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Dear FJUHSD Staff Members, Students, and Parents/Guardians,

Let me start off by saying what an honor it is to be starting my second year as Superintendent of FJUHSD. During the past two and a half years, FJUHSD, along with all others across the nation, experienced challenging school years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the many twists and turns, our entire staff and community banded together to ensure that teaching and learning continued to take place, while also offering additional support, such as school lunches and social-emotional resources.

As we get ready to kick-off the 2022-2023 school year, I feel extremely fortunate to be working alongside the Board of Trustees, and all of the approximately 1,200 staff members as we get ready to begin on August 15, 2022. As we prepare to return to school, you will continue to receive information from the school district and/or school regarding more specifics as to upcoming registration dates, safety protocols, and how to start the school year successfully.

Below are several recent updates from the California Department of Health as they relate to health and safety requirements related to schools. We will continue to keep you informed should anything change. In preparation for the start of the 2022-23 school year, I would like to share important information with you about what FJUHSD is doing to continue to address COVID-19 on our campuses. We will continue our current health and safety mitigation strategies, some of which include:

Vaccinations and Testing:

Masks are not required, but continue to be strongly recommended. There are no vaccination or testing requirements for students. Schools within California are still required to test employees weekly that are unvaccinated, or have not disclosed their vaccination status.

Cleaning, Sanitation, and Enhanced Airflow

Deep cleaning and disinfecting protocols on all campuses in particular classrooms, offices, and frequently touched areas in collaboration spaces. We will continue with enhanced ventilation throughout campus facilities.

If a student/staff member is exposed or tests positive for COVID-19:

Please keep students home when sick. If your student is confirmed positive for COVID-19, contact the school office. We will continue to monitor cases and provide our parent community with appropriate notifications and guidelines to follow.

Recommendations, timelines, and testing to return:

Antigen testing is available for students in the event COVID-19 symptoms occur. Handwashing and/or hand sanitizing stations are available. Continuous collaboration with the Orange County Health Care Agency will continue.

Notifications Due to Possible Exposure:

In addition, we will continue to provide community notifications of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases and track this information on our COVID-19 Dashboard. As a reminder, while masks are not required, anyone who wishes to wear a mask may do so at any time.

Parent Volunteers:

As we begin the 2022-23 school year, we are excited to have our parent volunteers back on a more regular basis. If you plan on volunteering and working with students, we request, not mandate, that you take an antigen test and confirm that you are negative for COVID-19 so we can support a healthy school environment. In addition, masking is also recommended for all our volunteers working within the school.

Links to Useful Resources

[Vaccine Verification for Workers in Schools public health order](#)
[2022-2023 Public Health Guidance for K–12 Schools and FAQs](#)
[2022-2023 Testing Framework for K–12 Schools](#)

With these ongoing health and safety measures in place, we are excited to have all our students, staff, and parents back with us as we start the 2022-23 school year. Thank you for your partnership and we look forward to a wonderful year.

Sincerely,



Steve McLaughlin, Ed.D.
Superintendent