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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On July 17, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated guidance that outlined implementation expectations for reopening schools in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key ingredients to fighting COVID-19 is preventing the spread, which includes:

- Physical distancing
- Face coverings: 2 years old to 2nd grade strongly encouraged; 3rd grade to high school required, unless exempt.
- We expect parents to screen their students everyday for the symptoms listed below, and for a temperature. Any student that is exhibiting the symptoms or has a fever above 100.4 should not come to school that day. [CDC Daily Home Screener for Students](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s1015-cdc-daily-home-screening-students.html)
- Washing hands with soap and water or using 60% ethyl alcohol hand sanitizer;
- Screening of staff and students for symptoms daily, and
- Making sure individuals do not come to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

We all must do our part to maintain a healthy school environment. Students at school that come down with signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) will be sent home and encouraged to follow-up with their primary care provider and Butte County Public Health.

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Signs and symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever ≥ 100.4 ▪ Chills ▪ Nasal congestion ▪ Runny nose ▪ Shortness of breath ▪ Diarrhea
- Headache ▪ Nausea/Vomiting ▪ Fatigue ▪ Muscle or body aches ▪ New loss of taste or smell

Signs and Symptoms of MIS-C:

- Rash ▪ Red eyes ▪ Cracked/Swollen lips ▪ Red/Swollen tongue ▪ Stomach pain
- Swelling of hands/feet

✓ If your child has **any** of the above signs and symptoms of COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider and Butte County Public Health. Do not send them to school until:

- Negative test for COVID-19¹ **AND** child has been symptom-free for 3 days
- OR**
- All are true: at least 10 days since the start of symptoms **AND** fever-free without medications for 24 hours **AND** symptoms are better.

✓ If your child is **diagnosed** with COVID-19, please do not send them back to school until Butte County Public Health provides documentation that releases them to return to school.

✓ If someone **in your household is diagnosed** with COVID-19 or you are notified your child has been **exposed/in close contact** to someone with COVID-19, keep them home until Butte County Public Health provides documentation that releases them to return to school.

✓ If someone **in your household develops symptoms** listed above, keep your child home, contact your healthcare provider, follow BCPH guidance and notify the school. If that person tests positive, keep your child home until Butte County Public Health provides documentation that releases them to return to school.

✓ Though rare, seek medical attention immediately if symptoms of MIS-C occur.

¹ Must be polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, which takes 48-72 hours to obtain results.

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✓ Provide **at least two working phone numbers** to the school as emergency contacts who could IMMEDIATELY pick up the student should they become sick during school hours.

Additional Information:

- If the school becomes aware of a student or staff member who is diagnosed with COVID-19, Public Health will be notified. HIPAA prevents us from identifying the individual to the public. However, we will fully cooperate with any public health investigation as information can be shared with them pursuant to state and federal law.
- Public Health will contact the diagnosed individual to begin the process of contact tracing.
- Others who may have been exposed may be contacted by Public Health as part of their investigation and advised on steps to be taken, such as self-quarantine, etc. if deemed necessary.
- Public health will notify the school with recommendations if necessary. We will follow **all** recommendations by the CDC and the State and Local Public Health Departments.
- If you are concerned about a possible exposure or have information to share, please contact your school or the Butte County Public Health Department COVID-19 Call Center line at 530.552.3050. The school may not be able to discuss a case with you but can accept information from you which can be passed on to Public Health to aid in any investigation and tracing.

Our highest priority continues to be the safety and wellbeing of our entire school community. Together, we can all contribute to this very important mission.

Please go to our website to find the details of the PUSD [October 19, 2020 Reopening Plan](#)

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the District Office at 530-872-6400 ext. 1223

Sincerely,

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