

Joint Communiqué #1
From the RCTA and RUSD Interest-Based Bargaining (IBB) Team
2021-2022
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Health and Safety Guidelines and Procedures Update

The IBB Team discussed the latest information from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) regarding Cal OSHA guidelines. Below is the letter that was sent out to all Staff.

We hope you are enjoying your summer. We want to make you aware of the latest information from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) related to face covering requirements for students and community members at school sites. Please take a moment to review these updates.

- *Indoors at School sites: Face coverings are required for all adults and students regardless of vaccination status.*
- *Outdoors at all sites: Face coverings are not required for adults or students.*

The following individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings at all times:

- *Persons younger than two years old. Very young children must not wear a mask because of the risk of suffocation.*
- *Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.*
- *Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.*
- *Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.*

In addition, RUSD continues to implement the following health and safety precautions:

- *Self screening for symptoms*
- *Temperature screenings*
- *Handwashing*
- *Physical distancing in the classroom*
- *Ventilation*
- *Availability of supplies to wipe down surfaces*

We recognize that families are eager to know what school may look like for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. CDPH is waiting for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to update their school guidance. As soon as we are provided with the updated guidance, we will revise our safety plan and inform students and families of the changes.

MOU Addendum for Riverside Virtual School (RVS) for Physical Education Class Size

Based on the recommendations of the RVS Advisory Committee the IBB team agreed to a PE class size of 43 for the RVS PE classes. That agreement is in the attached addendum to the 2021-22 RVS MOU.

MOU for Summit View Home Based Class Size

The IBB team agreed to a class size cap of 37 for the elementary program and a class size cap of 43 for the secondary program as stated in the attached MOU. The team also discussed the expectations for the teaching staff in the Summit View Home Based program, how the parent responsibility expectations would be communicated, and what district materials/supports would be provided to the parents in order to facilitate learning in the independent study program.

Future Negotiations Date

The next scheduled date for negotiations will be August 19th and 20th, 2021

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