

RETURN TO SCHOOL SAFELY

REOPENING CHECKLIST

WHAT WE KNOW:

- Masking, Routine COVID Safety Checks, and vaccines are three critical mitigation strategies that should be a part of every school reopening plan.
- Routine COVID Safety Checks will ensure we keep a *consistent* and close eye on COVID in our school community.

ROUTINE COVID SAFETY CHECKS

- ☐ **SCHEDULE:** Solidify and communicate to staff and caregivers ([example](#))
- ☐ **CONSENT:** Distribute in “Back to School Packet”
- ☐ **STAFFING:** Work with your testing provider to ensure they fully staff to your needs
- ☐ **COMMUNICATIONS:** implement a plan to increase participation ([checklist](#))
- ☐ **PARTICIPATION:** Circulate safety messaging to the entire school community, local partners, and community leaders to encourage participation
 1. **Keep Kids and Staff Safe:** catch cases before they spread to other students and staff
 2. **Keep our Schools Open:** prevent further time away from in-person learning and friends by knowing whether it’s COVID, cold, or flu
 3. **Stop the Spread:** prevent infecting another member of your household or community

MASKING

- ☐ **WHO NEEDS TO MASK?** (DPH Guidance):
 - **Unvaccinated:** All students, staff, and visitors should mask indoors
 - **Vaccinated:** All students and staff have the option to wear a mask indoors
 - **Everyone:** masks must be worn on school buses and in school health offices
- ☐ **EXCEPTIONS** (DPH Guidance):
 - **Individual Exemptions:** Medical conditions or behavioral needs
 - **Outdoors:** Masks are not necessary
 - **Lunchtime:** Masks may be removed while eating indoors

VACCINATIONS

- ☐ **SCHOOL VACCINATION DRIVE:** free and fully staffed. [Sign up here](#)
- ☐ **ENGAGE PARENTS:** *Trust the Facts. Get the Vax* Campaign
 - Share local TV spot pediatrician video ([English](#), [Spanish](#))
 - Share short, animated video ([available in 10 languages](#))