

GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Health and Safety Procedures for 2022-2023

Garden Grove Unified School District is committed to fostering a safe environment for all students and staff. In accordance with [CDPH Guidance issued June 30, 2022](#), the following health and safety procedures have been implemented for the 2022-2023 school year and are posted on our website at <https://ggusd.us/healthandsafety>.

Screening and Testing



- Every student/family and staff member should screen for COVID-19 symptoms each morning prior to coming to work/school. Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and test. Symptoms include fever of 100.4 or higher, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle or body aches, new loss of smell/taste, vomiting, nausea, or diarrhea.
- GGUSD provides at-home test kits to students and staff upon request. Testing is recommended for those who are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms or 3-5 days following a COVID exposure.

COVID-19 Isolation and Return to School



- **COVID-19 Positive:** Families should notify schools if their child has COVID-19 and was at school during his/her infectious period. Regardless of vaccination status, individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home and isolate for at least 5 days after symptom onset or 5 days after the first positive test. Students/staff may return beginning on day 6 or through day 10 if a negative test is collected on day 5 or after, symptoms are resolving, and they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Infected persons should wear a well-fitted mask around others for 10 days, especially in indoor settings.
- **Symptomatic:** Regardless of vaccination status, individuals with COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and take a COVID-19 test. Those who test negative should not return to school/work for 24 hours without a fever (without the use of fever reducing medication) and other symptoms improving. If symptoms are not improving, individuals should test again and/or visit their health care provider for an alternative diagnosis.
Exposure: Individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 can come to school if asymptomatic but should test within 3-5 days of exposure and wear a well-fitted mask around others for 10 days especially in indoor settings.

Reporting and Notifications



- **Reporting:** GGUSD tracks all positive cases of COVID-19 and reports outbreaks (3 or more linked cases within a 14-day period) to the Orange County Health Care Agency.
- **Notifications:** GGUSD will notify families if their child was exposed to COVID-19 on campus (spent more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period in a shared indoor space with someone with COVID-19 during his/her infectious period).
- **Transparency:** GGUSD will post positive COVID-19 case counts by site on its Dashboard once per week.

Face Masks and Shields



GGUSD will follow CDPH masking guidance. Currently, masks are not required but students and staff cannot be prevented from wearing a mask if they wish. Schools and district offices will provide face masks for those who want to wear one but inadvertently fail to bring one from home.

Hand Washing, and Hand Sanitizing



Hand Washing: Each school has, in addition to classroom and restroom sinks, 5-25 hand washing stations based on size/enrollment. **Hand Sanitizing:** Campuses are equipped with touchless hand sanitizer stations for high traffic areas and wall-mounted hand sanitizer in all classrooms.

Cleaning Procedures and Ventilation



- Custodial staff has been trained on specialized COVID cleaning and disinfecting procedures, and use of equipment.
- Ventilation has been upgraded to maximize fresh air circulation.