



Lake Elsinore Teachers Association

Lake Elsinore Unified School District

**Joint Communique'
March 3, 2022**

We are looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces on March 14, 2022!

The Bargaining Teams for LEUSD and LETA worked together this week in adjusting our policies and procedures to reflect the updated guidance published by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Riverside County University Health System (RUHS), which will go into effect March 12, 2022. The new guidance is transitioning away from a mask mandate to one of a mask recommendation for public school settings.

- It is strongly recommended that all Certificated Employees wear masks
- It is no longer mandatory that employees wear masks
- LEUSD Staff shall continue to utilize Parent Square to report symptoms and positive COVID-19 diagnosis
- LEUSD Staff, as applicable, will continue to participate in weekly no-cost COVID-19 testing made available at sites and the district testing center until CDPH and RUHS guidance is amended

The district and association are in agreement to continue to follow best practice safety protocols:

- The District shall continue to utilize best practices in regards to safety measures including:
 - Improved Ventilation
 - Enhanced Cleaning protocols
 - Group Contact tracing
 - Notification of confirmed positive cases at school sites
 - No-cost take home antigen tests will be available
 - District provided masks shall continue to be available
 - Handwashing will continue to be reinforced
 - Sanitizing stations shall be available throughout the sites
 - Continue to utilize Zoom/ Teams for staff meetings (Staff have a choice to attend in person or via zoom/ Teams)
 - Continue to utilize Zoom/ Teams for parent meetings, unless all are in agreement to meet in person
 - Limit unnecessary visitors on campuses
- Safety shall continue to be a priority and Interactive Process Meetings (IAP) shall be held on an as-needed basis

On behalf of the District and Association, we truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we inch closer to some normalcy after having endured this two-year COVID crisis.

Sincerely,

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