

Oakdale Joint Unified School District

168 South Third Avenue, Oakdale, California 95361



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. This letter serves as health guidance for on-campus learning as related to COVID-19 once we begin our new school year. Recommendations are based on the latest information from the Stanislaus County Public Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Please note, guidance can change frequently and you will be updated appropriately. Also to note: All Students **MUST** have all immunizations up to date!

Before coming to school each day students and parents/ guardians should screen themselves for symptoms of illness. If symptoms of COVID-19 are noted, stay at home and contact your physician.

- Fever (temperature over 100.4° F) without having taken any fever-reducing medications
- Loss of smell or taste
- Cough
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or a runny nose
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Headache
- Gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite in the last few days
- Have you, or anyone you have been in close contact with, been diagnosed with COVID-19 or placed in quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19 within the last two weeks?
- Have you been asked to isolate or quarantine by a medical professional or a local public health official in the last two weeks?

In the event of a known exposure or positive COVID-19 case on campus, the Stanislaus County Public Health Department and Public Health Officer will be notified and Public Health will provide direction and guidance for schools. Families will be notified accordingly with additional instructions or information. Entire classroom quarantines will no longer be mandated, instead investigation of those sitting within 6 feet of a positive Covid-19 case for longer than 15 minutes will be determined and the following quarantine protocols will be instituted:

Covid Exposure at School Quarantine

1. Fully Vaccinated Close Contact:

- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic.
- Following a known exposure at school, fully vaccinated students do not need to quarantine if asymptomatic.

2. Unvaccinated Close Contact – both parties wearing a mask (Modified 10-day Quarantine):

- Can attend school if they are asymptomatic **and**
- Continue to appropriately mask **and**
- Twice weekly testing during the 10-day quarantine **and**
- Quarantine from all extracurricular activities/sports at school and in the community
 - *As of 9/7/21: Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative. Students are allowed to resume all activities.*

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Illness Protocols

Students with *suspected* symptoms on campus will be sent home and will need one of the following to return to school:

- Negative test OR
- MD documented clearance to return OR
- If MD clearance/ negative test not provided, Completion of CDC guided home isolation protocol
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared, symptom free at least 3 days, and fever free without the use of medication for 24 hours

Students *diagnosed* with COVID-19 will need the following to return to school:

- Completion of CDC guided home isolation protocol
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared, symptom free at least 3 days, and fever free without the use of medication for 24 hours

Students who have had *close contact* (less than 6 feet for greater than 15 minutes) with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 (home/community exposure) may return to school:

- If symptom free, 10 days after initial exposure

Please assist the health offices by submitting any medical documentation of chronic illnesses or ailments and proof of Covid-19 vaccinations to aid us in our contact tracing investigations for Stanislaus County.

We are looking forward to a great school year,

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