

# Superintendent's Update

Board of Education Meeting

August 10, 2021

Meeting No. 2



*Excelling Together with Endless Pathways for Success!*



# Glendale Unified Restorative Restart: The Path Towards Reimagining and Rebuilding Schools



Understand Whole Child Needs.



Center Relationships Among Students, Educators and Families.



Strengthen Staffing to Address Student's Individualized Learning and Mental Health Needs.



Prioritize Inclusion, Relevance, and Rigor in Curriculum and Instruction.



Lay the Groundwork for Systemic Transformation and Build  
Community Based Partnerships



# Need for Glendale Unified Students to Return to In-Person Instruction

- Schools play a critical role in the wellbeing of communities by:
  - Providing safe and supportive environments, structure, and routines for children.
  - Providing social interaction and opportunities to promote language, communication, social and interpersonal skills for students who experience social isolation and increased anxiety.
  - Providing other needed support services to children and families.
  - Addressing disparities in educational outcomes for students who did not have the capacity to fully participate in distance learning.





GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



# FAMILY GUIDE

## Health, Safety & Student Services

[www.gusd.net/FamilyGuide](http://www.gusd.net/FamilyGuide)





# Glendale Unified Mask Protocols

- Masks required indoors for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are voluntary outdoors; strongly recommended when physical distancing is not feasible.
- Employees medically exempted from wearing a mask indoors must wear a face shield with drape and be tested at least 2x per week.
- Students exempted from wearing a mask indoors due to disability or other medical condition must wear a face shield with drape and will not be excluded from in-person education; strongly recommend such students be tested at least 2x per week.
- Students participating in P.E. or sports indoors must wear a mask.
- Music and chorus may be indoors if students and staff are wearing a mask; special music masks that fit around mouthpieces are allowed when used with bell covers for all wind instruments.
- Students who are excluded from campus because they will not wear a face covering may enroll in independent study.
- Find helpful videos to support proper mask wearing technique at [www.gusd.net/ReturntoSchool](http://www.gusd.net/ReturntoSchool).

*Developed based on LA County Department of Public Health Mask Wearing Protocols for K-12 Schools (July 28, 2021) and in consultation with Glendale Unified Healthcare Partners Advisory*







# Glendale Unified Quarantine Protocols

- Staff will continue to follow all guidelines for quarantine, isolation, contact tracing, notification, and testing should a COVID-19 exposure occur.
- Exposure is defined as proximity to the positive case for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period on the days of exposure.
- Unvaccinated or partially-vaccinated individuals who are close contacts to a positive case must quarantine for 8-10 days.
  - Testing will be offered on day 6.
  - If individual tests negative on day 6, they may return on day 8 if they are asymptomatic.
  - Any individual refusing to get tested will have to quarantine the full 10 days.
- Fully vaccinated individuals who are close contacts to a case do not need to quarantine, but it is strongly recommended that they be tested after exposure.

*Developed based on LA County Department of Public Health Exposure Management Plan Guidance in TK-12 Schools (July 27, 2021)*





# Glendale Unified Contact Tracing & Notification Protocols

- Individuals identified as close contacts to a COVID-19 exposure will receive a phone call from a Glendale Unified health care personnel and be offered a PCR test. Glendale Unified has significantly increased staff to assist with contact tracing and notification.
- Employees and parents/guardians of students who are on campus or in a district facility at the time of exposure but not identified as a close contacts will receive a courtesy notification email.
- Confirmed COVID-19 cases at school and district facilities are reported for the public in an online database at [www.gusd.net/COVID19Dashboard](http://www.gusd.net/COVID19Dashboard).



# Glendale Unified Health Screening & Testing Protocols

- Ruvna health screening will continue at all school and district facilities. Practice notifications will be sent to all families on August 16 and August 17.
- Health care professionals will be assigned to every school site from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every school day to conduct testing.
- Asymptomatic testing is available and encouraged for all students and employees.
  - Opt-in form will be sent to families to give permission to test students without a parent/guardian having to be present.








# Destination Vaccination


- Five vaccination clinics held last week:
  - Hoover HS/Toll MS, August 4, 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.
  - Wilson MS, August 5, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
  - Roosevelt MS, August 5, 1 - 4 p.m.
  - Glendale HS, August 6, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
  - Daily HS, August 6, 1 - 4 p.m.
- Three clinics scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, August 11:
  - Crescenta Valley HS Auditorium, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (no appointment needed)
  - Rosemont MS Gymnasium, 1 - 4 p.m. (no appointment needed)
  - Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital Auditorium, 4 - 6 p.m. (reserve appointment at <http://myturn.ca.gov>)

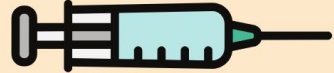
**FREE PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11**

**- NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED**  
**- WALK-INS WELCOMED**


 **Crescenta Valley High School (Auditorium)**  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.


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 **Rosemont Middle School (Gym)**  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.






→ OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS, FAMILIES, EMPLOYEES, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS 12 YEARS AND OLDER  
→ A PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT WITH ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18

 **Dignity Health.**  
Glendale Memorial Hospital  
and Health Center





**COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC**

**+** **Wednesday, August 11**  
**4:00 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**1420 S Central Avenue**  
**Glendale, CA 91204 (Auditorium)**

**Register Now:**  
<https://myturn.ca.gov/> to register

Clinic is open to all Glendale Unified staff, students, and families!

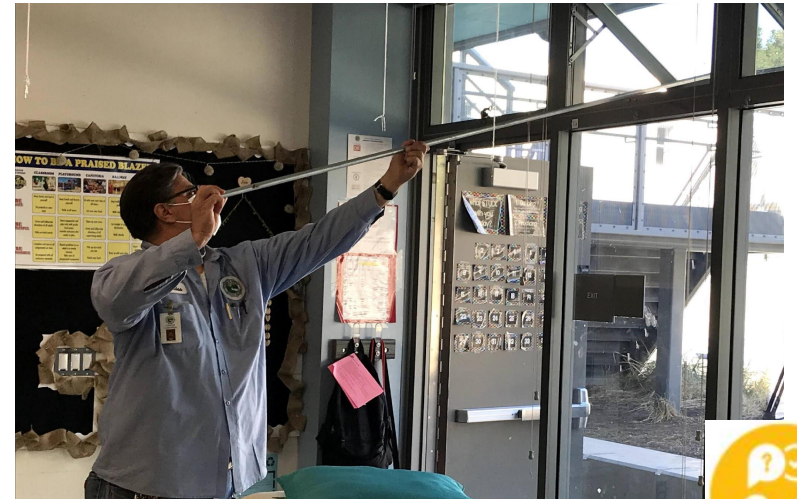
# Campus Readiness

- Deep Cleaning
  - 90% of schools have been deep cleaned.
  - Remainder of rooms are currently in use and will be deep cleaned later this month.
- Refinishing Floors
  - 90% of elementary school rooms completed. Remainder of rooms are currently in use and will be refinished later this month.
  - 75-80% of middle school rooms completed. Remainder of rooms will be refinished during school year.
  - High school floors will be refinished throughout the school year, which is normal practice.



# Campus Readiness

- MERV 13 Filters – Replacement filters are installed as-needed, typically once every 4 to 6 months. All school sites will be completed by August 18.
- HEPA Filters – Every classroom, office, library, cafeteria, exercise area, and staff lounge is equipped with a Blue Air HEPA floor unit.
- HVAC systems are being tested for proper and optimal operation.
- Functional windows in classrooms are in working order and additional window opening rods to reach higher windows have been delivered to sites.





# Campus Readiness

- Handwashing Stations – Over 450 portable and fixed handwashing stations have been added across all school sites.
- Drinking Fountains – In accordance with Public Health guidance, water fountains and bottle filling stations are being turned back on and conditioned for public use.
- Tents – 30 tents are installed at school sites districtwide. Additional tents for outdoor learning, gathering, and quarantine space are being provided to schools upon request.





# Free Meals for Students

- USDA waiver for the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option has been extended through June 30, 2022.
- **Free breakfast and lunch** available for **ALL** students.
- **Free after school snacks** available for students attending an after school program.
- In order to qualify for certain State and Federal funds, GUSD requests all parents complete a Household Income Survey to identify families who would have qualified for free/reduced meals.





# Before and After School Care

# Before and After School Care 2021-22

- Glendale Unified will offer no-cost child care at all elementary schools.
- Before and after care are available all school days.
- Morning care begins at 6:30 a.m. until school begins.
- After care begins upon student dismissal and is available until 6:00 p.m.
- Snacks will be provided at no cost to families.
- Child care is staffed by GUSD Child Care teachers and assistants
- Student-to-adult ratios = 10:1 in TK/K and 20:1 in grades 1-6.
- Students will remain in stable grade level groupings and rotate through a variety of engaging activities.
- Additional child care opportunities will be available at a cost to families (i.e. Winter Camp, Spring Camp, etc.)



# Before and After School Care 2021-22

School Year	# of Students Enrolled	% of Total Elementary Enrollment
2020-21	2,812	21.3%
2021-22	3,043	24.3%
Difference	+231	+3%

- On August 5, registration was paused in order to ensure we hire enough staff to provide appropriate supervision.
- Hiring is on-going which will increase capacity to serve all families who wish to access child care this year.





# Child Care Program Highlights

- Children will have time to:
  - Complete homework.
  - Participate in structured physical activities.
  - Engage in enrichment activities that emphasize social emotional health, student voice, and agency.

Sample TK/K Schedule (2 hours)	Sample Gr. 1-6 Schedule (2.5 hours)
30 mins Lunch 20 mins Homework Completion 30 mins Movement Break/ Story Time 40 mins Academic Enrichment Dismissal or join gr. 1-6 groups	45 mins Homework Completion 45 mins Enrichment Activity 15 mins Snack 45 mins Physical Education





# Independent Study



# Glendale Unified Independent Study

- The State's emergency legislation that temporarily allowed school districts to provide distance learning expired on June 30, 2021.
- AB 130 (July 9, 2021) requires districts make independent study an option for eligible students whose health or other personal circumstances make a return to on-campus instruction difficult.
- Students will have rights to return to their home school for the 2022-23 school year or within five days upon request during the 2021-22 school year.
- Students with special needs will need to have their IEPs modified to address the request for independent study and adjust services.



# Glendale Unified Independent Study

	Elementary	Middle School	High School	Total
Expressed interest in independent study	452	79	125	656
Completed commitment form to enroll in independent study	230	39	55	324

- Informational webinar was held on August 9 to share information and next steps for families; questions were collected to be included in the Independent Study FAQ.
- Webinar and commitment form links were emailed to every family who expressed an interest in independent study.
- Students will be enrolled in the independent study program as soon as the commitment form is received.





# Independent Study Support for Students with IEPs & Students in Dual Immersion Programs

- Students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs):
  - Prior Written Notice will be provided allowing for 30 day diagnostic placement.
  - Related services will be provided as independent study by the provider.
  - IEP team meeting will be held to discuss appropriateness of independent study for each individual student within 30 days.
- Students in Dual Immersion Programs (58 students as of August 10):
  - Target language learning will include lessons with an instructor for live interaction and practice.
  - Students and families will be able to check out materials and access online resources in their target language if available to maintain dual immersion study.
  - Content instruction will be provided in English by the teacher of record.





# First Day of School

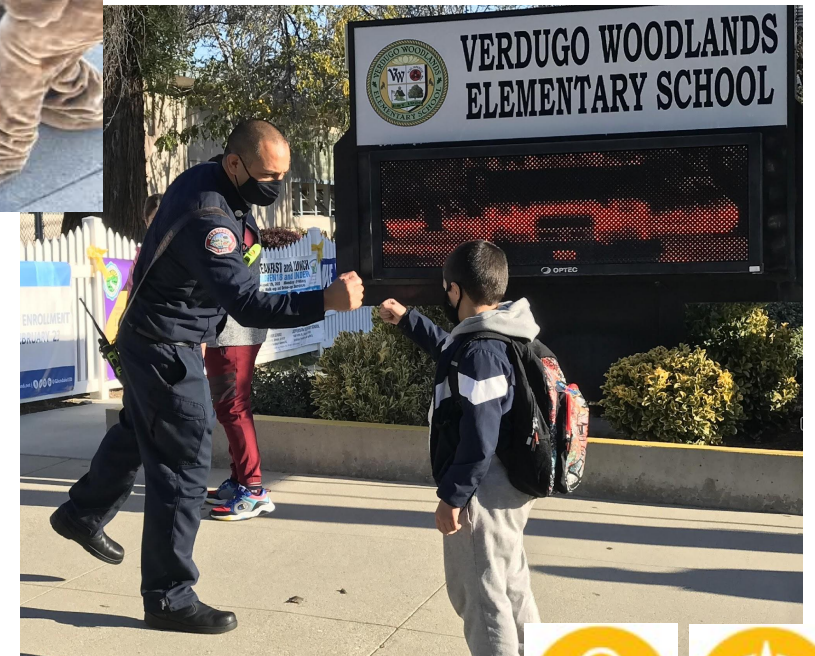


We are rolling out the red carpet to welcome students back on August 18!



# First Day of School

- Board Members, district staff, and local dignitaries will join the celebration.
- To ensure health and safety, please wear masks at drop off and pick up on the first day.





# See you on August 18!

