and is distributing them to Solana Beach School District families, at Skyline School (606 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach), who have registered their students on *Primary.Health* on:

- Saturday, January 8, 2022, between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (drive-through)
- Sunday, January 9, 2022, between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (drive-through)

If you have previously registered on *Primary.Health*, you do not need to register again. For further details, please review my [January 5, 2022, letter to families.](#)

Parent Volunteers and Elimination of Stable Groups at Recess POSTPONED

Please know that Solana Beach School District was not alone in seeing an increase in positive cases prior to the winter break. In addition, as a result of this increase we will be postponing both the elimination of outdoor stable groups and the return of parent volunteers onto our campuses until further notice. Thank you for understanding and supporting our commitment to keep our schools open and students in an in-person learning environment.

Vaccinations

The CDC, CDPH, and San Diego Human Health Services Agency strongly recommend vaccination of all eligible individuals. Please visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) for information about vaccines for children.

To support families choosing vaccination for their child(ren) SBSB is happy to announce its third vaccination clinic. Approximately 300-400 doses of vaccinations for children ages 5-11, 12-15, and individuals 16 or older will be available Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at Solana Pacific School

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between 2:00 - 5:45 p.m. or until supplies run out. This is a walk-in, first come, first served clinic hosted by Champions for Health.

As a reminder, students who are fully vaccinated (two doses and two weeks have passed since last vaccination) are not required to quarantine as long as they are not exhibiting symptoms. If your child(ren) are fully vaccinated, please be sure to verify their vaccination status through the Aeries Portal [Vaccination Verification](#).

Reinforcing Existing Health and Safety Mitigation Measures

As a reminder, our 2021-22 School Year COVID-19 plans include many layers of protection for students and staff. Please review these with your child(ren) prior to returning to school Monday, January 10, 2022:

1. Universal indoor masking for adults and students regardless of vaccination status
2. Please review proper masking with your child(ren) using the attached [graphic](#) display or [video](#).
3. Outdoor masking for learning activities and assemblies
4. Strongly recommending outdoor masking
5. Increased ventilation:
 1. MERV 13 filters in all classroom spaces
 2. Portable air scrubbers with HEPA filters in classrooms and other high frequency areas
6. Continue outdoor stable groupings until further notice
7. Continue regular hygiene breaks
8. Six feet or more of physical distancing during snack and lunch eating times
9. COVID testing within 24 hours of notification for any identified close contacts to a positive individual
10. Vaccination or weekly testing is required of district employees

Strongly Recommended Additional Health and Safety Mitigation Measures

1. Families are encouraged to secure properly fitting masks (ex: KF94) for their child(ren) or have their child(ren) double mask.
2. If your child is exhibiting any COVID-like symptoms, we are requesting you keep them home for a minimum 48 hours and home test. If children come to school with COVID-like symptoms, families will be called and required to pick up their children per [CDPH \(Decision Tree\)](#).
3. If any household member has or is exhibiting any COVID-19-like symptoms between [January 6-9, 2022](#), we are requesting you keep your child(ren) home and home test them to confirm a negative COVID-19 result prior to sending children to school.
4. If any household member was in isolation between [December 30, 2021 - January 9, 2022](#), due to testing positive for COVID-19, we are requesting you keep your child home and test them to confirm a negative COVID-19 result prior to attending school.
5. If your family traveled (domestically or internationally) over the holiday break, we are requesting you test your child(ren) three (3) to five (5) days after returning from travel to confirm a negative COVID-19 result.

These additional recommendations, along with our current layers of health and safety mitigation measures will continue to support safe and healthy in-person learning for our students and staff. Again, we want to keep our students in classrooms, our schools open, and prevent any staffing shortages.

Potential Staffing Shortages

As indicated above, our goal remains to provide a safe and healthy in-person instructional model for students and staff. SBSB has developed multiple plans to provide classroom teacher coverage in the event teachers must isolate, quarantine, or both. In the event we are unable to cover a classroom teacher absence, students may be required to pivot to online learning as the only remaining alternative.

Again if we all work together inside and outside of the school environment we can keep our students in class and our schools open.

CDC/CDPH Updated Isolation and Quarantine Timelines

As of December 27, 2021, CDPH has updated their isolation and quarantine recommended timelines. As a result, individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 may return to work or school on Day 6 of the ten day quarantine period if all criteria is met :

1. Provide evidence of a negative diagnostic specimen* collected on Day 5
2. Symptoms are resolving
3. Free of fever without the use of fever reducing medications for 24 hours
4. On days 6-10, a mask must be worn that fits snugly over the mouth and nose while indoors and outdoors without exception

Please see more information in the attached [CDPH attachment](#) updated January 6, 2022.

**Over the counter home-test kits will be accepted through January 27, 2022 as confirmed by CDPH. A negative home test kit result must be provided digitally to your student's school office (picture, emailed) or loaded into the Primary.Health portal. Proof must indicate the student's full name, school, grade, date of birth (DOB), and date the test was administered.*

Modified and Return on Day-8 COVID-19 Testing

If you have not already done so, please be sure to pre-register your child(ren) for modified quarantine testing. Proof of a negative COVID-19 test is required within 24 hours of notification as a direct close contact. Students must be registered in order to participate in the onsite testing program. **Please note that when you pre-register your child you are providing consent for your child to be tested if identified as a direct close contact. Staff is unable to provide courtesy phone calls seeking parent/guardian consent as consent was authorized upon registration.**

In summary, our students, employees, and families have been working tirelessly to keep schools both healthy and safe and to remain open for in-person learning. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we increase health and safety mitigation measures during the recent Omicron surge.

Working together, I am confident we can make 2022 truly a Happy New Year!

Jodee Brentlinger, Superintendent

Next Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 6:30 p.m.