NMCUSD Reopening Schools for 2021-2022 and Related Guidance
March 10, 2022
What new guidance are we operating under?

- Latest Guidance for Education from CA Department of Health
- New Guidance Effective March 12, 2022
- Additional Resources for K12 Schools Regarding Updated Guidance
- CA Department of Education
- Monterey County Office of Education
- Monterey County Health Department
- CalOsha Workplaces
- Beyond the Blueprint CA
Local Consideration to Updated Guidance

When applying this updated guidance, consideration should be given to the direct school population and the surrounding community.

- (1) community level indicators of COVID-19 and their trajectory;
- (2) COVID-19 vaccination coverage in the community and among students, teachers, and staff;
- (3) local COVID-19 outbreaks or transmission patterns;
- (4) indoor air quality at relevant facilities;
- (5) availability and accessibility of resources, including masks and tests;
- (6) ability to provide therapeutics in a timely and equitable manner as they become available;
- (7) equity considerations, including populations disproportionately impacted by and exposed to COVID-19;
- (8) local demographics, including serving specialized populations of individuals at high risk of severe disease and immunocompromised populations; and
- (9) community input, including from students, families, and staff.

In workplaces, employers are subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) or in some workplaces the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standard, and should consult those regulations for additional applicable requirements.
## Monterey County Data

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Updated: 03/07/2022
Monterey County Data

Total Reported Confirmed and Probable Cases

84.91% Confirmed Cases
15.09% Probable Cases

13,763 Total Cases

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases by Date of Symptom Onset or Confirmatory Test

Date Reports Received | Cases
--- | ---
3/16/2020 | 1
3/18/2020 | 3
3/19/2020 | 3
3/20/2020 | 4

The graph above uses episode date, which is either the date of symptom onset or date of a positive PCR test. This date estimates the date of infection. There is a lag between the episode date and the date the case is reported. Reporting date may be used by other entities to reflect case trends during the pandemic. Confirmed case counts are presented in both tables.

Date of Symptom Onset or Test | Cases
--- | ---
3/2/2020 | 1
3/4/2020 | 1
3/10/2020 | 2
3/11/2020 | 2
Student Absences on March 9, 2022

*Total Absent on Wed. Feb 9=267 (4179)=6% (compared to Feb 9th=9%)

CV: 55 (596)= 9% (14% on Feb 9)
EV: 41 (481)= 9% (14% on Feb 9)
EH: 37 (567)= 7% (8% on Feb 9)
PD: 58 (631)= 9% (10% on Feb 9)

MS= 23 (630)= 4% (4% on Feb 9)
HS=42 (1227)= 3% (5% on Feb 9)
CB=11 (47)= 23% (26% on Feb 9)

Secondary Total: 76 (1904)=4%

Elementary Total: 191 (2275)=8%

*Not including NMCCIS which is virtual or one-on-one instruction
### Absences by Job Classification - Mar. 9

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<td><strong>229</strong></td>
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# Number of Staff Exposed, Symptoms and Confirmed COVID-19

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### Certificated Staff Survey

**Q5 Masks NOT required for students or staff indoors or outdoors**

Answered: 192  Skipped: 1

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**TOTAL**  192
Experts also endorsed important recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and American Academy of Pediatrics:

1. Promoting Vaccination
2. Consistent and Correct Mask Use
3. Physical Distancing
4. Screening Testing
5. Ventilation
6. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette
7. Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested
8. Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine
9. Cleaning and Disinfection
Recommendation for NMCUSD Implementation

Timeline

• Follow guidance from CDPH and MCHD which also considers the local context of North Monterey County and our school campus and related data regarding COVID-19
• No longer require face masks outside on campuses/facilities beginning March 12
• Implement the *Strongly Recommend* face masking indoors beginning March 26
• Implement all other components of the guidance to include testing, contact tracing, and promoting outdoor learning, etc.
Safety Measures for K-12 Schools: Masks

a. No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a school, unless wearing a mask would pose a safety hazard (e.g., watersports).

b. CDPH strongly recommends that all persons (e.g., students and staff) wear masks in K-12 indoor settings, with consideration of exemptions per CDPH face mask guidance.

c. Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition are strongly recommended to wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

d. Schools must develop and implement local protocols to provide a mask to students who inadvertently fail to bring a face covering to school and desire to use one.

e. Public schools should be aware of the requirements in AB 130 (Chapter 44 of the Statutes of 2021) to offer independent study programs for the 2021-22 school year.

f. In situations where use of masks is challenging due to pedagogical or developmental reasons, (e.g., communicating or assisting young children or those with special needs), a face shield with a drape (per CDPH guidelines) may be considered instead of a mask while in the classroom.
2. Physical distancing

a. CDPH recommends focusing on the other mitigation strategies provided in this guidance instead of implementing minimum physical distancing requirements for routine classroom instruction.

3. Ventilation recommendations:

a. For indoor spaces, ventilation should be optimized, which can be done by following CDPH Guidance on Ventilation of Indoor Environments and Ventilation and Filtration to Reduce Long-Range Airborne Transmission of COVID-19 and Other Respiratory Infections: Considerations for Reopened Schools.
4. Recommendations for staying home when sick and getting tested:

a. Follow the strategy for Staying Home when Sick and Getting Tested from the CDC.

b. Get tested for COVID-19 when symptoms are consistent with COVID-19.

c. Advise staff members and students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection not to return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to school for those with symptoms:

   i. At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; AND

   ii. Other symptoms are improving; AND

   iii. They have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2, OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus), OR at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.

   iv. If the student or staff member tests positive for SARS-CoV-2, follow the guidance for isolation in Section #10 below.
Add’l Safety Measures for K-12 Schools

Screening testing recommendations:

a. CDPH has a robust State- and Federally-funded school testing program and subject matter experts available to support school decision making, including free testing resources to support screening testing programs (software, test kits, shipping, testing, etc.).

i. Resources for schools interested in testing include: California's Testing Task Force K-12 Schools Testing Program, K-12 school-based COVID-19 testing strategies and Updated Testing Guidance; The Safe Schools for All state technical assistance (TA) portal; and the CDC K-12 School Guidance screening testing considerations (in Section 1.4 and Appendix 2) that are specific to the school setting.

6. Case reporting, contact tracing and investigation

a. Per AB 86 (2021) and California Code Title 17, section 2500, schools are required to report COVID-19 cases to the local public health department. b. Schools or LEAs should have a COVID-19 liaison to assist the local health department with activities related to COVID-19.
Vaccine and Testing Resources Update

• Vaccine and Testing Clinics
  – Upcoming MC Health Dept
    • MC Collaborative Mobile Clinics
      – NMCMS: Saturday, March 12
  – Planning with MC Health Dept
    • April and May Clinics