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Berkeley Unified School District



In-Person Learning Elementary School Family Health & Safety Guidelines

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While your child is on campus, BUSD will ensure that a number of important health and safety practices are followed. It's important that students, families, and staff all understand their responsibilities in adhering to these practices. We must all work together to ensure a safe return to in-person instruction.

The health and safety of our students, families, and staff are top priorities for the District as we reopen our school campuses. Here is a list of the health and safety practices that will be in place while your child is on campus:

- Each family will be required to **confirm every day their child is on campus that their child is free of symptoms** related to COVID-19 by completing this [Health Screening Form](#). If you answer "no" to all questions, your student can go to school. **If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, your student must stay home and you should contact the school office.**
- Students who do not have completed forms will be screened daily at school entrances.
- **Face coverings** will be required for all children and staff at all times, with the exception of when students are eating and drinking. Students should bring their own face covering, and the school will have a supply of disposable face coverings.
- In some instances, school buses, classrooms, and other shared spaces on your student's campus may be used by individuals who cannot tolerate face coverings or are sub-optimally masked due to medical exemptions. In those instances **additional risk mitigation efforts** will be used on a case-by-case basis. This can include face shields with drapes, additional ventilation, and increased social distancing, as practicable.

- **Hand sanitizer** will be available in each classroom and throughout the school.
- BUSD staff will encourage children to **wash their hands** frequently.
- Students will be asked to maintain **social distancing** throughout the school day, as practicable.
- To the extent practicable, each elementary school student will be in no more than 2 stable groups, generally to include their class group and an afterschool group. Staff will take care to ensure that stable groups **do not mix** during the school day, including during recess, or in hallways. This effort can also include staggered arrival and dismissal schedules and one-way paths of travel in some instances.
- BUSD staff will maximize **outside time**.
- Parents/caregivers will not be permitted onto the school campus except for a limited number of COVID-19 safety roles, and **drop-off and pick-up will take place at the curb**.
- **Playground structures will be open for use**, and students will be asked to use hand sanitizer before and after playing, to wear face coverings, and to remain with their stable group.
- The **use of shared items will be minimized**. Stable groups will have dedicated sports equipment and any high-touch items will be cleaned daily.

For updated information about campus reopening and BUSD's health and safety practices, please refer to the district's [Campus Reopening webpage](#), where you will find:

BUSD COVID Safety Plans (CSP)

Links to Elementary School Information

Risk Reduction Tips

Elementary Student Safety Videos

The COVID-19 On-Site Dashboard

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