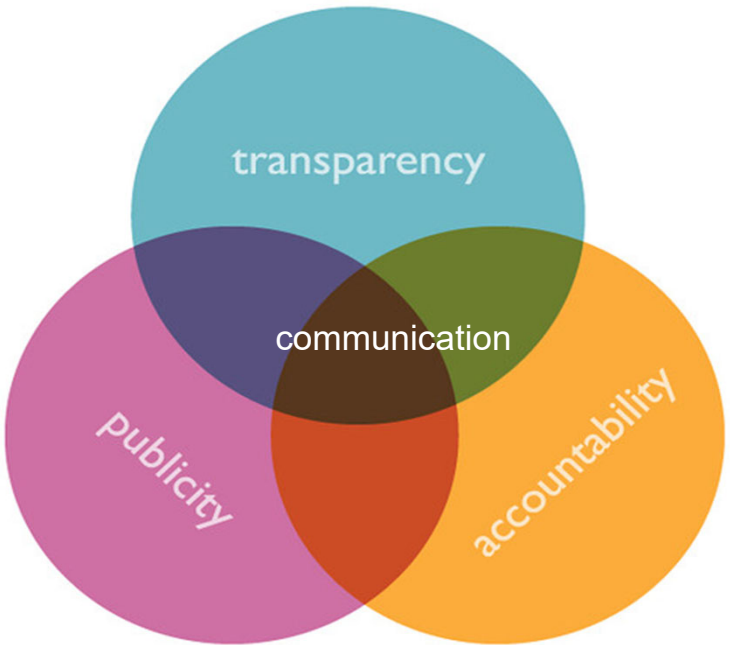


Ontario-Montclair School District

Multi-Layered Mitigation Strategies

Presentation



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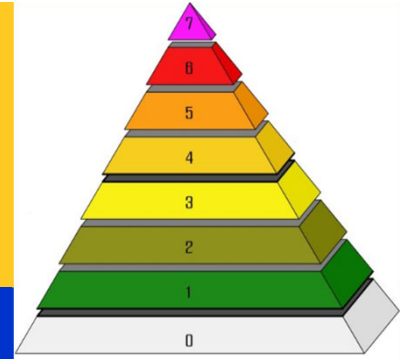
Local and State Guidance



The District will adhere to official safety standards and/or guidance to the greatest extent possible from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), California Department of Education (CDE), California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA), Federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and county public health authorities.

The District will clearly communicate and enforce the applicable standards and/or guidance.

Layered Mitigation



- **What is it?**

CDC recommends implementing layered strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19

- **Examples of Mitigation Strategies include**

- Vaccination
- Correct use of face coverings/masks
- Hand washing and respiratory etiquette
- Physical distancing
- Disinfecting & Cleaning
- Contact tracing
- Staying home when sick/symptomatic
- Student/Staff training on hygiene practices

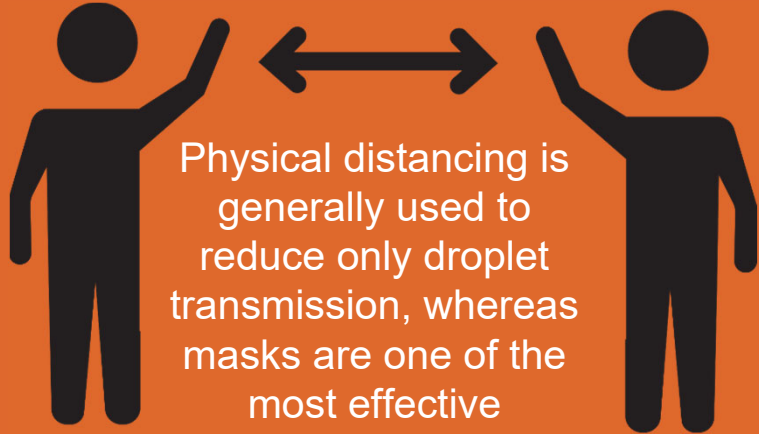
Face Coverings & Other PPE

CDPH and Cal/OSHA Guidelines and Mandates



- Adults in K-12 school settings are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with students, regardless of vaccination status.
- K-12 students are required to mask indoors.
 - There may be exemptions per CDPH face mask guidance and the OMSD Mask Waiver Exemption process.
- Masks are optional outdoors for all in K-12 school settings.
- Face coverings are required in all indoor spaces for all persons who are not fully vaccinated. **Per Cal-OSHA: “Face coverings are required indoors and in vehicles for unvaccinated employees.”**
- OMSD will continue to assess conditions on an ongoing basis of COVID19-variants (e.g., delta) that can change mask requirements.

Physical Distancing



Physical distancing is generally used to reduce only droplet transmission, whereas masks are one of the most effective measures for source control of both aerosols and droplets.

CDPH recommends 3 feet of physical distancing to the best extent possible

Plexiglass:

Where this is not a mandatory requirement, it may be used as a tiered mitigation strategy.

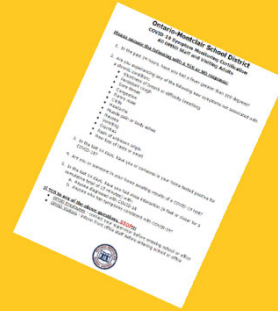


In person instruction can occur without minimal physical distancing when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are fully implemented.

- *CDPH School Guidelines*



Symptom Screening



- **Employees:**

- Temperature checks are NOT required, but will remain optional for employees
- Self-screen for symptoms upon entering building or at home prior to leaving
 - If no symptoms, proceed to work/workspace and use QR code, survey link, or other attestation method used at your site
 - If symptoms are present, contact your supervisor for the next steps

- **Students:**

- Parents, caregivers, or guardians should be **strongly encouraged** to monitor their children for symptoms of infectious illness every day through home-based symptom screening. A list of COVID-19 symptoms will be provide on a regular basis, regular reminders requesting parents to keep students home if feeling ill or have been exposed to COVID or test positive for COVID.

- **Visitors:**

- Will continue to symptom screen at sites/departments
- Essential visitors who re pre-approved to visit a school campus/District facility will be required to wear face mask while indoors.

Testing Recommendations

- Staff who are fully vaccinated do not need to participate in screening testing unless symptomatic
- Exposures to COVID-19/ Close Contacts
 - Factors taken into account for testing recommendations
 - Exposure time of >15 minutes
 - Vaccinated vs unvaccinated
 - Mask wear
 - Symptomatology



***CAT teams will be prepared to provide Screening Test kits to families upon request.**

***CAT=COVID Action Team**

Isolation Care Room

- Administration has designated the best space available, to manage both potentially infectious and non-infectious students
- Students who are ill and waiting to be picked up will be sent to the designated isolation care room and be monitored
- Students and staff will remain masked
- Students will stay in care room until picked up
- Students will NOT be sent home on a bus nor will they be allowed to walk home
- Each room is equipped with supplies to safely care for students (roller cart)
- Isolation Care Room signs will be posted



Quarantine Recommendations

Current Guidance:

- People who are fully vaccinated and do not have COVID-19 symptoms, do not need to quarantine or get tested after an exposure to someone with COVID-19.
- People who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last three months and recovered, do not need to get tested following an exposure, as long as they do not develop new symptoms.
- Any fully vaccinated person who experiences symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and tested for SARS-CoV-2 if indicated.

Case Reporting and Contact Tracing

- Schools are required to report COVID-19 cases to the local public health department within 24 hrs
- Each school site should have a **COVID Action Team** (CAT) to assist the local health department with contact tracing and investigation

OMSD Student COVID ACTION TEAM (CAT):
(Housed at Linda Vista) **909-472-4096**

Student positive reporting can be done via email at: StudentCAT@omsd.net

What steps do I take if there's a positive COVID-19 case at my school?

First:

1. If a student, inform school site CAT
2. If a staff member, inform HR
3. District CAT/HR will begin contact tracing
4. District CAT/HR will do all required reporting to Public Health
5. Principal will send notifications to parents and staff according to recommendations from District CAT/HR



Hand Hygiene Recommendations

HAND WASHING / HAND SANITIZING



- Important to **frequently wash** hands
 - Reduces respiratory illnesses like colds by 21%
 - Reduces the amount of people getting sick with diarrhea by 31%
- **Teach and reinforce** washing hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff
- If hand washing is not possible, use **hand sanitizer** containing at least 60% alcohol

Daily Disinfecting

- Custodial team has developed a precise schedule to disinfect classrooms/offices (daily)
 - Custodial staff has been provided with electrostatic sprayers and foggers that are both efficient and effective in disinfecting surfaces.
- In addition to the nightly cleaning schedule, custodial staff will disinfect frequently touched horizontal and vertical surfaces in common areas (*meeting rooms, staff rooms, lobbies, and restrooms*).
- All staff, including teachers, are responsible for disinfecting their own workspace and equipment (*keyboard, phone, etc.*) throughout the day. Cleaning supplies and instructions for cleaning will be available upon request.



If a facility has had a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, additional cleaning/disinfection will be scheduled.

Food Services

- **Food services will resume in multi-purpose room/site kitchen area**
 - *Back to 'normal' meal service*
 - *No salad bars*
- **Use layered mitigation strategies**
 - **Indoor Seating**
 - Masks while not eating/drinking
 - Staggered seating
 - **Outdoor Seating**
 - Preferred, when feasible
- **High-touch surfaces will be disinfected frequently**



Ventilation



- **The District has updated its ventilation procedures to reduce aerosol transmission among staff and students. Specific upgrades:**
 - HVAC units are equipped with highest rated minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) filters appropriate for each unit (MERV-13, as available)
 - District will replace filters every 3-4 months, based on filter availability/supply
 - HVAC units have been programmed to circulate room air for two hours before school and two hours after school (as such, for office spaces)

Ventilation



- **Doors/Windows (if applicable)**

- Staff may keep doors and windows open during the day to allow outside air circulation into classrooms/offices
- But please ensure doors and windows are closed at the end of the work day

- **Portable Air Purifiers**

- For additional filtration of airborne particles, portable air purifiers have been provided for all classrooms and offices
- Air purifiers should be placed in an area that does not impede foot traffic or access to doors

Recess and Physical Education

- No masks outdoors
- May use and share equipment
- Encourage frequent hand washing
- Drinking faucets will be available for use. We encourage students to use as filling stations, whenever possible



Sports & Extracurricular Activities

- Mitigation strategies for all students and adults remain important to follow
- Where possible, consider physical distancing
- When physical education or recess is conducted inside, it's important to wear a mask



Considerations for Disabilities and Other Health Care Needs



- Physical distancing and wearing masks may be difficult for some students and adults with disabilities
- Consider clear masks/shields with drape attached for staff interacting with students, learning to read, etc.
- Call SPED Department professionals to ensure offers of FAPE - reasonably accommodate disabilities
- Example: Diapering and other specialized health care procedures will be guided by Nursing staff and the OMSD Health & Wellness Services



Vaccinated or Unvaccinated?



- In compliance with the Governor's Health Order mandating school employees to either be vaccinated or take weekly testing, OMSD has begun offering testing at several facilities and all school sites to ensure we meet the mandatory October 15, 2021 implementation date.
- Governor's latest announcement - **Depending on when full FDA Authorization occurs,** Students attending schools in California will be required to get vaccinated against COVID-19. **THIS IS NOT CURRENTLY REQUIRED.**

Thank you for your ongoing support.

*It takes us all working collaboratively to support
OMSD's COVID-19 Multi-Layered Mitigation Strategies
to promote safety and wellness during these challenging times.*

