



## FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear FJUHS D Families and Students,

It is hard to believe we are one month into our second semester! We want to thank all of you for your flexibility during these ever-changing times, and for your understanding as we adjust some of our activities. Even with all of these adjustments, our students are in class, learning and following their regular daily schedules and routines. We understand some of our students experienced more substitute teachers than usual and we continue to put in contingency plans to ensure all students are supervised and lessons move forward.

Additionally, we continue to carefully monitor our athletic events as well as co-curricular and extracurricular activities to ensure we keep everyone safe. Congratulations to all our winter sports teams on their seasons. We look forward to watching many of our teams participate in CIF in the upcoming week, and we appreciate everyone's understanding of any events that have been postponed. In the coming weeks, we will continue to monitor all activities daily, and postponed events have been given the green light to resume. We are also excited to be bringing back many events we recently postponed sometime during the upcoming weeks and months. This includes our performing arts groups who have some incredible upcoming performances we are looking forward to.

As we move through the next few days and weeks, we would like to reassure you that we are closely monitoring COVID-19 and the Omicron variant daily with our partners from Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Included in this message are some brief updates most of which we have shared in the past.

We deeply appreciate everyone's collective efforts. FJUHS D will continue to manage this situation in a thoughtful and safe manner to ensure the highest levels of safety for our staff, families, and students. We hope everyone had a great first month and we look forward to a successful second semester for all of our students.

Sincerely,

Steve McLaughlin, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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### **Stay Updated**

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Website: [www.fjuhsd.org](http://www.fjuhsd.org)

### **No Vaccine Mandate**

In October, when Governor Newsom announced his plans for a phased-in approach requiring K-12 students to get vaccinated against COVID-19, it was widely noted that personal belief exemptions would be allowed as long as the regulation is outside of the legislative process. On December 8, 2021, Governor Newsom affirmed the state's desire to keep students in school and said exemptions remain an option for families who choose not to vaccinate their children should a mandate take effect:

*"The mandate that we put in place for the state of California includes personal exemptions, not just religious and/or medical exemptions, so there's plenty of latitude for families to make decisions."* Currently, there are no plans by FJUHSO to implement any vaccine mandates during the current 2021-2022 school year. However, we will be watching closely and updating you should there be any changes by state officials.

### **Updated School Activities**

Postponed activities may now be scheduled including: team dinner, banquets, performing arts, blood drives, etc. We continue to evaluate possible Open House dates in the future and will keep everyone updated on these events.

[Updated CDPH Guidance \(1/8/22\)](#)

[Updated OC Health Officer Orders and Strong Recommendations \(1/14/22\)](#)

### **Mask Requirements**

When masks are worn, all persons should optimize mask fit and filtration, ideally through the use of surgical masks or KN95 protective masks. KN95 protective masks will be made available for staff members at each District site for staff members to wear while on site. All staff and students must wear masks while indoors during all school

activities and events. A statewide mask order was reinstated in mid-December and was originally set to be reevaluated January 15, 2022. But given the sharp rise in infections and hospitalizations, it will be in place through at least February 15, 2022 said Dr. Mark Ghaly, California's Health and Human Services Secretary. [The mandate](#) applies to residents regardless of their vaccination status. If and when there are any changes to this, we will be sure to alert our entire community.

### **Updated Isolation/Quarantine Guidelines**

Persons Testing Positive: CDPH and OCHCA state: Persons testing positive with COVID are to self-isolate for 5 days and may return to work/school if symptoms are improving and after they have taken a COVID test (antigen preferred) on or after day 5 with a negative result. If the person does not test, the isolation period is 10 days. All persons must wear a mask at all times for 10 days after symptom onset, except to eat.

Close Contacts: Persons who are close contacts, if up-to-date fully vaccinated and asymptomatic, follow the same measures. Persons who are close contacts, not fully vaccinated and who do not test, quarantine for 10 days. Persons monitor for symptoms for 14 days & Close Contacts wear a mask for 10 days; it is ok to remove your mask to eat.

### **Staff COVID Surveillance Testing**

In an effort to provide a safe work and learning environment, and to not have staff members out for an extended time, FJUHSD has extended the COVID surveillance testing to all staff through the month February.

### **Other COVID-19 Testing Options**

<https://occcovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing>