



Tulare Joint Union High School District

School Reopening Plan Fall 2020

Districtwide Plan for a Safe Return to School

Tulare Joint Union High School District Schools will reopen for student attendance on August 13, 2020. We have thoroughly reviewed the California Department of Education guidelines for reopening and are prepared to meet the recommended safety measures and protocols to help slow and reduce the spread of COVID-19. This plan addresses the safety measures we have in place to provide a safe environment for our students and staff. Our district will continue to provide a variety of learning opportunities to accommodate the diverse needs of our students and families. We understand that we may need to continue to modify our plan and will share changes with our stakeholders. We ask for your support and understanding as we implement our revised procedures, aligned to the recommended safety measures and protocols. We miss our students and look forward to welcoming our students back.

Districtwide General Safety Guidelines

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Basic Health and Safety Measures

Following these basic measures can help prevent transmission of disease:



- **Do not come to school if you have any COVID-19 symptoms:**
 - Fever (100.4 or higher) or chills, must be fever free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medication
 - Headache, cough, congestion or runny nose
 - Sore throat
 - Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Nausea, vomiting or Diarrhea



- **Parents must inform the school administrators if someone in their home has traveled abroad in the last 14 days, had close contact with a confirmed case, or been diagnosed with COVID-19. Students must be kept at home in all these situations.**



- **A mask must be worn on the school bus, campus and any indoor facilities by students, staff and visitors. Masks must be school appropriate and meet dress code requirements.**



- **Wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.**



- **Practice social distancing.**
- **If social distancing is not possible during breaks, passing periods and lunch, a mask will be required.**



- **Limit sharing of supplies between students and disinfect between uses if sharing is unavoidable.**

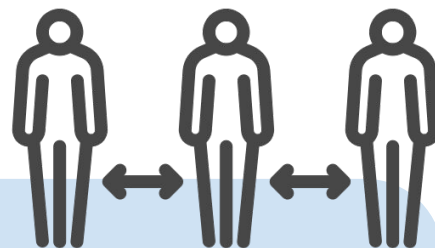
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Measures to Create a Safer School Environment

- We are partnering with Altura Health Centers to ensure that we are properly educating our staff and students on creating and maintaining a safe learning environment.
- Student temperature checks will be required when boarding the bus and arriving at school.
- Schools will provide training on proper and frequent hand washing, wearing of a mask and social distancing.
- Time will be allowed for frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer.
- Buildings, classrooms, restrooms and high use surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Sufficient supplies to clean and disinfect the school will be available.
- Campus access will be restricted for anyone who has arrived from a foreign country in the last 14 days, including students
- Campus access will be restricted for anyone who is living with a person under self-quarantine due to possible contact with a confirmed case, including students
- The number of visitors on campus will be limited.
- A mask must be worn on the school bus, campus and any indoor facilities by students, staff and visitors. Masks must be school appropriate and meet dress code requirements.
- Ensure all contacts are up to date in case we need to contact you or an approved contact for student pick-up.
- Attendance incentives will be suspended for the 2020-2021 school year. This includes the attendance requirement to participate in graduation.

Social Distancing Measures



- Large group gatherings for activities, such as assemblies, rallies and dances, will not be permitted
- Desks will be spaced apart to promote social distancing
- Practice social distancing and avoid unnecessary physical contact
- No field trips until further notice

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Custodial practices

- Hand Sanitizing Stations will be available throughout campus
- Disinfecting Foggers will be used on all campuses and facilities for daily disinfecting
- Soap and paper towel dispensers will be checked and stocked regularly
- Classroom furniture will be arranged to allow for maximum student to student distancing
- Classrooms and office areas will be cleared/removed of unnecessary furnishings and clutter



School Bus Procedures

- School buses will be disinfected regularly, paying particular attention to surfaces that are touched frequently.
- Prior to the start of each route, busses will be disinfected.
- The Bus Driver's temperature will be checked prior to starting routes.
- Masks will be used by the Bus Driver.
- The school bus will have the two front windows and two rear windows partially lowered to increase airflow and ventilation.
- Students should practice social distancing when waiting for the bus and wear a mask.
- Students are required to wear a mask while on the school bus
- Student temperatures will be checked with a no-touch forehead thermometer prior to entering the bus.
- If a student has a temperature above the normal range, the driver will inform the student. The student will be asked to return to their home and follow the recommendations from the Tulare County Health Department. The student's parents and school will be contacted.
- Students will be seated from the back to the front of the bus to avoid unnecessary exposure.
- Upon arrival at the sites, the students will exit the bus from the front to the rear.
- ID scanning will be suspended. Students will instead show ID when temperature is checked.



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Procedures When a Student or Staff is NOT feeling well

- Please do not send your student(s) to school if they are sick.
- Students not feeling well and unable to attend school, must notify the attendance office and are encouraged to share if they believe this is due to COVID-19 symptoms.
- Staff not feeling well and unable to report to work, must notify their immediate supervisor and are encouraged to share if they believe this is due to COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students and staff experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are required to stay home and encouraged to get tested for COVID-19. If they choose not to be tested, they will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days.
- Short-term Independent study will be available for students who are required to self-quarantine.
- Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms during school hours will be examined by a health professional and proper protocol will be followed.
- An isolation room will be utilized at each campus.



Morning Arrival Procedures

- Staff will be screened prior to starting their assignment.
- Staff will be available at the school entrances to help direct and take the temperature of students as they enter the school.
- All students and staff should follow the social distancing guidelines.
- Upon arrival, if a student has a temperature above the normal range, the student will be taken to the nurse's office and their parent/guardian will be contacted. The student will be sent home and referred to be tested.
- Social distancing is encouraged and masks will be required on campus.
- Hand sanitizers will be available in multiple locations throughout the campus.

Parents/Visitors Guidelines

- Campus access will be restricted for anyone who has arrived from outside the United States in the last 14 days, including students.
- Campus access will be restricted for anyone who is living with a person under self-quarantine due to possible contact with a confirmed case, including students.
- The number of visitors on campus will be limited
- All visitors must check in, log in, have their temperature taken, and wear a mask while on campus.
- Vendors for maintenance and food service will be checked by maintenance staff and food service staff.

Meal Service

- Social distancing is encouraged and masks will be required while in line.
- A Grab-and-Go breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- Lunch time will be reduced to 35 minutes.
- The form linked [here](#) will need to be completed for students who require meal accommodations.
- Campus will be closed and students will not be allowed to leave during lunch.

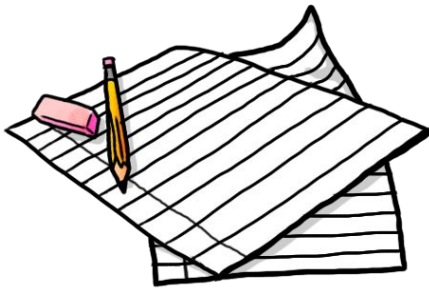


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Classroom Arrangements

- Student desks and tables will be arranged to allow for maximum student to student distancing.
- All students should face the same direction rather than sitting in groups or facing each other.
- In shops, gyms, etc. consider taking attendance and providing instruction in larger spaces rather than classroom seating.
- No “loaner” materials such as PE clothes should be allowed.
- Classrooms need to be free of any additional or unnecessary furniture or clutter that may get in the way of distancing or disinfecting practices.



Homework Labs

- All students will be allowed to opt out of the homework labs.
- Students who want to opt out of the homework lab during the pandemic will be exempted from the period absences and credit requirements.
- Parent permission is still required to opt out of the homework lab.



Afternoon Dismissal Procedures

- Students should practice social distancing when waiting for the bus and must wear a mask.
- No loitering on campus. Students not participating in an after school activity, will be required to immediately leave campus.
- Schools will have designated pickup locations for students.

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Athletics

- Coaches, Assistants, Trainers, etc. will receive additional guidance as to safety protocols in alignment with the National Federation of State High School Association's (NFHS) Guidance and California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Guidance. Some protocols include, but are not limited to:
 - Daily Health Screening
 - Daily Equipment Disinfecting
 - Hand Sanitizer in Practice Facilities
 - Locker room cleaning/storage practices
 - Hydration and hygiene practices
 - When and when not to wear face coverings

After School Program

- After school program will be available.
- Healthy and safety measures will also be in place during the afterschool program.
- A grab and go supper will be available from the cafeteria for 30 minutes after school is out.



Other Activities

- No field trips until further notice
- Large group gatherings for activities, such as assemblies, rallies and dances, will not be permitted

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Option for Students Seeking Distance Learning

- Sierra Vista Charter High School - For students who will remain on independent study for the entire semester (Students may not participate in CIF Athletics)

○ Coursework Options

- College Preparatory and A-G approved courses completed online through Edgenuity with regularly scheduled teacher/student meetings to monitor work and progress
- Advanced Placement Courses available through Edgenuity
- Teacher/student meetings can be held through Zoom to meet Distance Learning needs

○ Program Highlights

- Chromebook provided
- Tutoring available
- Fully credentialed teachers

○ Students Supports

- Flexible Scheduling
- Counseling/College and Career Guidance
- Social-Emotional Support
- Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack available
- Leadership Program (ASB)
- Co-ed Athletic Program consisting of volleyball, soccer, basketball and softball (Alternative School League)

- Please complete the form linked [here](#), if interested in enrolling at Sierra Vista Charter High School