

May 19, 2021

COVID UPDATE:

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Masks, Social Distancing, etc.: As we head into our final weeks of the 2020/21 school year, we want to see all of our students in school each day. Handwashing, social distancing, and masking will continue to be enforced to the best extent possible. While the number of positive Covid-19 cases are decreasing, both seasonal allergies and the common cold are on the rise, and can present with symptoms similar to those of Covid-19. We understand how difficult this can be, and will work with each family to get their child(ren) safely back to school as soon as possible. We continue to follow county guidelines, and ask all symptomatic students to remain at home until cleared by your primary care provider, public health official, or school nurse.

Notifications to families: Although guidance recommendations from El Dorado County Office of Education and our El Dorado County Public Health Department regarding notification, quarantine time lines, and testing guidelines have changed over the last several weeks, and the district began only notifying close contacts, we have received feedback from parents that they would prefer to continue to receive a schoolwide notifications. From now through the end of the year, school sites will individually notify close contacts and school sites will send a schoolwide notification of a positive case on campus. We will continue to monitor changes in guidance closely as they relate to quarantine and testing timelines.

Vaccines: The Barton Health vaccine clinic scheduled for Friday, May 21 is full - there are no appointments available. For those that are receiving their first dose on Friday, please note that the second dose must be scheduled through [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) and **should be received three weeks**, and no later than six weeks, after the first dose. Regional options offering Pfizer second doses (and first doses) include [Safeway through MyTurn](#), [Rite Aid](#), and [CVS](#). There is also a [CVS in Carson City](#) offering Pfizer. Please remember that vaccines are now being offered to anyone 12 and over.

COVID-19 Vaccines: Separating fact from fiction

An abundance of information is available about the COVID-19 vaccines and it can be hard to separate fact from fiction, especially when information may be shared from friends and family online. Myths about the vaccine have multiplied in the months since Americans began receiving vaccinations. First, it's important to recognize that getting the vaccine is not just about survival from COVID-19; it's about decreasing spread of the virus to others and preventing infection that can lead to long-term negative health effects or even death. [Read more...](#) [En Espanol...](#)

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding. We look forward to a wonderful next four weeks with our students and families!

Sincerely,

Office of the Superintendent