



# Lowell Joint SCHOOL DISTRICT

*“Home of Scholars and Champions”*



*Healthy Families and Staff Newsletter* – **Families**

## Lowell Joint **STRONG**

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“Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.”  
Abraham Lincoln



It continues to be an amazing, challenging, exciting, and at times overwhelming fall season. We continue to see a significant slowdown of COVID cases over the past couple of weeks, but please know that there is no intent to minimize the seriousness; in fact we have had a couple of very serious and sad situations come-up this past week for some of our families and staff. You continue to be incredible at how you are handling each situation with such grace, mercy, patience, and kindness. Please continue to stop and breathe while we take one step at a time as the Lowell Joint Family walks through this ever-changing landscape. We will exceed through this challenge, because our feet are planted on solid rock; we are so proud of you!! The 4-6 day ever changing cycle continues☺. The State, CDPH and CAL/Osha continues to update and change their orders and the latest State, CPHD and CAL/Osha order links are: ([California Department of Public Health Education Health Order](#)) ([CDPH Order](#)). Some key aspects are:

- As a reminder...“All schools identified in this Order must verify vaccine status of all workers.” and ...Asymptomatic **unvaccinated** or incompletely vaccinated workers are **required to undergo** diagnostic screening testing. B. Workers may be tested with either antigen or molecular tests to satisfy this requirement, but unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers must be tested **at least once weekly** with either PCR testing or antigen testing”. All staff show proof of their vaccination or complete a weekly COVID test.
- We have stated at least a 1000 times that everything changes every 2-4 days☺. Well here, we go again... The whole topic of weekly free COVID testing when/where has been a crazy challenge and thank God we started very early. The very short version of the story is that we will be participating as part of the City of La Habra testing at the La Habra Community Center (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. or Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.). The La Habra City testing center will provide free COVID testing for your family and your children if you wish, **BUT** that must be initiated by the parent and only with the parent present. The results are not linked back to Lowell Joint, but to whatever email/address you provide.
- Additional action and changes for LJSD even though they are not required in the Health Order:
  - All staff continue their daily Health Survey.
  - Our COVID dashboard is not required by CDPH or County Public Health, but we will continue to update it on Friday of each week.
  - Despite the challenge of positive COVID cases and required “close contact” quarantines, LJSD continues to be very low compared to surrounding districts – THANK YOU! We do not want to disrupt our current progress, while seeking to make appropriate adjustments in order to bring additional help to campuses.
    - Anyone who comes onto campus, for school business only will be required to complete the Health Survey. All other visitors/volunteers will need to wait until at least November 1<sup>st</sup> to come onto campus.
    - Starting October 4<sup>th</sup>, community volunteers will be allowed to volunteer in the **office only** to provide support, but only after they complete the daily Wellness Screening. The hope is that we will be able to expand this volunteer support within



*Someone should have reminded the guy that the dirt goes in the whole, not the excavator .....*

