

Happy Friday Summerville Community,

This is Kellene Ditler and Michael Merrill with your Weekly Campus Update for November 19, 2021.

Thanksgiving Break:

Next week is our Thanksgiving Break. There is no school Monday through Friday. School will resume on Monday, November 29th and we will be on a B day schedule. We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Community Survey is out:

As a district we are trying to plan for the future in terms of student enrollment and the feelings of our community regarding the potential for the state to implement a vaccination mandate for our students. The district needs to be prepared for the potential outcomes of this in terms of what is required of the district for appropriate staffing for our students, staff and programs. You were emailed an online survey last week and we ask that you complete the survey if you have not already done so, so that we can have data to be able to work with and to share with our Governor and our state legislators so they know how our community feels about a vaccine mandate. The data from this survey is important as we look to determine our staffing ratios for the upcoming school year. Accuracy of the data is very important, so please do take the survey seriously.

Sober Grad Committee:

The Sober Grad Committee is in need of a Chairperson as well as members to help make sure that our seniors have a Sober Grad event following graduation in June. If you are interested in helping either as a Chair, Co-Chair or a member of the committee, please contact Mrs. Ditler at kditler@summbears.net so we can keep the planning on track.

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. Students rapid test twice weekly during the 10-day quarantine period
 - a. A permission form must be on file in the school office

If your student is determined to be a close contact and you wish for them to remain on campus, they can be tested at school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in room 405 with a rapid test. 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.

Unvaccinated students that are placed on modified quarantine cannot participate in extra-curricular activities until cleared by a negative test after day 7. We have asked for a change to this through Public Health and CDPH since they are participating in cohorts and being tested weekly. They will get back to the schools in our county.

Resilient Community

We ask that our community continue to work with us to make sure we can provide the safe learning environment that our students and staff deserve.

Parents—please help us keep our campus open by reminders to students to follow mask guidance which includes wearing a mask that meets CDPH guidelines and practice good handwashing.

Athletics:

Winter sports have begun. If your student is interested in playing soccer, basketball or wrestling now is the time to get prepared. Register on 8to18 <https://summerville.8to18.com/>, have a current physical (dated after May 1, 2021), and Freshman and Juniors need to have a current baseline concussion test completed. This can be completed at lunch, in the library Monday-Friday each week.

Coaches are setting up team meetings and parent meetings in the upcoming weeks.

COVID-19 Update:

We are still seeing a downturn in COVID quarantining on campus fortunately, but please continue to do your part to be safe and keep our schools open.

- **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 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.**

"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.

There will not be a weekly update next week due to the Thanksgiving Break.

Have a great Thanksgiving Break and we will see you all on Monday the 29th.