

Happy Friday Summerville Community,

This is Kellene Ditler and Michael Merrill with your Weekly Campus Update for January 21, 2022.

Footloose the Musical has been rescheduled for two shows. These shows are scheduled for February 4th at 7:00pm and February 5th at 7:00pm. Tickets are available online. We are so proud of our student actors and support cast for their phenomenal performances on the opening weekend and we look forward to more of this upcoming.

The link for tickets is here: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5354210>

At-Home COVID Test Kits:

If you are interested in testing students at home, the State of California has provided a number of At-Home COVID test kits at no cost for families of students. Each box contains two rapid tests. Parents may obtain one box per student every 2 weeks as supplies last.

Quarantine Procedures:

Quarantine protocols for close contacts are as follows to allow asymptomatic students to remain on campus during quarantine under a “modified quarantine” status. This change is in line with the CDPH guidance. This will allow us to keep students at school for the entire quarantine period if they are identified as a close contact as long as two conditions are met:

1. Students remain asymptomatic
2. If **unvaccinated**, students rapid test on site during the 5-day quarantine period
 - a. A permission form must be on file in the school officeIf **vaccinated and up-to date** students may remain on campus during the 5-day quarantine period

Asymptomatic, unvaccinated close contacts need to test on site to remain in school and must test again on day 5. If you do not have a testing permission form completed and on file, please complete the registration form on our website and bring it with you and your student to the testing area. If your student tests negative, he/she may remain at school. If he/she receives a positive test result, you will need to take him/her home to quarantine.

The testing procedure used on campus is either a nasal swab PCR test or a nasal swab antigen rapid test.

Vaccination Status:

According to the newest CDPH guidance regarding vaccination status, students who are “up to date” (means they have vaccination and booster if eligible) are able to stay at school and participate in extracurricular activities so long as they are asymptomatic and wear a mask. If symptoms develop, students are to be excluded from school and test on day 5. If the test is

negative and symptoms have resolved for 24 hours, they continue in school. If positive, students are excluded from school.

There is a vaccine clinic this Saturday for ages 12+ at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. 9 am to 4 pm, with a break for lunch. I believe it's Pfizer in the morning, Moderna in the afternoon.

Athletics:

Tonight is the Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls Basketball games against Sonora High. Capacity to the gym is limited to 500 people according to the Mega-Event CDPH guidance.

CDPH and Tuolumne County Public Health masking expectations: The requirements and recommendations in this guidance apply to all extracurricular activities that are operated or supervised by schools, and all activities that occur on a school site, whether or not they occur during school hours, including, but not limited to, sports, band, chorus, and clubs.

Activities may be performed outdoors without masks. Indoor mask use remains a critical layer in protecting against COVID-19 infection and transmission, including during sports, music, and related activities.

Weekly PCR COVID screening for athletes will be as follows:

Tuesdays: Boys and Girls Basketball

Thursdays: Wrestling, Boys and Girls Soccer

COVID-19 Update:

- **Safety Protocols:** Wear a CDPH approved face covering indoors (mask must properly cover both nose and mouth at all times), wash your hands frequently and stay home if you are not feeling well. Check the Public Health website at health@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov for information related to the state COVID testing site and vaccination clinics
- A recent joint statement issued by California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly, and California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Tomás Aragón, reaffirmed the state's approach to preventing COVID-19 in schools and protecting our students' health – continuing the state's successful masking requirements in K-12 settings. This statement has been continued for all CA indoor spaces through February 15, 2022.

"Due to these considerations, California is reaffirming its current approach to COVID-19 prevention and containment in schools and will continue to maintain the universal indoor mask mandate in K-12 schools and will continue to monitor conditions through the winter."

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-307.aspx>

- **Student screening:** We request that students/parents check for any COVID symptoms prior to coming to school. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19 and are recommended for testing:
 - Fever (100.4 or higher)
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- **Meetings:** Any meetings held on school campus require masking (regardless of vaccination status) if held indoors as per Public Health orders. Meetings will have zoom options if people choose not to mask, contact our office if you have any questions.

Summerville High School had one positive COVID case today January 21, 2022. Any close contacts were contacted by our administration.

Updates will continue weekly to keep our community informed. Our future updates will be by email only. Voice messages will be for critical announcements. Please ensure that if you receive a voice recorded message that you listen to it.

Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday.