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Dear FJUHS D Students, Parents/Guardians,

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District continues to be committed to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff members. To these ends we remain committed to keeping our community informed on how we continue to manage the COVID-19 pandemic. Overall, our protocols continue to be in place, including keeping track of COVID-19 cases on all school and district sites, conducting contact tracing, informing parents/staff members of confirmed COVID-19 cases, following state and local health department guidelines, and implementing high standards on cleaning.

The following information is provided in an effort to keep our school community informed.

COVID-19 Active Cases: Dashboard

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District is committed to providing accurate and transparent information regarding COVID-19 cases at all District sites, while also maintaining privacy and confidentiality for our students and staff. The District maintains a daily update of the number of confirmed, active COVID-19 cases among District students and staff at all District sites. This data is available on the District Website under the COVID-19 tab titled, [COVID Dashboard](#). The Dashboard lists each District site and identifies the number of students and staff members at each site that are currently confirmed as an active COVID-19 case. The Dashboard also maintains a cumulative total of all current confirmed cases in the District.

Staff Verification of Vaccination Status and COVID Testing

In compliance with the State Public Health Officer Order (Governor's Order of August 11, 2021) the District is required to verify the vaccination status of all workers by October 15, 2021. Workers who are not fully vaccinated, or for whom vaccination status is unknown or documentation is not provided, must be considered unvaccinated. The District has begun the process of gathering verification of staff member vaccination status. Staff members who do not complete the attestation, have not completed the vaccination schedule, or do not attest that they are vaccinated by October 15, 2021, will be subject to weekly COVID testing beginning the week of October 18, 2021.

Student Voluntary Self-Attestation of Vaccination Status

In an effort to be proactive, the District will begin utilizing Qualtrics to provide a voluntary self-attestation for students of their current vaccination status. Qualtrics is the company the District currently uses to send daily symptom surveys to students and staff. This will be a voluntary, one-time inquiry of each student asking if they are currently fully vaccinated.

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The digital response will be saved by Qualtrics in an encrypted and HIPAA compliant manner. This communication is separate from the Daily Symptom Survey. The District is not asking for any verification record or other documentation. This self-attestation will greatly expedite the contact tracing process and enable students to remain on, or return to, campus and activities more rapidly. Currently, in the contact tracing and subsequent case investigation of a COVID-19 exposure, students are asked if they are fully vaccinated. This proactive approach will assist the District in determining a more accurate return to campus decision in an expedited manner.

Communication Regarding Positive Cases

In the event a positive case is reported, affected individuals are contacted directly by school-site administration or by District contact tracing staff. Should action need to be taken, a letter will be sent that will include self-isolation directions and other important information. Families of students who are not affected will not receive a notification letter and no action will be required. School administrators will communicate new cases directly to their school communities and to the District contact tracing staff. The District will only communicate and provide data for confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Reminders

In addition to health and safety measures taken at school sites, we encourage families to be proactive and reinforce the importance of hand-washing, physical distancing, and face coverings to limit the spread of the COVID-19. If a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19, or is awaiting test results, please keep your student at home and notify your school. If your child [has any symptoms associated with the coronavirus](#), make sure they stay home and get tested if necessary.

Anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should remain at home in isolation for a minimum of 10 days plus at least 24 hours after the resolution of fever (without fever-reducing medication) and improvement of other symptoms. A doctor's note will be required to return to school. Finally, keep children home when they are sick. Schools will work with students and families to maintain confidentiality and to help continue your student's education.

Additional Resources

For additional questions about COVID-19, visit the Orange County Health Care Agency website, which also includes a COVID-19 health line <https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/>.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information, and for all that you continue to do to keep our students and each other safe during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,



Steve McLaughlin, Ed.D.
Superintendent