

August 6, 2021

Dear Staff, Students, Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

We are very excited to begin our 2021-2022 School Year with summer activities. Enrichment Camps are starting on Monday, August 9 through August 13, 2021! Jump Start Expanded Learning Opportunities will run from August 16 through August 20th. We are so excited to see our students who are enrolled in these opportunities!

As you may be aware, COVID-19 continues to be a virus of great concern. The State of California has released requirements for student masking in indoor classrooms for all school programs during the 2021/2022 school year. Additionally, guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) changed their guidance to recommend masking indoors due to surging COVID-19 numbers. Both the CDC and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) agree that masks are not required to be worn outdoors by either students or staff.

LTUSD is asking for the community to come together to take care of one another; we recognize that some individuals and their family members have high levels of vulnerability to the COVID-19 virus and LTUSD is taking proactive steps to prevent the spread of any illness to our staff, students, and families returning to school programs. LTUSD will be closely following the guidance of CDC, CDPH, and El Dorado County Public Health Departments. The District is legally required to comply with the Department of Public Health, to the extent that such guidance can be understood and effectively implemented. We do want to point out that CDPH also continues to require that we contact, trace, and place students in quarantine if they are exposed. We will continue to update our guidance and share information as it changes and becomes available.

LTUSD will follow guidance from CDPH on August 2, 2021. The following is **required** for ALL students and staff participating in LTUSD Enrichment Camps, Jumpstart, and for all students on campus during the 2021-2022 school year.

- Masks are required for ALL students and staff indoors regardless of vaccination status
- Masks are optional outdoors (students will be able to take breaks from wearing their masks when outside)
- Students and staff who forget their masks will be provided with one
- Students who do not wish to wear a mask, will not be allowed to participate in indoor Enrichment Activities, Jumpstart Programs, or on campus instruction during the 2021-2022 school year
- Staff and students who exhibit symptoms of illness are immediately sent home and asked to isolate with their family, contact their primary health care provider, and get a Covid test.
- Staff and students who test positive are immediately notified by the testing agency and then asked to report to their school nurse so that the school can begin the work of contact tracing anyone the student or staff was in close contact with during the time they were impacted.

It is critical that our students, staff and community adhere to the health and safety guidelines established for mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Remember, getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, and washing hands frequently are the most effective ways to prevent spread of the virus.

Thank you for your support as we begin the return to the 2021/2022 school year!! We are all so excited to see our students!

[Your Guide to Masks - CDC](#)

[California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) Guidelines for Schools](#)

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\) - Guidance for schools](#)

[American Academy of Pediatrics - Recommendations for Schools](#)

[The Science Behind Safely Reopening Schools](#)

Sincerely,

LTUSD Health Services Dept.