



Lowell Joint SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home of Scholars and Champions"



Healthy Families and Staff Newsletter – **LJSD Families**

Lowell Joint **STRONG**

August 6, 2021



We are so proud of our students, families, and staff for an outstanding close of the 2020/21 school year as well as an awesome summer school. I hope that each family has found some time to reset and refresh. We are so excited to welcome the Lowell Joint Family back to school on August 18, 2021; we've missed you. Based on all laws and orders of the State, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and CAL/OSHA Lowell Joint School will be fully open for the 2021/2022 school year. The State, CDPH and CAL/OSHA continue to update their reopening orders and guidelines. A new set came out about three weeks ago and we can expect that these will continue to change in the weeks ahead as we work toward the opening of school. At this point these are the updated State, CPHD and CAL/OSHA orders: link ([California Department of Public Health Education Health Order](#)).

1. **Face Coverings on Campus:**

- a. **In-Door Settings:** All students and adults must wear a mask while indoors. If a student or adult has a doctor's note that they cannot wear a mask, then they can wear a face shield with a drop cloth instead. CDPH clarified that **fully vaccinated teachers and staff** do not need to wear face coverings in school buildings **if school is out and students are not in the building**. In these situations, staff are able to confidentially self-attest they are vaccinated.
- b. **Outside Settings:** Masks/shields are not required to be worn outside, but everyone is more than welcome to continue to wear a mask/shield if they wish.

2. **Vaccinations:** Lowell Joint will continue to operate in compliance with State laws and orders.

- a. LJSD will not require any student, staff, or parent to show proof of vaccination to be on campuses.
- b. Once volunteers are allowed on campus, LJSD will not require any volunteer to show proof of vaccination to be on campus.

3. **Social Distance:** In compliance with State law and CDPA health orders, there are no social distance requirements. That said, we always teach students to be respectful of other student's personal space. Grade levels will continue to operate as stable groups.

4. **Volunteers:** We want to get the school year started strong by focusing on getting all students back to school safely and making sure all of our systems/protocols are running smoothly; therefore, we will respectfully ask all volunteers to please wait until October 1st, allowing us the first few weeks to simply handle our students. Thank you for understanding. Again, in compliance with State and CDPH, no one will be required to show proof of vaccination.

5. **COVID Testing:** LJSD will provide regular voluntary COVID testing for any student, but only when parents initiate the request and provide written permission. LJSD will also provide regular voluntary COVID testing for any staff who request to participate.

6. **Back-to-School and PTA Activities:**

- a. Each school will host a traditional Back-to-School on campus. Everyone will be expected to abide by the laws and health orders of the State/CDPH/CAL-OSHA.
- b. PTA activities will be allowed on campuses and will operate in compliance with these same State/CDPH/CAL-OSHA laws and orders.

7. **Other Safety Measures:**

- a. We will continue to provide sanitizer throughout all rooms and campuses.

- b. We will continue to provide cleaning wipes throughout all campuses.
- c. We will continue our enhanced cleaning protocols throughout all campuses.
- d. We will continue classroom ventilation practices.
- e. We will continue to expect families to keep their student home if they do not feel well.
We will immediately send any student home if they are not feeling well.
- f. We will continue to post our COVID Dashboard.

School/Location	Number of Students & Staff	Current Confirmed Cases [^]		Proportion of School Population
		Students	Staff	
El Portal	560	0	0	0.00000
Jordan	467	0	0	0.00000
Macy	487	0	0	0.00000
Meadow Green	556	0	0	0.00000
Olita	474	0	0	0.00000
Rancho Starbuck	848	0	0	0.00000
Other District Facilities	40	NA	1	0.02500

Last Updated 8/6/21

+ This number may fluctuate but will be updated periodically.
[^]Information updated regularly and as cases are confirmed.
 This includes all confirmed positive cases, **who have been on campus, within the last 10 days**
 *Contract tracing is completed immediately and anyone who is determine to be a "close contact" has been personally notified.
 *No cases are epidemiologically linked at this time and all HIPAA laws are followed.
 *N/A = Not Applicable

Anyone and everyone is more than welcome to continue wearing a mask if they wish. Please anticipate that these health orders and guidelines will once again adjust every 4-6 days as we continue throughout the start of school and going into the fall.

We continue to stand in faith as we are **LOWELL JOINT STRONG** and we will stand strong against the storms that come our way; you are the beacon/lighthouse of educational excellence; **THANK YOU!**

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A littler laughter helps bring joy....

