

Tehama County TK-12 Public School COVID-19 Public Health Guidance
Student Expectations & *Enforcement Plan*
2021-2022 School Year

On July 12, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued COVID-19 health guidance for public schools in California. The guidance applies the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance issued on July 9, 2021 and is effective immediately.

In order to be consistent and transparent with the educational community, the Tehama County TK-12 public school districts are adopting the following unified Student Expectations and Enforcement Plan for the 2021-2022 school year (noting that this plan is subject to change pending any future revisions from the CDPH/CDC or the local public health official). The guidance issued by CDPH clearly identifies the Local Educational Agency (LEA) as the enforcement agency, noting that schools must develop and implement local protocols to enforce the face covering requirement. In addition, they should offer alternative educational opportunities for students who are excluded from campus because they will not wear a face covering.

This Plan is predicated on ensuring the safety and well-being of all students and staff while providing in-person instruction across our county. The Plan was developed with the intent to provide the least restrictive measures based upon the community transmission of COVID-19. The attached chart identifies four different levels of transmission based off of the CDC guidance. Cases per 100,000 will be monitored weekly in coordination with the local health official, and Tehama County school officials will administer the Plan according to the identified level. We believe that this Plan is both respectful and responsive; ensuring that students have the opportunity to return to regular non-restrictive in-person instruction when the data reflects that this is possible, yet is flexible, and will respond to the community transmission as it fluctuates.

In the development of this Plan, Tehama County LEAs considered guidance from CDPH, CDC, as well as the science regarding the spread of COVID-19 amongst school-aged children. The Tehama County public schools have worked closely with the Tehama County Public Health Department and the local Public Health Officer in developing this Plan, and will continue to do so as schools resume in person instruction this fall.

If there are questions regarding the Plan, please contact your school official.