



BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Re-Opening Plan Overview

Presented to Board on 6/24/2020

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Presuming there is no contrary guidance from EDC Public Health, we will reopen to all students, five days per week, beginning August 12th.

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This will not be business as usual.

E.g. Encourage PPE (e.g. face shields, cloth masks), increased sanitizing, face coverings on buses, restricted public access on sites (e.g. parent volunteers), restricted gatherings (e.g. assemblies, field trips)

How we arrived here?

- Preliminary plans discussed with employee groups, parent community, leadership, and Board.
- Employee and community interest surveys.
- Discussions with Public Health Officer
- Review of key government agency documents (e.g. Dept. of Health, CDC, Ca. Dept. of Education)
- Monitoring COVID-19 rates in County.

How we arrived here?

Findings:

1. Strong community and employee support for returning full time.
2. Presence of virus has been low in our boundaries. ***41 active cases in EDC on 6/23/2020.***
3. Impacts of alternative models disrupt educational experience and family life.
4. **If rate of virus increases and Public Health concurs/recommends, we will move to a more socially distanced model.**

FAQ's

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Why won't the District require face coverings?

- We are awaiting a clear legal mandate.
- Wearing a face covering is strongly advised for most students/employees. **The more we use preventative measures, the less likely we are to return to Distance Learning.**

FAQ's

Why not implement a social distance model (e.g. alternating day schedule)?

Social Distancing would not be a strict 6 ft. standard.

The risk of virus spread would be reduced not eliminated.

With rate of virus so low in our boundaries, majority of community is not ready to support lost school days and impacts on work and home finances. Uncertain availability of daycare.

FAQ's

What happens if virus occurs on campus?

We call Public Health. They assess and provide guidance for next steps.

Backup Plan

- If virus escalates and Public Health concurs, we will ratchet to alternate day model or full time distance learning.
- This could be site specific and temporary or more extended.
- There are no set Public Health Dept. metrics for decision making.
- Unique, in the moment, circumstances will guide our response.



Thank you!

