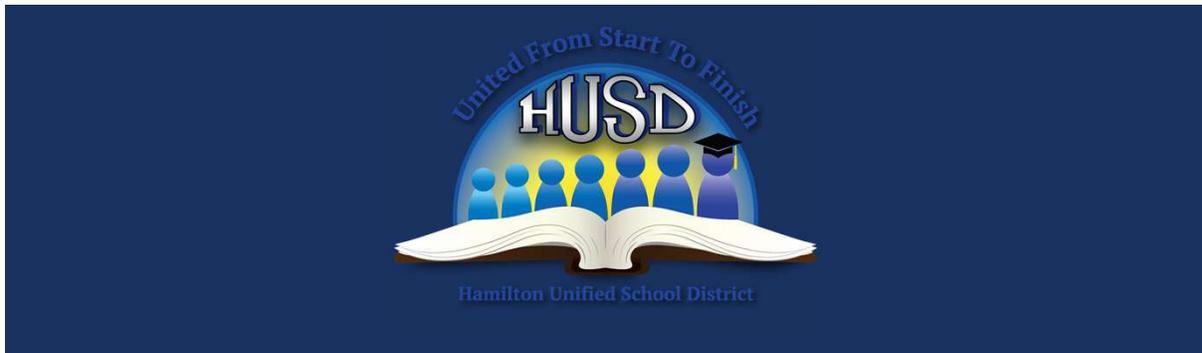

HAMILTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATE

PRESENTED TO HUSD SCHOOL BOARD: JULY 28, 2021



CURRENT CDPH GUIDANCE “BIG” TAKEAWAYS

- Masks are required indoors, not outdoors
- Physical distancing is no longer required in the classroom.
- Ventilation should be optimized by following CDPH Guidance
- Quarantine is based on vaccination status with recommendations for implementation.
- Daily health screening, cleaning, hand washing, and ventilation protocols should be maintained.
- Case reporting and contact tracing as appropriate per AB 86.

Link to CDPH Guidance:

- [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year](#)



CURRENT CDPH GUIDANCE: MASKS

- “Mask enforcement will continue to be handled by local schools as the state recognizes the unique needs of each district and child.”
- “The foundational principle of this guidance is that all students must have access to safe and full in-person instruction and to as much instructional time as possible.”

*CDPH may continue to alter or change the requirements in the next few weeks. We are in constant contact with our legal council on any impacts these changes may have.



UPDATED CDPH QUARANTINE RECOMMENDATIONS

***Vaccinated Students**

- If asymptomatic:
 - No quarantine is necessary
- If symptomatic,
 - 10-day quarantine from last day of exposure

*At this time it is unclear how school Districts will be required to show proof of vaccination.



UPDATED CDPH QUARANTINE RECOMMENDATIONS

***Unvaccinated students (both masked)**

- Modified 10-day quarantine as follows:
 - Continue to attend school if:
 - Asymptomatic
 - Continue to appropriately mask
 - Twice weekly testing during 10 day quarantine period.
 - Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities.

***Unvaccinated students (unmasked)**

- Quarantine as follows:
 - If Asymptomatic:
 - Can return to school after day 10 of last exposure without testing
 - OR
 - Can return to school after day 7 if test collected after day 5 of last exposure is negative.



INITIAL POSITION ON CURRENT GUIDANCE

Hamilton Unified School District will strongly encourage all students to comply with CDC/CDPH guidance, including the use of masks – however, District staff will not be placed in the compromising position of taking enforcement actions. District staff will direct all of its resources toward ensuring every student gets the best education possible. Our focus will be on supporting the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students as we recover from the COVID-19 school closures and distance learning. HUSD will continue to utilize COVID prevention measures and encourage all students and staff to take public health precautions and follow CDC and CDPH guidelines. Additionally, the District remains committed to advocating for local control on issues of this nature.



HUSD RETURN TO SCHOOL ESSENTIAL FOCUS:

- ✓ Reconnect our staff, students, and community.
- ✓ Provide all students with a positive and supportive learning environment that will ensure consistent instruction and positive academic and social progress.
- ✓ Systemically measure and support student learning.
- ✓ Continue with COVID-19 preventative measures.

#1: RECONNECT OUR STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY.

- ✓ As we return from over a year apart, District and Site Leadership will:
 - ✓ Take intentional steps to connect and support each other;
 - ✓ In-person meetings
 - ✓ Ongoing Parent Workshops
 - ✓ Focus on Mental Health supports for all staff members;
 - ✓ Reach out to our community to better understand their needs
 - ✓ Restore annual traditions such as the Halloween Carnival and May Dance Festival
 - ✓ Create new annual District-wide traditions

#2: PROVIDE ALL STUDENTS WITH A POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:

- ✓ Staff will welcome students daily upon arrival to school and upon arrival to their classrooms.
- ✓ Staff will be trained to identify emotional needs of students and respond accordingly.
- ✓ Staff will work collaboratively to implement similar supports throughout district classrooms and campuses.
- ✓ Restore long held school traditions including award ceremonies and acknowledgements
- ✓ Opening of Middle School After School Teen Center

#3: SYSTEMICALLY MEASURE AND SUPPORT STUDENTS LEARNING

- ✓ Implement District-wide Benchmark exams that were created collaboratively with certificated staff in the Spring of 2021
- ✓ Implement specialized reading program (Read 180) in the Middle School for students who are English Learners or significantly below grade level.
- ✓ Provide ongoing formative assessment and feedback to students on a consistent basis.
- ✓ Implement Systems of Academic Support through Multi Tiered Systems of Support
- ✓ Focus on Universal Design of Learning and Quality Teaching for English Learners
- ✓ Addition of student achievement monitoring software including Elevation and Illuminate.

SYSTEMICALLY MEASURE AND SUPPORT STUDENTS LEARNING

Independent Study:

- ✓ HUSD will not offer long term Independent Study as we did in the Spring of 2021.
- ✓ All long term Independent Study will be completed through William Finch Charter School.
- ✓ Voluntary for students who do not wish to attend in person classes.



2021-2022 HUSD COVID-19 PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

- Upgraded all District HVAC systems with i-Wave virus killing technology;
- Purchased HEPA Quality Air Filtration systems for all classrooms and common areas;
- Hiring of additional custodial staff and ensure daily cleaning;
- Maintain 3' distancing between students in classrooms;
- Modified food service schedules to provide for fewer students per lunch period and increased outside seating to allow for student distancing;
- Daily health screenings at home for all students and staff prior to school arrival
- Masks worn indoors, when students are present;
- Appropriate quarantine practices following CDPH Guidance;
- Staff adherence to Cal/OSHA policies;
- Work Collaboratively with Glenn County Public Health



2020-2021 CONTINUED HUSD COVID-19 PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

Staff

- Provide disinfecting supplies in classroom and training on proper use before first student attendance day.
- Provide screening criteria for staff to use for verbal/visual check of students as they enter campus and classroom.
- Hire of additional staff focused on disinfection of surfaces, common areas, and classrooms.
- Schedule daily cleaning in classroom and work spaces.
- Develop plan that ensures physical distancing in their work environment.
- Provide facial covering for all staff members.



2020-2021 CONTINUED HUSD COVID-19 PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

Students

Focus on Personal and Classroom Hygiene:

- Instruction on proper hygiene, social distancing, and understanding symptoms of illness.
- Provide hand sanitizer in all classrooms.
- Provide cloth mask for all students and have masks available for all students.
- Post reminders throughout campus (inside and outside) of proper hygiene practices.
- Schedule for regular use of hand sanitizer or hand washing:
 - Entering campus or school bus
 - Entering and leaving shared areas



2020-2021 CONTINUED HUSD COVID-19 PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

Parents

Focus on Pre-Screening and Education:

- Provide active and passive screening criteria to use before sending their child to school.
- Provide training on symptoms of illness, what to do if child ill, and resources for support.
- Create list of hygiene and classroom items students should have when coming to school.
- Ongoing and timely communication from school and district regarding health and safety matters.



ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

