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Dear LUSD families and staff,

We are excited to welcome you back to campus for the 2022-2023 school year. In preparation for the new school year and in alignment with the June 30, 2022 guidance from the California Department of Public Health, Lakeside Union School District is committed to implementing the following safety procedures:

- **Masking**: Indoor masking is strongly recommended at all LUSD schools and workplaces. All schools have surgical masks available for distribution upon request to any student or employee.
- **Response Testing**: Lakeside Union School District is implementing a “response testing” protocol during the 2022-2023 school year using at-home rapid antigen tests.
  - Parents of symptomatic students and close contacts will be able to pick up at-home COVID-19 tests from the front office of each school site.
- **Positive Cases**: Individuals who test positive must isolate at home and may be released from isolation on Day 6, provided symptoms are improving, they are fever-free for the past 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and have a negative test result from a rapid antigen test taken on or after Day 5. Home test results may be emailed to the district nurse, Heather Sarti, at [hsarti@lakesideusd.org](mailto:hsarti@lakesideusd.org).
  - If the individual is asymptomatic, Day 0 of isolation is the day the individual was tested. Day 1 is the first full day following the day the individual was tested.
  - If the individual is symptomatic, Day 0 of isolation is the day of symptom onset, regardless of when the individual tested positive. Day 1 is the first full day following the day that symptoms started.
  - **Employees** eligible for shortened isolation must continue to wear a highly protective mask at all times in the workplace around others, except when eating or drinking, for 10 days after the date of the positive test.
  - **Students** ending isolation early are required to wear a highly protective mask when around others, except when eating or drinking, for 10 days after the date of the positive test or symptom onset.

- **Close Contacts:** Student close contacts, regardless of vaccination status, and employee close contacts, regardless of booster status, can remain at school or work following exposure to a positive case as long as they monitor for symptoms and remain asymptomatic. Close contacts are recommended to wear a well-fitting mask when around others and test 3-5 days following last exposure.

For more information on California Department of Public Health K-12 guidance, please visit

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2022-23-School-Year.aspx>.

Keeping our schools safe is a top priority. Thank you for your continued collaboration, support and partnership.