

DJUSD Parents/Guardians and Staff,

We are so excited to have students back on DJUSD campuses for full in-person learning on August 25. In order to protect the health and safety of the entire DJUSD community we ask that you and your student(s) watch the Safe Return to Campus video ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) before the first day of school. All student health education information can be found [here](#). Employees will also receive similar training prior to the first day of class. The training reinforces key COVID-19 prevention strategies including; checking for signs and symptoms of illness, staying home when sick, face covering requirements, handwashing, lunch protocols, regular saliva testing, and getting vaccinated when eligible. Your student(s) will receive similar education on their first day back on campus.

For general COVID-19 health and safety information and resources, please visit <https://www.djUSD.net/covid-19>.

### **Key COVID-19 Prevention Strategies**

#### **1. Checking for Signs and Symptoms of Illness and Staying Home when Sick**

Everyone who is sick is expected to stay home.

- Use the [Daily Illness Screening Checklist](#) to check your student for wellness every day before they come on campus. If your student exhibits any sign of illness, they must stay home from school.
- Report any positive cases of COVID-19, or exposure to someone with a confirmed base of COVID-19 to the District's COVID-19 reporting email at [covid19reporting@djUSD.net](mailto:covid19reporting@djUSD.net) or call 530-757-5300. Be sure to provide your full name, student name, phone number and school site.
- If your student becomes ill while at school, you will be contacted and asked to take your child home immediately. Ensure that a parent, guardian, or emergency contact is accessible and readily available to pick your child up from school in case of illness.

#### **2. Face Coverings**

All students (Preschool through Grade 12), staff, volunteers and visitors on all DJUSD campuses are required to wear a face covering indoors and outdoors. Some individuals are exempt from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, as confirmed by their doctor. These individuals will wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, if their condition permits it. Contact your school nurse if your student(s) has a medical exemption.

Face coverings:

- May be removed while eating or drinking
- Must cover the nose, mouth, and chin and may not have a vent or valve, which is typically a raised plastic piece on the side or front of the mask
- Must contain a minimum of two (2) layers
- Should be cleaned after one (1) day of use

Contact your teacher, site principal or school nurse if your student needs a face covering.

### **3. Handwashing**

Students are expected to wash and sanitize hands frequently.

- Students and staff should wash their hands before coming on campus and when they arrive home from school.
- At a minimum, students and staff will wash hands with soap and water before eating, after using the restroom, and when hands are visibly dirty when on campus.
- Students will also be required to wash or sanitize hands when entering and exiting a classroom and when directed by school staff.

### **4. Lunch Protocols**

While current public health guidance allows students to eat lunch indoors, DJUSD campuses will make every effort to have students and staff eat outdoors unless there is poor air quality or severe inclement weather. Additional lunch tables and outdoor spaces will enable students to be physically distanced while eating, as practicable.

### **5. Saliva Testing**

DJUSD will offer free saliva testing on most campuses at least once per week beginning August 25, 2021. All students and staff are strongly encouraged to test weekly. The full testing schedule can be found at [https://www.djUSD.net/covid-19/healthy\\_campuses/covid\\_testing](https://www.djUSD.net/covid-19/healthy_campuses/covid_testing)

### **6. COVID-19 Vaccination**

DJUSD strongly encourages all eligible students, staff and community members to get vaccinated. In addition, DJUSD requires all employees and volunteers to either be vaccinated or to test weekly. Vaccine information can be found on the [District's Vaccine webpage](#).

DJUSD maintains a frequently updated Cal/OSHA Prevention and Continuity of Services plan to review or provide feedback on the plan, please visit the [DJUSD Cal/OSHA Prevention Plan \(CPP\) and Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan](#). Feedback on the plan can be sent to [safereTurn2021@djUSD.net](mailto:safereTurn2021@djUSD.net).

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we navigate this evolving situation together. We look forward to a happy and healthy 2021-22 school year.

Regards,



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