

Agenda

Lyon County School District Board of Trustees

A EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE LCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Board of Trustees of Lyon County School District will be held Friday, December 3, 2021, beginning at 10:00 AM at the VIRTUAL - No physical location for this meeting.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Public comment is to be sent to boardmeeting@lyoncsd.org. This meeting can be viewed on the Lyon County School District website, www.lyoncsd.org. The public is invited to address the board on items not listed on the agenda. No action may be taken on any subject raised until it is properly placed on an agenda for a properly noticed meeting pursuant to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241. Comments must fall under subjects within the board's jurisdiction and control. Although this board does not restrict comments based upon viewpoint, comments will be prohibited if the contents are willfully disruptive, slanderous, amount to personal attacks or interfere with the rights of others. Comments emailed to boardmeeting@lyoncsd.org will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

5. **(For Possible Action)** Discussion and possible action regarding the operations and funding of the Lyon County School District during the COVID-19 pandemic and the Nevada State of Emergency. This item is being presented by Board President Holly Villines and Superintendent Wayne Workman. 3

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Public comment is to be sent to boardmeeting@lyoncsd.org. This meeting can be viewed on the Lyon County School District website, www.lyoncsd.org. The public is invited to address the board on items not listed on the agenda. No action may be taken on any subject raised until it is properly placed on an agenda for a properly noticed meeting pursuant to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241. Comments must fall under subjects within the board's jurisdiction and control. Although this board does not restrict comments based upon viewpoint, comments will be prohibited if the contents are willfully disruptive, slanderous, amount to personal attacks or interfere with the rights of others. Comments emailed to boardmeeting@lyoncsd.org will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

7. ADJOURN:

Public Comment to the Lyon County School District Board of Trustees

In the event that you are unable to attend the LCSD Board of Trustees meeting, you may submit public comment by 3:00 pm the day before the board meeting by [clicking here](#). Public comment will be forwarded to all LCSD Trustees prior to the board meeting. Please note that this link is monitored for public comment only.

If you have questions or public records requests, please contact the LCSD Communications and Public Relations Officer at (Communications@lyoncsd.org).

The notice for this meeting was posted at the Lyon County School District Administrative Office and posted to the Lyon County School District website (<http://lyoncsd.org>) and the official website of the State of Nevada (<http://notice.nv.gov>) in accordance with NRS 241.020 (3) (b).

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

The Lyon County School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability or age in any of its policies, procedures, or practices, in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (pertaining to race, color, and national origin), Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and any other pertinent statute or requirement. This Non-Discrimination policy covers admission, access, treatment, and employment in the District's programs and activities, including Occupational Education. For information regarding opportunities, policies, or the filing of grievances, contact your school principal.

The Lyon County School District is pleased to provide accommodations for the handicapped or disabled. Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees in writing at 25 E. Goldfield Ave., Yerington, NV 89447, email Margaret Heim at mheim@lyoncsd.org, or call (775) 463-6800 Ext. 10034 at least one week prior to the meeting.

Lyon County School District Board Memo

Date: December 3, 2021
To: Board of School Trustees
From: Wayne Workman, Superintendent
Re: Operations and Funding During the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Nevada State of Emergency

Recommendation

At the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

Background Information

The global pandemic from COVID-19 necessitating the Nevada State of Emergency in March 2020 has had a lasting and significant impact on everyone. The Lyon County School District has been required to make very difficult decisions that altered operations significantly during the 20-21 school year. As we begin the 21-22 school year, we must continue this process, albeit at a lesser degree for now. As a condition of receiving the relief funding from the federal government, the LCSD was required to develop a “Reopening Schools Plan”. Since we were open during the 20-21 school year, the LCSD decided to call it the 21-22 Educational Services Plan. There is a requirement to update this plan at least every 6 months as needed.

Many decisions must be revisited throughout the school year in a manner that best protects the LCSD from potential litigation, but also balances our mission of educating the whole child. The LCSD recognizes the importance of extra/co-curricular activities in achieving this mission. We must also consider that this conversation is fluid and will likely be on-going as circumstances continually change with the pandemic and state of emergency. Additionally, any decisions made may be subject to change due to new directives. This is a standing item on each agenda and an opportunity for the board of trustees to review and discuss any possible changes to decisions already made and/or make new decisions.

Budget Considerations

Unknown.

Discussed at Previous Meeting

Yes

Attachment(s)

Declaration of Emergency Directive 048.pdf
Directive 048 Summary - School Settings.pdf
2021-22 LCSD Educational Services Plan.pdf

*Respectfully Submitted,
Wayne Workman, Superintendent*

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PLAN FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

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Presented to the Board of
School Trustees at the
June 22, 2021 Meeting



Lyon County School District

Regardless of circumstance, we strive to
achieve our vision and mission.

Vision: Graduate all students to be
successful in college and career.

Mission: Provide relevant learning
opportunities that develop adaptable,
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capable of creativity, collaboration,
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Our Guiding Principles

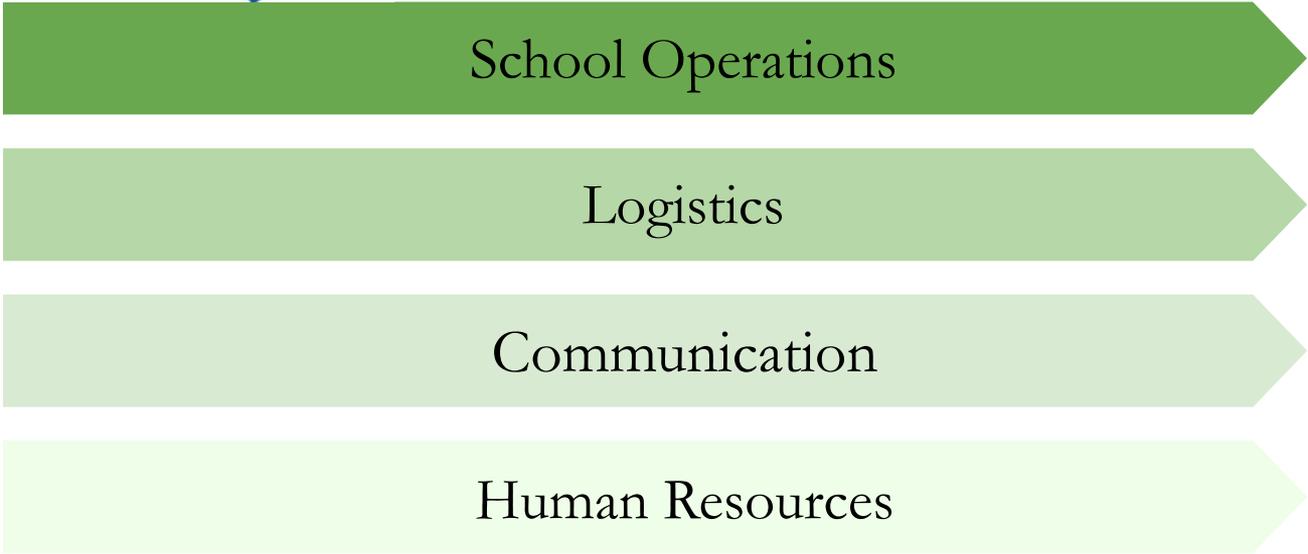
1. Ensure the safety and well-being of all students, staff and families
2. Promote equity and accessibility to learning for all students
3. Provide instructional delivery systems to meet the needs of all students
4. Foster positive relationships and interactions
5. Financial Feasibility
6. Community Impact

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Path Forward Framework



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Full Time In Person Learning

1. Attend school in person every day with all extracurricular opportunities in place
2. Increased sanitation
3. In the case of exposure or quarantine related to COVID-19, students will be given temporary distance learning ⁸ opportunities through their classroom teacher(s)
4. All students are provided a device (Chromebook) and/or internet connectivity as needed



Full Time Distance Learning

District must have an option for families to receive high quality standards-based instruction without physically coming into schools. The LCSD approved platform of the Edgenuity Suite meets this requirement.

This option is available to all families through the state approved LyOnline Distance Education program:

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1. All students are provided a device (Chromebook) and/or internet connectivity as needed

Elementary and Secondary School Schedules

Each school site leadership team will develop class schedules with student and staff safety as a priority.

1. These schedules will incorporate ¹⁰ critical lessons learned from the 2020-21 school year, including but not limited to, passing periods, lunch, recess, etc.



Teaching and Learning

- Basic and social emotional needs of students and staff will be met in order to optimize student learning.
- All students will continue to have equitable access to high-quality curricular materials and effective instruction. 11
- Standards-based grade level instruction will occur with in-school instruction and distance learning models.
- Professional learning opportunities will continue to be available to educators for continuous improvement.



Safety and Health

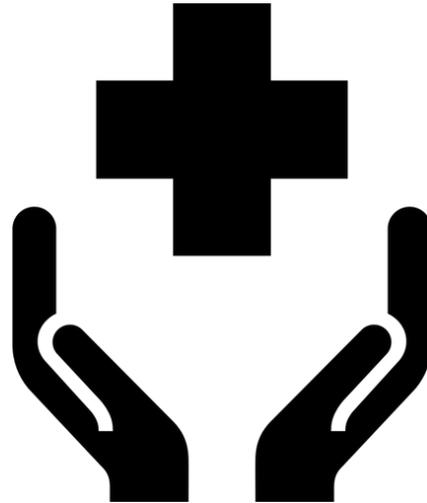
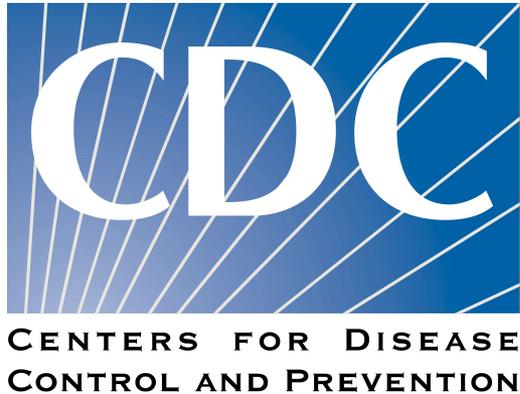
- No single health & safety measure in isolation will effectively mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, a multi-layered approach, including the following, will be used:
 - Self-screening and remaining home if any illness symptoms are present
 - Enhanced cleaning & hygiene protocols, frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces
 - Contact Tracing may occur as needed

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CDC Guidance and Nevada Emergency Directives

- The Lyon County School District will advise staff, students and families of the current CDC guidance and will be in accordance with Nevada Emergency Directives.



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Nutrition Services

- Breakfast and lunch will be available to all students, even those who are participating in distance education.
- Aspects of this service model are contingent on USDA regulations.
 - Currently, LCSD will be able to continue offering free meals to children through the end of the 2021-22 school year.



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Transportation

- Current CDC guidance recommends all occupants on the bus to wear face coverings (exceptions apply)
- Driver will disinfect handrails, seat tops and entrance doors between runs
- Daily disinfecting of buses will be performed by LCSD Transportation

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Information Technology

- LCSD will assign a device (Chromebook) to every student that needs one.
 - Insurance for the device will also be available for approximately \$25 per year.
- Students are asked to please see their school administration for a device and/or internet connectivity needs.



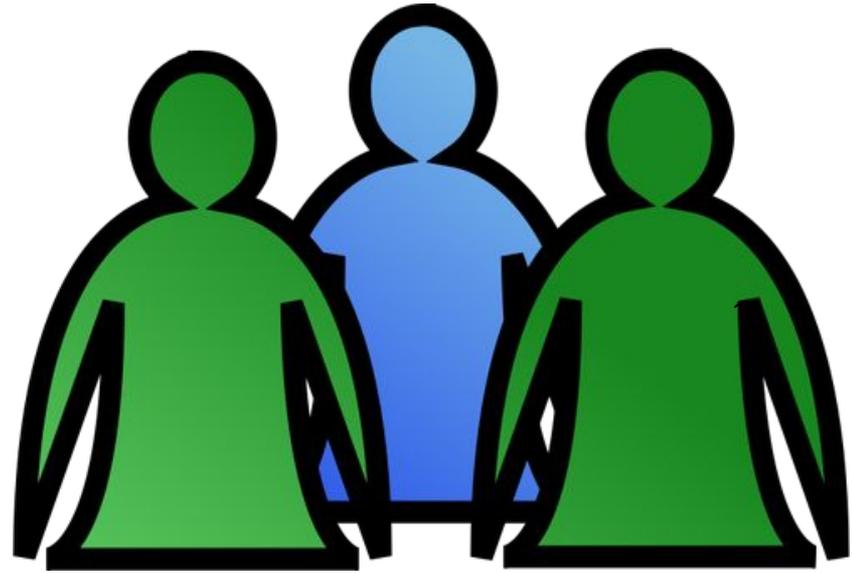
Communication

- Stakeholders will continue to be updated if new developments arise.
- Communication will include a variety of methods such as email, texts, phone calls, social media updates, etc.
- Students will be contacted by a licensed teacher or substitute teacher per the guidance in memo 21-02.



Human Resources

- LCSD employee health and safety is a top priority and is essential to our student success.
- Therefore, LCSD employees are encouraged to take full advantage of the many health and safety benefits offered by the district.



In conclusion...

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

DIRECTIVE 048

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I, Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada, issued a Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(6) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 virus is highly contagious, and spreads through respiratory transmission, and direct and indirect contact with infected persons and surfaces; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that transmission occurs through both droplet and airborne transmission, where droplet transmission occurs when a person is in close proximity to someone who is infected with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that contact transmission occurs by direct contact with infected people or indirect contact with surfaces contaminated by the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, I formed a COVID-19 Medical Advisory Team to provide medical guidance and scientifically based recommendations on measures Nevada could implement to better contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in late December 2020, Nevada began distributing COVID-19 vaccines; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's hospitalization rate for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases has trended downward after mid-January 2021; and

WHEREAS, since mid-January 2021, the 14-day moving average test positivity rate has generally declined, but COVID-19 still poses a substantial threat to the public health; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2021, I issued Emergency Directive 037, which set forth a stepped approach to easing the restrictions on the size of gatherings, reduced capacity for bars, restaurants, and other businesses, that were implemented during the Statewide Pause; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Directive 037 provides that, beginning on May 1, 2021, it may be appropriate to transition the management of certain mitigation measures to the counties, if COVID-19 cases continue to decline; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Directive 041, issued on March 12, 2021, sets forth a process for counties to create a COVID-19 Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan (“Local Plan”) that will provide for local control and enforcement of certain COVID-19 mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) released updated guidance recommending that all persons, whether vaccinated or not, continue to wear a mask while indoors. The CDC guidance also outlines situations where there is a low risk of spreading COVID-19 and wearing a mask may not be necessary, depending on whether an individual is fully vaccinated or not; and

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WHEREAS, many Nevadans will choose to continue to wear a face covering in situations where doing so is not required, based on their personal judgments about their own health risks and those of their household members; and

WHEREAS, infectious disease and public health experts advised that wearing a mask or other face covering remains an important and effective measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, new variants of the COVID 19 virus have been identified, and medical experts have determined that some of these variants are significantly more contagious than previously known variants; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has identified the “delta” variant of COVID-19 and has deemed it a “variant of concern” due to its higher transmissibility; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 cases in Nevada have trended upward since early July, 2021, the test positivity rate has climbed to over 15%, and most cases in Nevada have been identified as the delta variant; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the CDC released updated guidance that all persons in counties with substantial or high transmission, whether vaccinated or not, continue to wear a mask while in indoor public spaces; and

WHEREAS, CDC’s July 27, 2021 updated guidance recommends universal masking in schools, for all students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, and regardless of the level of community transmission. The CDC explained that this is due to the large population of children who are ineligible for vaccination and the low level of vaccination rates nationally; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021, the Governor issued Emergency Directive 045, which provides, among other things, that the State of Nevada requires the wearing of masks in a manner consistent with current guidance from the CDC, including any subsequent guidance issued by the CDC; and

WHEREAS, in-person instruction and participation in sports and extracurricular activities is vitally important to the positive academic, emotional, and social development of students in kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, many children are not yet eligible to receive a vaccine against COVID-19 and it is therefore imperative that other mitigation measures be used to protect children and to prevent disruption to in-person learning; and

WHEREAS, Nevada’s counties have differing characteristics, including geography and population density; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a statewide public health crisis and requires that certain mitigation measures and emergency management functions will continue to be managed at the state level to protect the overall health and safety of all Nevadans; and

WHEREAS, NRS 414.060 outlines powers and duties delegated to the Governor during the existence of a state of emergency, including without limitation, directing and controlling the conduct of the general public and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic during, before and after exercises or an emergency or disaster, public meetings or gatherings; and

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nevada and the United States, and pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Emergency Declaration,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

SECTION 1: The provisions of previous Directives are hereby superseded only by the explicit provisions of this²² Directive. Any provisions not addressed by this Directive shall remain in force as provided by previous Directives or regulations promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency.

SECTION 2: The term “indoor public setting” means any indoor area where people who are not members of the same household may be present. The term includes office buildings, breakrooms, hallways, cafeterias, meeting rooms, and other areas where people may interact, even though the public at large does not have access to the area.

SECTION 3: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 2 of Directive 047, for purposes of Nevada’s emergency directives, the level of community transmission of COVID-19 in a county (hereinafter “County Level”) will be determined as provided in this Section.

The CDC’s COVID Data Tracker (available at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>) defines “low,” “moderate,” “substantial,” and “high” COVID transmission levels. The State will use the data and transmission levels from the CDC’s COVID Data Tracker, and may additionally use State data on testing, to determine the County Level for each county on a weekly basis, using a 14-day look-back period, as described below.

A county’s initial County Level is the transmission level indicated for that county by the CDC as of noon on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Each Tuesday, the State will review the transmission level for each county based on data from the CDC’s COVID Data Tracker. If the CDC data show that a county’s transmission level has changed from its initial or prior level, and the county has remained within the new level for two consecutive weeks, the State will update the County Level to reflect that change.

Each Tuesday the State will notify each county of its current County Level, as determined pursuant to this Section, and its transmission level based on CDC data. If there is a change in the County Level, the corresponding requirements for face coverings as set forth in this and other Directives shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the Friday of that week.

SECTION 4: Section 7 of Directive 024 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The mandatory provisions of this Directive shall not apply to:

1. Except as otherwise provided in Section 5 of this Directive, children who are nine years of age or younger.
2. Individuals experiencing homelessness. Such individuals are encouraged to take protective measures to the greatest extent practicable.
3. Individuals who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability, or who are unable to remove a mask without assistance. Persons exempted under this provision should wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield.

4. Individuals for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
5. Individuals who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which the temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform that service.
6. Individuals who are at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage services, while they are actively eating or drinking.
7. Individuals who are incarcerated. Prisons and jails, as part of their mitigation plans, will have specific guidance on the wearing of face coverings or masks for both inmates and staff, which may be more stringent than the requirements of this Directive.

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SECTION 5: Face coverings are required in county school district, charter school, and private school settings as provided in this Section.

In counties with a population of 100,000 or greater, all kindergarten through 12th grade students (regardless of whether they would be exempt from the face covering requirement based on their age) must wear face coverings while inside school buildings unless granted an exemption consistent with this Section. Face coverings are required indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Directive 047, in counties with a population less than 100,000, each county school district, charter school, and private school shall adopt a face covering policy that addresses whether or under what circumstances face coverings will be required for students while in school buildings or on school campuses. Any such policy must not conflict with the provisions of this Directive or with any face covering requirements imposed by county governments or local health authorities.

In all school settings:

1. All school staff must wear face coverings while inside school buildings, regardless of vaccination status.
2. School building administrators may approve exemptions for:
 - a. Students who are medically fragile as documented per an existing Individualized Education Program or health-related 504 Plan; or,
 - b. Students or staff who provide documentation from a qualified Nevada-licensed medical professional that they are exempt in accordance with subsection 3 of section 7 of Directive 024.
3. Unless expressly granted exempted consistent with subsection (2) of this Section, all kindergarten through 12th grade students, and all school staff, must wear face coverings while on school buses.
4. Parents, vendors, volunteers, visitors, and guests who are unable or unwilling to wear face coverings under any circumstances or exemptions should not be allowed on school buses or inside school buildings.

Irrespective of any policy adopted by a county school district, charter school, or private school, if a school-wide outbreak of COVID-19 is identified by the applicable local health authority in any school, the use of face coverings for all students in the affected school building(s) is mandatory and must be immediately implemented. Additional mitigation measures may also be required by the local health authority for that school or school building(s). The face covering requirement and any other mitigation measures remain in effect until the local health authority determines that the outbreak is closed.

All school districts, charter schools, and private schools are strongly encouraged to require all students to wear face coverings while inside school buildings.

SECTION 6: All county school districts, charter schools, and private schools, regardless of county transmission level, shall implement a regular COVID-19 testing program for students and staff or volunteers, including but not limited to coaches, leaders, and advisors, who are not fully vaccinated and who are involved in activities that involve travelling to other schools or venues outside of the county for games, tournaments, competitions, concerts, meets, or similar events. Testing must occur at least once per week. If a student, staff member, or volunteer tests positive for COVID-19, current CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine must be followed.

SECTION 7: The NIAA must promulgate a mandatory COVID-19 testing and mitigation plan for full-contact and close-contact sports. The plan must require at a minimum weekly testing of coaches, staff and athletes participating in these sports who are not fully vaccinated. The plan must include rules and guidance for the use of face coverings by student athletes while both actively and not actively participating in the sporting activity.

Prior to the commencement of competitions of full-contact and close-contact sports between schools in different counties, the individual schools must implement the NIAA testing and mitigation plan and begin the weekly testing protocols required by such.

SECTION 8: If county school districts, charter schools, or private schools require the use of public or private facilities outside of school grounds for educational purposes, including but not limited to instructional activities or administering assessments, such facilities are subject to the mitigation requirements included in this and other applicable Directives.

SECTION 9: The provisions of this Directive remain in effect until amended or terminated by a subsequent Directive promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, or upon dissolution or termination of the Declaration of Emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed this 4th day of August, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



Governor of the State of Nevada

Barbara K. Cegavske

Secretary of State

Scott R. Gibson

Deputy Secretary of State



NEVADA K-12 SCHOOL SETTING SUMMARY GUIDANCE

Updated August 4, 2021

FACE COVERINGS

Given new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant, CDC has updated the guidance for fully vaccinated people. **CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.** Children should return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with layered prevention strategies in place.

When teachers, staff, and students consistently and correctly wear a mask, they protect others as well as themselves. Consistent and correct mask use is especially important indoors and in crowded settings when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Below is a summary of masking and testing requirements and recommendations for K-12 county school district, charter school and private school settings within Nevada:

FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL AND PRIVATE SCHOOL SETTINGS WITHIN NEVADA:

- **All school staff** MUST wear face coverings while inside school buildings, regardless of vaccination status.
- All kindergarten through 12th grade students, and all school staff, **MUST wear face coverings while on school buses**, as required by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Order](#). CDC's Order applies to all public transportation conveyances including school buses. Regardless of the mask policy at school, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in CDC's Order.
- **Parents, vendors, volunteers, visitors, and guests** MUST wear face coverings inside school buildings and on school buses.
 - *Parents, vendors, volunteers, visitors, and guests who are unable or unwilling to wear face coverings under any circumstances or exemptions should not be allowed on school buses, in school buildings, or on school campuses.*

School building administrators **may approve exemptions** for:

- Students who are medically fragile as documented per an existing Individualized Education Program or health-related 504 Plan; or,
- Students or staff who can produce documentation from a qualified Nevada-licensed medical professional that they are exempt in accordance with subsection 3 of section 7 of [Directive 024](#):
 - *"Individuals who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability, or who are unable to remove a mask without assistance. Persons exempted under this provision should wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield."*



FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL AND PRIVATE SCHOOL SETTINGS IN COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF 100,000 OR GREATER (Clark County and Washoe County)

- **ALL kindergarten through 12th grade students** (regardless of whether they would be exempt from a face covering requirement based on their age) **MUST** wear face coverings while inside school buildings unless granted an exemption consistent with this guidance and [Directive 048](#). Face coverings are required indoors regardless of vaccination status.

FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL AND PRIVATE SCHOOL SETTINGS IN COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION LESS THAN 100,000

- Each county school district, charter school, and private school **shall adopt a face covering policy** that addresses whether or under what circumstances face coverings will be required for students while inside school buildings, or on school campuses. Any such policy may be more stringent than this and any other applicable State or local health directives, but may not be more permissive.

Irrespective of any policy adopted by a county school district, charter school, or private school, **if a school-wide outbreak of COVID-19 is identified by the applicable local health authority in any school, a universal face covering policy SHALL be implemented immediately for ALL students in the school building where the outbreak occurred** until the local health authority determines that the outbreak is closed. Additional mitigation measures may be required by the local health authority for that school as deemed necessary by the local health authority.

For purposes of this guidance, a **SCHOOL-WIDE OUTBREAK** is defined as any outbreak that extends beyond one classroom or isolated setting. Local health authorities will make outbreak determinations based upon the findings of case investigation and contact tracing and relative to the specific local setting. The CDC COVID-19 outbreak definition will be utilized in making these outbreak determinations.

All school districts, charter schools, and private schools are strongly encouraged to require all students to wear face coverings while inside school buildings.



TESTING

TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL AND PRIVATE SCHOOL SETTINGS WITHIN NEVADA:

Required regular testing for **UNVACCINATED** students, staff & volunteers participating in activities that involve travelling to schools outside of their county:

- All county school districts, charter schools, and private schools, regardless of county transmission level, shall implement a regular COVID-19 testing program for **students and staff or volunteers**, including but not limited to coaches, leaders, and advisors, who are not fully vaccinated and who are involved in travelling to other schools or venues outside of the county for athletics and activities such as games, tournaments, competitions, concerts, meets, or similar events.
- **Testing must occur at least once per week.** If a student, staff member, or volunteer tests positive for COVID-19, current CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine must be followed.
- **This applies to students, staff and volunteers involved in athletics activities.** The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) must promulgate a mandatory COVID-19 testing and mitigation plan for full-contact and close-contact sports. The plan **MUST** require at a minimum weekly testing of coaches, staff and athletes participating in these sports who are not fully vaccinated. The plan must include rules and guidance for the use of face coverings by student athletes while both actively and not actively participating in the sporting activity.
 - Prior to the commencement of competitions of full-contact and close-contact sports between separate schools, the individual schools must implement the NIAA testing and mitigation plan and begin the weekly testing protocols required by such.

CDC guidance provides that people who are fully vaccinated do not need to participate in screening testing. However, testing should be made available to fully vaccinated individuals participating in extracurricular and athletic activities.

TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recommends that testing of all those that are unvaccinated, both staff and students occur at least weekly to be effective. In schools where testing of all staff and students is not feasible, schools may consider multiple testing strategies, for example, testing a random sample of at least 10% of staff and students who are not fully vaccinated.

*****If county school districts, charter schools, or private schools require the use of public or private facilities outside of school grounds for educational purposes, including but not limited to instructional activities or administering assessments, such facilities are subject to the mitigation requirements included in this guidance and [Directive 048](#)*****

For more detailed guidance on COVID-19 mitigation strategies within K-12 school settings, please reference the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services [2021-22 COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTION AND OUTBREAK CONTROL IN SCHOOL SETTINGS](#).