



## FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear FJUHSO Parents and Community,

The COVID-19 pandemic remains a significant challenge in California at the onset of a new school year. New variants are becoming increasingly more easily spread among adolescents, including the age group of our students and their siblings. The District is diligently working with the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA), as well as following all recommendations and guidelines of both Federal and State health organizations, and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) with one goal in mind: To mitigate the risk of COVID transmission and to safely keep schools open so that students can remain in full in-person instruction, as well as minimizing missed school days.

This District is committed to conscientious prevention measures such as wearing masks, washing of hands, site sanitization protocols, daily monitoring and symptom screening of students and staff, staff member vaccination, and testing of staff members with quick turnaround times to ensure safety of students and staff.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) masks must be worn inside, regardless of immunization status. Masks are not required to be worn while outside of buildings. It is important to note that exposure can occur either inside or outside of any building; therefore, we recommend mask wearing whenever possible to reduce transmission.

Additionally, current data is showing unvaccinated persons are more likely to get infected and spread the virus. Vaccination against COVID-19 is viewed as the most effective means of preventing infection with the COVID-19 virus and subsequent transmission and outbreaks. Current [CDPH K-12 guidance](#) strongly recommends vaccination for all eligible individuals, thereby reducing COVID-19 rates throughout the community, including schools, and creating a wrap-around safety layer for unvaccinated students.

To address this, the Governor has issued a [Public Health Order](#) to all public and private schools in California for all Districts and schools to verify each staff member's vaccination status or to require frequent (weekly) diagnostic screening testing of unvaccinated staff members and

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volunteers to minimize the risk they will transmit while on K-12 sites. This new order requires school districts to be fully compliant by October 15, 2021. We are actively and diligently involved and working to ensure we meet this requirement.

Other measures CDPH and OCHCA have implemented to ensure the safety of our school community (in addition to masking, vaccinations and/or testing) is isolation of confirmed COVID positive persons and quarantining of exposed individuals. Any individual who was in close contact with a confirmed positive COVID person will be recommended to quarantine as outlined by [CDPH K-12 Guidance](#). In addition, to keep our school community safe, we ask all persons who are sick or ill to stay home and monitor their symptoms and notify your school site of any illness and/or possible COVID exposure. We are confident that full compliance with the Governor's order and existing safety guidelines will be readily achieved by all sites in our District.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important update. We are looking forward to welcoming back our staff, students, and parents on the first day of school, this Monday, August 16, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve McLaughlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Steve McLaughlin, Ed.D.  
Superintendent