



HUNTINGTON BEACH  
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 2021-22 COVID-19 Update

August 17, 2021

# Recap of Approved 2021-2022 School Plans

- Full-day instruction for all grade levels, five days per week
- 100% virtual option for families seeking an alternative to in-person learning
- Safety mitigation measures as indicated in most recent health and safety guidance
- Learning acceleration and academic intervention strategies
- Increased social-emotional supports

*Approved at May 18, 2021 Board Meeting*

# CDPH Revised Guidance for 2021-2022

- CDPH issued revised guidance for K-12 schools on July 12, 2021
- CDPH will continue to assess conditions on an ongoing basis, and will determine no later than November 1, 2021, whether to update mask requirements or recommendations
- Local school boards cannot adopt measures less restrictive than the prescribed CDPH mandates
- The Board may take a position on the guidance (i.e., a resolution) and share it with state officials

# Foundational Principles of CDPH Guidance

- All students have access to safe and full in-person instruction with as much instructional time as possible
- Universal masking to eliminate physical distancing constraints and therefore allowing all students to access full in-person learning
- Universal masking indoors in K-12 schools is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and by the CDC (updated July 27, 2021)
- Minimizing missed school days through targeted quarantine practices

# 2020-21 and 2021-22 Major Guidance Changes

	<b>2020-21 School Year</b>	<b>2021-2022 School Year</b>
Face Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Required for students and staff indoors and outdoors <i>(until late spring when students could remove face coverings outdoors if able to maintain six feet of distance)</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Optional outdoors for students and staff</li><li>Required for students indoors only</li><li>Required for staff indoors when students are present, regardless of vaccination status</li></ul>
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Six feet required for the majority of the year, reduced to three feet in late spring</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No physical distancing required</li></ul>

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Stable Cohorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students required to remain in stable cohorts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No stable cohorts required</li></ul>
Quarantine Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Close contacts quarantined for 14 days</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modified quarantine allows students to remain in school if they are asymptomatic and tested twice during the 10 day period</li></ul>

# CDPH's Mask Mandate

- Masks are optional outdoors for all in K-12 school settings.
- K-12 students are required to mask indoors, with exemptions per CDPH face mask guidance.
  - Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.
  - Assessing for exemption due to a medical condition, mental health condition, disability that prevents wearing a mask, or hearing impairment is a medical determination and therefore must be made by a physician, nurse practitioner, or other licensed medical professional practicing under the license of a physician.
  - Self-attestation and parental attestation for mask exemptions due to the aforementioned conditions do not constitute medical determinations.

# CDPH's Mask Mandate

- Adults in K-12 school settings are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with students.
- Consistent with guidance from the 2020-21 school year, schools must develop and implement local protocols to enforce the mask requirements. Additionally, schools should offer alternative educational opportunities for students who are excluded from campus because they will not wear a face covering.



# Mask Enforcement Protocol

HBCSD's objective for mask enforcement will prioritize consistent compliance with the mask mandate and maintaining student access to instruction to the greatest extent possible. All students will be treated with respect and sensitivity as mask requirements will be progressively enforced. Mask enforcement will not be a disciplinary issue, but one of choice, education, and consequence related to compliance with the state's mandate.

# Mask Enforcement Protocol

- Every effort will be made to provide increased outdoor learning opportunities for students, where masks are not required.
- A disposable mask will be provided if the student does not have one.
- Should a student refuse a mask, administrators will counsel the student on the importance of using and wearing a mask while indoors.
- Should a student continue to refuse to wear a mask indoors, site administrators will contact parents/guardians.
- Continued refusal by a student to wear a mask indoors will result in an offer of enrollment in the virtual independent study program.

# Mask Enforcement Protocol

- Should a student continue to refuse despite repeated counsel, support, and opportunities to comply, they will be excluded from attending school due to failure to comply with CDPH mandated health and safety protocols.
- Exclusion from school, for this reason, would be recorded as an unexcused absence and ultimately lead to a referral to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB).
- At any time during this process, a student may choose to comply with the mask mandate and resume regular attendance in-person at school, without restrictions.
- Notwithstanding the above, for students eligible for special education services, refusal to wear a mask indoors shall be addressed through the IEP team meeting process, and decisions regarding enrollment in a virtual independent study program or exclusion from school will be made by the IEP team, with consideration given to the students' disability and ability to access special education services.

# Physical Distancing

- No physical distancing required
- Close contact definition remains unchanged:
  - Individuals who are exposed to a known positive case within six feet for more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period.
- Contact tracing continues to be required for close contacts

# Modified Quarantine Procedures

- Vaccinated students or staff may refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if they are asymptomatic
- In any school setting, unvaccinated students who are close contacts may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:
  - Are asymptomatic;
  - Continue to appropriately mask, as required;
  - Undergo at least twice weekly testing during the 10-day quarantine; and
  - Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.

# Cleaning and Ventilation

- District will continue to maximize airflow and ventilation with upgraded filters
- District will continue daily cleaning of spaces used by students and high touch surfaces
- District will continue to provide increased handwashing facilities and availability of hand sanitizer
- District will continue to provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors

# Vaccination and Testing Requirements for Staff

- On August 12, CDPH issued a public health order requiring vaccinations or weekly testing for all school staff
- The District must verify vaccine status of school employees
- Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated employees must be tested at least once weekly with either PCR testing or antigen testing
- The District is required to have a plan in place for tracking test results and conducting workplace contact tracing, and must report results to local public health departments

# Virtual Program Updates

- Enrollment window will reopen August 18-30, 2021 via District website
- After Aug. 30, parent may contact [EducationalServices@hbcasd.us](mailto:EducationalServices@hbcasd.us) to request enrollment meeting
- Parent Information Meetings
  - August 24, 2021 - 5:00pm via ZOOM (English)
  - August 25, 2021- 5:30pm via ZOOM (Spanish)



# Recommendation

- Approve the District's updated 2021-2022 COVID-19 safety plan consistent with the most recent CDPH guidance.