

## 5/10 COVID Update

Hello All,

We have a few updates this week due to new CDC guidance and San Francisco entering the yellow tier. Please note the changes that are specific to school operations vs. those that are city-wide and not necessarily relevant to us on campus. Other updates and reminders are included here, as well.

### Changes to School Practices

- If students eat indoors, they still must sit six feet apart. The relaxed three-foot guideline only applies when masks are worn.
- Updates for music, specifically singing and wind instruments:
  - If done outdoors, masks can be removed if students are six feet apart.
  - If done indoors, modified masks must be worn, along with instrument covers (similar material/construction to wind instruments).
- Field trips:
  - Outdoor field trips are allowed as long as they do not require shared vehicles or public transportation. For example, field trips that involve walking to a nearby park are allowed.
  - Do not let students mix with people outside their stable group on field trips.

### Reminder - Stay Home if Sick

- If your student is sick, please keep them at home, fill out the student absence form, and seek testing. You can send your test results to [covid@cds-sf.org](mailto:covid@cds-sf.org) and return when your student is symptom-free for 24 hours.

### Updates to Community Guidelines (not necessarily applicable on campus, but relevant to social gatherings - to be updated in our travel/quarantine policy)

- Individuals generally do not need to wear face coverings when they are outdoors, except when they are in large crowds (i.e., over 300 patrons or participants) or, for unvaccinated individuals, when they cannot maintain physical distancing with other households (recommended at least six feet). All individuals, fully vaccinated and unvaccinated, should carry face coverings with them in case they need them.
- Outdoor Gatherings:
  - Small outdoor gatherings of no more than 75 people total are allowed.
  - Vaccinated people are not required to wear a face covering.

- Unvaccinated people must wear a face covering if they are unable to maintain physical distance (six feet recommended) from members of other households and are strongly urged to wear a face covering at all times.
- Indoor gatherings are allowed for members of different households as follows:
  - Small gatherings at up to 50% capacity and no more than 50 people total, with face coverings on except for removal to consume food or beverages as allowed per safety rules for indoor dining rules, and distancing and ventilation measures are urged; and
  - Small gatherings in residences and other private settings of fully vaccinated individuals with each other or with members from one other unvaccinated household who are at low risk for COVID-19, without face coverings and physical distancing.

### **Vaccine Update**

- Authorization for the Pfizer vaccine to be used for 12-15 year olds is expected to come as early as [next week](#). Once this is put into place, the SF Department of Public Health will update practices for students who have been fully vaccinated, though this may only become relevant for the 2021-2022 school year.