

Parent/Community FAQ

- **Will parents have an opportunity to change their child's current learning program?**
If space is available, parents will be able to move their child to a different learning program. Parents should contact their home school office to make the request.

- **What days/times will students be on campus?**
Students will be placed in one of two cohorts (Cohort A/B). Each cohort will attend school in-person for two days (Cohort A: M/W or Cohort B: T/Th). Fridays will be remote learning days for both cohorts. Remote learning days include a video check-in with the teacher plus assigned asynchronous assignments. Each school site has created a School Safety Summary that explains the student daily schedule. Please refer to your school's Safety Summary for more specific information.

- **Will meals be served during the school day?**
Our Food Service Department will offer breakfast and lunch each day students attend school. Meals will be delivered to the classroom so that students can enjoy a portion of it during their 20 minute recess. Students are welcome to bring their own snack or meal to enjoy during this time. Students will be provided with a lunch at the end of the school day to take home.

- **If the county returns to the Purple Tier, will schools be required to close again?**
CHPH and VCPH guidance states that if Ventura County moves back to the purple tier (most restrictive) schools that are open will not be required to close. COVID-19 cases will be handled on a case by case basis at each school/site but the numbers in the City/County will no longer dictate the opening and closing of the school sites unless there is a direct order from the State or Federal level to shutdown all school or if a classroom or school has an outbreak as defined by CDPH.

- **What is the health criteria for attendance?**
Students should not attend school if they have a fever of 99.5 or higher or feeling any of the following symptoms?
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

If students are feeling any of these symptoms, contact your healthcare provider

- **Will students be screened for symptoms prior to entering campus?**

Parents should monitor students for the COVID-19 symptoms listed above and keep their child at home if the child is feeling ill or has symptoms of COVID-19, even if symptoms are very mild. Parents should also get their ill child tested for SARS-CoV2.

Students and staff will participate in a temperature screening as they enter campus each day.

- **If a student is showing COVID-19 symptoms and is sent home by the school, what steps are recommended/required for the student to return to school?**

When a student is sent home with signs of illness, the parent/guardian is supplied with a list of recommended actions:

1. Check with your child's health care provider to determine if the symptoms warrant COVID-19 testing
2. Follow health care provider's guidance, which may include continuing to monitor for signs of illness - fever, respiratory symptoms, intestinal upset and/or having your child tested for COVID19 ([County of Ventura - COVID-19 Testing Sites](#))
3. Children may return to school when:
 1. An administered COVID-19 test is confirmed negative AND the child is symptom free (without medication) for 24 hrs.
 2. The child is symptom free (without medication) for 24 hrs AND has a doctor's note confirming that the illness was determined to be non-COVID-19.
 3. If a child is symptomatic but does not get tested for COVID-19, they should isolate at home for 10 days AND until 24 hours after fever has resolved, without the use of fever reducing meds, and their other symptoms have resolved.

- **What steps has the District taken to improve ventilation and air quality in its classrooms?**

The general idea is to make rooms as close to a clean, outside environment as practical. The District has ensured the openings of the outside air intake dampers on HVAC equipment are operational and ready for use. The dampers allow more outside air to be introduced into rooms thereby increasing the percentage of fresh air in the room at any given time. This has the effect of diluting any virus concentration that may happen to be in the room. In addition, air purifiers have been installed in most classrooms that will be used for hybrid learning and all windows and doors have been checked to make sure they are operable.

- **Will all students be required to wear masks inside the classroom?**

While at schools, students in all grade levels TK-12 are required to wear face coverings at all times, except when they are eating or unless they are exempted. A cloth face covering or face shield should be removed for meals, snacks, naptime, or when it needs to be replaced. When a cloth face covering is temporarily removed, it should be placed in

a clean, safe area, clearly marked with the student's name and date, until it needs to be put on again.

- **Will the District provide a face covering for students?**

The district is requesting that parents furnish their child with a face covering that fits and is comfortable. If a student arrives at school without their covering or misplaces it during the day, the school will provide a face covering for their use.

- **If a student refuses to wear a face covering, how will the District respond?**

In order to comply with CDPH guidance, schools must exclude students from campus if they are not exempt from wearing a face mask under these guidelines and refuse to wear one provided by the school.

- **Will there be exceptions made for students if they are unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition and/or a disability?**

The district will make reasonable accommodations such as a face shield with a cloth drape for those who are exempt from wearing a face mask. Students who are exempt from wearing either a face mask or face shield due to medical reasons or disability will be permitted to be on campus only if alternative control measures can adequately provide a reasonable level of protection for other students and employees. Each need for an accommodation will be individually evaluated.

- **Will students be socially distanced in the classroom?**

The following steps will be taken to support social distancing in classrooms:

- Maximize space between seating and desks.
- Distance teacher and other staff desks at least 6 feet away from student and other staff desks.
- Distance student chairs at least 6 feet away from one another, except where 6 feet of distance is not possible after a good-faith effort has been made. Under no circumstances will the distance between student chairs be less than 4 feet.

- **What measures will be taken to ensure that schools are adequately disinfected?**

In accordance with California Department of Public Health (CDPH), high touch classroom surfaces, bathrooms and office areas will be cleaned and disinfected at least daily, and, as practicable, frequently throughout the day using an EPA approved disinfectant effective against COVID-19.

- **How many infected students will result in a class closure?**

If it is determined that there is an outbreak in a classroom (3 cases in a 14 day period in one classroom that are due to school transmission), the class would be closed for 10 days. If the cases are not due to school transmission, then it is not considered an outbreak.

- **What are the criteria for closing a school to in-person learning?**

Individual school closure, in which all students and staff are not on campus, will be based on the number of cases and stable groups impacted, which suggest that active in-school transmission is occurring. Closure will be done in consultation with the VCPH. Situations that may indicate the need for school closure:

- Within a 14-day period, an outbreak has occurred in 25% or more stable groups in the school.
 - Within a 14-day period, at least three outbreaks have occurred in the school AND more than 5% of the school population is infected.
- VCPH may also determine school closure is warranted for other reasons, including results from public health investigation or other local epidemiological data.