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## **2021-2022 PARENT VOLUNTEERS/SCHOOL VISITORS FACE COVERING GUIDANCE**

The goal of the CDPH guidance “is to make sure all California students get access to safe and full in-person instruction.” The safe and full in-person instruction depends on a number of factors, including but not limited to:

- Vaccination of all eligible people (ages 12 and older) to reduce COVID-19 rates in the community
- Wearing face coverings while indoors at school by all students and adults
- Face coverings are optional for everyone for all outdoor activities in K-12 schools

According to the CDPH, research has shown that in-person classes can safely happen without spacing requirements (social distancing) as long as other prevention strategies, such as wearing face coverings, are in effect. Wearing a face covering for indoor activities has shown to be one of the most effective and simplest strategies to reduce and prevent COVID-19 from spreading in schools. In short, wearing face coverings for indoor activities allows our children to get back into classrooms for in-person learning with their teachers. Individuals may still be exempted from face covering requirements in accordance with CDPH face mask guidance. Such individuals exempted from wearing a face mask due to a medical condition must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, so long as their condition permits it. We acknowledge that wearing a face covering while indoors at school is not considered ideal by some, but we must establish and maintain health and safety protocols and procedures to keep our classroom doors open for in-person instruction. None of us wants to experience widespread school closures again like we did last year.

Despite ongoing research and improved COVID-19 vaccine availability, as of August 6, 2021, a significant number of Madera County residents eligible to receive the vaccine are not yet fully vaccinated. Only 43% of Madera County’s eligible population has been fully vaccinated. The Delta variant is two times more contagious than earlier variants of COVID-19, leading to the current rapid increase in positive cases throughout the county, state, and nation. Because of this, universal masking in indoor school settings is required so that students and staff are able to return to in-person learning on a daily, full-time basis.

### **SCHOOL VISITOR POLICY**

- 1. District schools will review and adhere to CDPH guidance, executive orders, and their school rules for visitors and family engagement activities.**
- 2. District schools will restrict nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are not fully vaccinated, particularly when moderate-to-high COVID-19 transmission rates are present.**
- 3. Visitors and/or parent volunteers for INDOOR activities must provide proof of being fully vaccinated and/or proof of negative COVID test within the previous seven (7) days and adhere to CDPH guidance and District health & safety protocols. Access to campuses for outdoor activities or events may be restricted to all individuals depending on the current COVID-19 transmission rates and MCDPH guidance.**
- 4. District schools will not limit access for direct service providers, but will ensure compliance with school visitor policies, CDPH guidance, and District health & safety protocols.**
- 5. District schools will continue to emphasize the importance of staying home when sick. Anyone, including visitors, who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as flu or COVID-19, are to stay home and seek testing and care.**

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