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Berkeley Unified School District



Middle School and High School Family Health & Safety Guidelines

Dear BUSD Parent/Guardian,

We are happy to welcome your child back to in-person learning at their school campus. 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 stop the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses.

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 measures that will be in place while your child is on campus:

- BUSD staff and students must be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 before entering school sites. Each family will be required to **confirm every day their student is on campus that their student 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.**
- **Face coverings** will be required for all students 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 students to **wash their hands** frequently.
- Students will be asked to maintain **social distancing** throughout the school day, as practicable.
- Middle and high schools will **minimize the number of stable groups** to which students are assigned. To the extent possible, staff will minimize students' contact in hallways and other common areas.
- BUSD staff will maximize **outside time**.
- Parents/guardians 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**.

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 Reopening Plan

COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP)

COVID-19 Prevention Plan (CPP)

Please review the [Middle School and High School Return to Campus Checklist](#) for tips for preparing your student to return to campus. We ask you to:

- **Remind your child about precautions** to take at school and home. BUSD will provide your family with informational videos that you should watch with your child prior to their return to school for in-person learning.
- **Review health screening steps** as outlined in the BUSD Reopening Plan Plan
- **Develop before and after school routines** in keeping with these health and safety practices.