



Cultivating Excellence

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Dear Dinuba Unified Students, Families and Staff,

We hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. On Monday, August 9th, we opened our doors to full time instruction for the first time in seventeen months! We have spent a great deal of that time creating a culture of safety across our district to ensure the health and well-being for our students, families, staff, and community. Safety remains our highest priority, and we want to share the latest information on our implementation measures and outcomes.

Since the start of school, the district has identified isolated incidents of students and staff confirmed as positive Covid-19 cases. Keep in mind, some of these students and staff members did not attend school or report for work after testing positive, thereby reducing exposure to others. For those individuals who were present on a day when they received a positive test result, they were immediately quarantined for the recommended time frame.

The district has taken necessary steps to communicate with families if a student(s) were in close contact with a positive Covid-19 case on campus. Though it is not a requirement from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to inform parents of students that were not in close contact with a positive Covid-19 individual, going forward, DUSD will communicate with families as a best practice in order to notify that there has been a positive Covid-19 case in the classroom. As of this date, there have been no instances where the need to quarantine an entire classroom was necessary.

The following are the mitigation layers the District has put in place to ensure our students and staff are safe.

- Masks are required indoors. We **highly encourage** the use of masks outdoors due to the rise in Covid-19 cases and the unhealthy air.
- Hand sanitizing and handwashing is highly recommended as students enter rooms.
- All AC units are equipped with bipolar ionization to help distribute clean air and circulation in all classrooms.
- Covid-19 contact tracing by school personnel, if found that a student or staff member is positive.
- Free Covid-19 testing at each school site on Tuesdays and Fridays for students and staff. Please check with your school site for details.
- Requiring that students and staff who have Covid-19 symptoms stay home and not return until they are symptom free and/or have a note from a doctor verifying a safe return.

Dinuba Unified is resilient. and committed to working through the challenges ahead. Our goal has always been the same, to have our students back in the classroom, all day, with their teachers in a safe and healthy environment. We appreciate your trust and welcome your partnership in keeping our students active and learning.

Sincerely,

Marti Kochevar
Assistant Superintendent

