

Happy Friday Summerville Community,

This is Kellene Ditler and Michael Merrill with your Weekly Campus Update for January 7, 2022.

**Upcoming Events:** See website for more events and details.

January 7&8, January 13-15: Fall Musical—Footloose...tickets available online

January 12: School Site Council Meeting

January 12: Board Meeting

**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. More information about how to get these test kits and how to use them will come early next week through a school messenger email.

**Quarantine Procedures:** **A revised flow chart will be sent out early next week after PH completes it.**

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. Students rapid test during the 5-day quarantine period
  - a. A permission form must be on file in the school office

Close contacts need to test to return to 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.

**Athletics:**

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. Accordingly:

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](mailto: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.

**Updates** will continue weekly to keep our community informed.

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