



Welcome Back to School!

August 2021



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We are so
excited to
have our
students
back!!



COVID-19 Changes and School Safety Protocols

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COVID-19 CHANGES

- Social distancing is no longer required.
- Masks are mandatory indoors but optional outside.
- There will be no student plexiglass barriers.
- No temperature checks
- No volunteers on campus as of now.



Campus Safety Measures

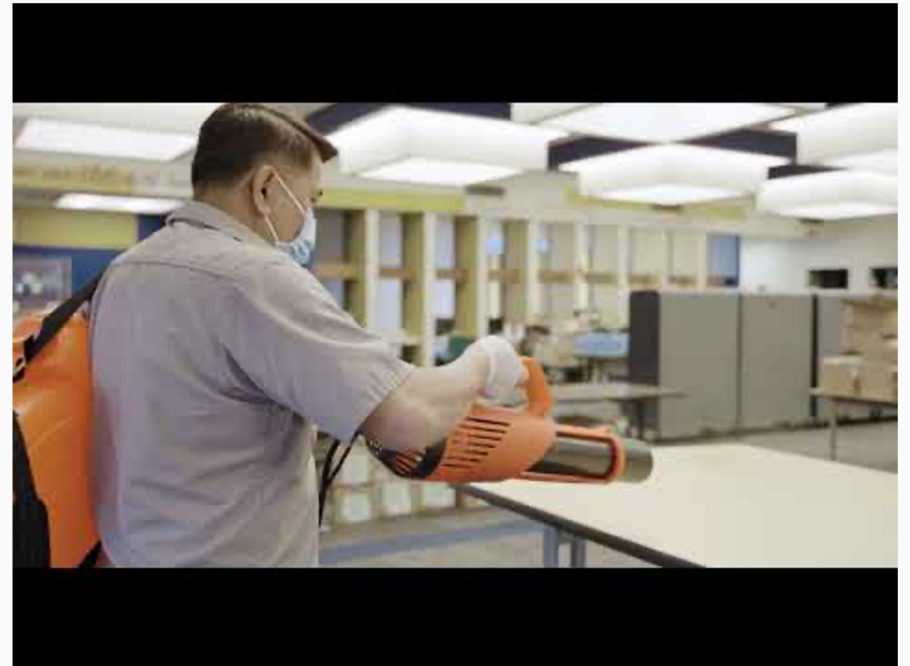


- MERV 13 Air Filters
- Air Purifiers in every room
- Hand Sanitizing stations placed outside
- Hand Sanitizer Wall Dispensers are placed in each classroom
- Hard surfaces are sanitized daily.
- Misting/fogging will happen once/week.
- Masks are mandatory inside but optional outside
- Staff will receive mandatory COVID training

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- Safety for all is a top priority.
- Our success will be a community effort.



Face Coverings

The CDPH K–12 guidance is clear that face coverings must be used in accordance with CDPH guidelines and that students in all grade levels (K–12) are required to wear face coverings indoors at all times, while at school, unless exempted. Face coverings may be removed for drinking and eating and can be removed during outside play or activities.

Recommended



Medical procedure masks (sometimes referred to as surgical masks or disposable face masks)



Masks that fit properly (snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face)



Masks made with breathable fabric (such as cotton)



Masks made with tightly woven fabric (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source)



Masks with two or three layers



Masks with inner filter pockets

Not Recommended



Masks that do not fit properly (large gaps, too loose or too tight)



Masks made from materials that are hard to breathe through (such as plastic or leather)



Masks made from fabric that is loosely woven or knitted, such as fabrics that let light pass through



Masks with one layer



Masks with exhalation valves or vents



Wearing a scarf/ski mask

Hand Washing

- Teachers and staff will encourage students to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Teachers will allow multiple times during the day to sanitize hands.
- Berryessa uses only the recommended hand sanitizers.
- Posters and reminders will be placed throughout the school



COVID-19 Suspected Case



Isolation Room Location: A-1

Procedure:

- Contact office to report student that is feeling ill or is exhibiting symptoms.
- Office staff or principal will contact via radio isolation room staff member.
- While office staff or principal is contacting parent to pick up student, isolation room staff member will pick up student from classroom and escort them to isolation room where they will be monitored until picked up by parent.

Steps to Take in Response to Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 Cases and Close Contacts

Scenario	Immediate Steps	Interpreting Results	Return to School/Work
<p>Scenario 1: Individual exhibits one or more COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send student/staff home. Recommend immediate testing. Notify school administration and COVID-19 Designee. Classroom remains open. If student/staff is <i>not tested</i>, must obtain medical note (explaining why not tested) OR follow instructions for positive case. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If test is negative, stay at home until 24 hours after resolution of fever and other symptoms improve. If test is positive, isolate at home for at least 10 days after the first symptoms started and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever and other symptoms improve. Send out letters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If negative, return to school 24 hours after resolution of fever and improvement in other symptoms; provide evidence of negative test <u>or</u> medical note explaining why testing was not performed. If positive, can return once full isolation period is completed.
<p>Scenario 2: Student or staff identified as a Close Contact* to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19</p> <p>NEW - Fully vaccinated individuals may not be required to quarantine, if they meet certain conditions. See sccstaysathome.org for more info.</p> <p>A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes at any time beginning 2 days before the infected person had symptoms or tested positive.*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home with instructions to quarantine for 10 days after last exposure. Recommend testing around day 6 after last exposure or, if symptomatic, test immediately. If test done earlier than day 6, repeat test towards end of quarantine. Notify school administration and COVID-19 Designee. Send out appropriate letters. Classroom remains open. All test results should be reported to the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If test is negative, quarantine for 10 days and monitor symptoms for 14 days after last exposure to COVID-19 case. If continuously exposed to a case during the case's isolation (e.g. household member), quarantine ends 10 days after the case's isolation period ends. If test is positive, isolate for at least 10 days after symptom onset AND at least 24 hours after resolution of fever AND other symptoms improve. (If never symptomatic, isolate for 10 days after date of positive test.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to school/work once full 10-day quarantine is completed (or if contact became positive, full isolation period is completed). No medical note is needed. NOTE: Contacts must self-monitor for symptoms for a full 14 days from last exposure to case. If symptoms develop during the 14-day monitoring period, see Test Result Decision Tree for guidance.
<p>Scenario 3: A student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 in a cohort or non-cohort setting</p>	<p>COHORT – Classroom closes</p> <p><u>Case:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home with instructions to isolate. <p><u>Contact:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home all members of the class cohort and any other campus close contacts. Then follow SCENARIO 2. Notify school administration and COVID-19 Designee Notify Public Health Department <p>NON-COHORT – Classroom remains open</p> <p><u>Case:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home with instructions to isolate. <p><u>Contact:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use seating chart/roster & staff/student input to determine close contacts to send home. Then follow SCENARIO 2. 	<p><u>Case:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For student/staff whose test is positive, isolate for at least 10 days after symptom onset AND at least 24 hours after resolution of fever AND other symptoms improve. (If never symptomatic, isolate for 10 days after date of positive test.) <p><u>Contact:</u> FOLLOW SCENARIO 2</p>	<p><u>Case:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to school/work once full isolation period is completed. No medical note needed. <p><u>Contact:</u> FOLLOW SCENARIO 2</p>
<p>Scenario 4: Routine COVID-19 screening (no</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue at school/work until results are available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If negative, no action needed. If positive, FOLLOW SCENARIO 3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If negative, continue at school/work. No documentation needed.

* Close contact can be 15 minutes of continuous contact OR repeated short-duration interactions with the infected person.
Being considered a close contact does not depend on whether the contact or the infected person was wearing a face covering during their interaction.

What do I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?

For all close contacts, use the "What do I do if my child was a 'close contact'..." handout.

Step 1

Comfort your child and explain that they need to be tested.



Step 2

Seek medical care and have your child tested right away.



Step 3

- Keep your child at home while waiting for their test results.
- Once you get the results, give the child's test results to the school.



Step 4

If your child has COVID-19 symptoms but tests negative, they can return to school after 24 hours with no fever AND their symptoms get better. If your child tests positive, they can return to school after at least 10 days since symptoms first began AND 24 hours with no fever AND their symptoms are better.

For more information on symptoms and when to return to school, go to [sccstayhome.org](https://www.sccstayhome.org).



Where can I get my child tested?

Testing can be done by your child's healthcare provider or at a free COVID-19 testing site - find one here: [sccfreetest.org](https://www.sccfreetest.org).

If you need assistance with housing, transportation, meals, etc. while your child is isolating or quarantining at home, call 408-885-3980.



20. What will happen in the event of a positive COVID-19 case?

BUSD has worked with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department to establish protocols in the event of a positive COVID-19 case including:

- BUSD COVID Liaison to notify Santa Clara County Public Health Department within 24 hours of any positive COVID-19 case who has been on campus during their infectious period or within 10 days of their positive test (per SCCPHD and CPHD guidance).
- BUSD to send a site-specific notice to all staff and families in the affected school community of any positive COVID-19 case while maintaining confidentiality as required by local, state, and federal laws.
- Clean and disinfect within a 24 hour time period.
- Identify close contacts via case investigation, by utilizing class seating charts, and by consulting with teachers/staff in all classrooms and on-campus activities. (A close contact is someone who has been within six feet of the case for a total of 15 minutes or more regardless of face covering use or other barriers.)
- Close contacts, cohort members, and household contacts will be advised to contact their health care provider, and follow the guidance outlined above.
- Isolation Guidance and Return to School procedures can be found on our website

COVID-19 Testing Available



BUSD is working on getting a new schedule for free testing at Sierramont Middle School for all. In the meantime, please visit BUSD website for any and all updated COVID information.

BUSD Safety Resources



- [Ruskin Health and Safety Protocols](#)
- [BUSD COVID-19 Prevention Program \(Employees\)](#)
- [Return to Campus COVID-19 Safety Handbook \(Students & Families\)](#)
- [BUSD COVID-19 Safety Webpage](#)



Bell Schedule – Same as before...



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When Does School Start?

- First day of school...August 16, 2021
- Gates open 15 minutes before school starts.
- First bell is the warning bell at 7:55am
- Second bell/class begins at 8:05am

When Is School Over?



- **Kinder:**
 - 1st four weeks of school is early dismissal/minimum day (8/16-9/10): 12:50pm
 - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: Beginning 9/13...1:50pm
- **1st-3rd Grade:**
 - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 2:25pm
 - Thursday: 1:00pm
- **4th-5th Grade:**
 - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 2:30pm
 - Thursday: 1:00pm

Morning Drop-Off



- Please ensure to complete the daily symptom checker for your child before coming to school. (located on Ruskin's website under the Parent Information Tab)
- Parents will need to drop their child off at the gate. Unfortunately, parents are unable to be allowed on the playground.
- If you wish to park and walk your child to the gates, please do not park in the staff parking lot.
- Gates will be open 15 minutes before the first bell. (7:50am)
- Classrooms have assigned gates to enter and exit.
- Masks must be worn at drop-off

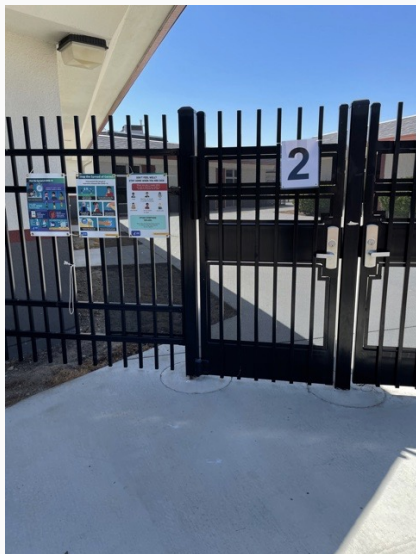
Afternoon Pick-Up



- Teachers will walk their class out to the gates.
- Ingress/Egress Locations are as follows:
 - Rooms B3, C1, C2, C3, D1 enters/exits through gate 1 (Near A-2)
 - Rooms K1, K2, E1, E2, E3, F1 enters/exits through gate 2 OR 3 (Near F-2)
 - Rooms F2, F3 enters/exits next to the office
 - Rooms G1, G3, H1, H2, H3 enters/exits through gate 4 (Right side of G-2)



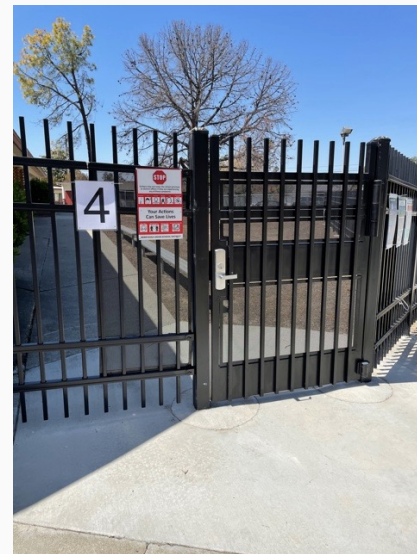
GATE 1 – Near A2



GATE 2 – Near F2

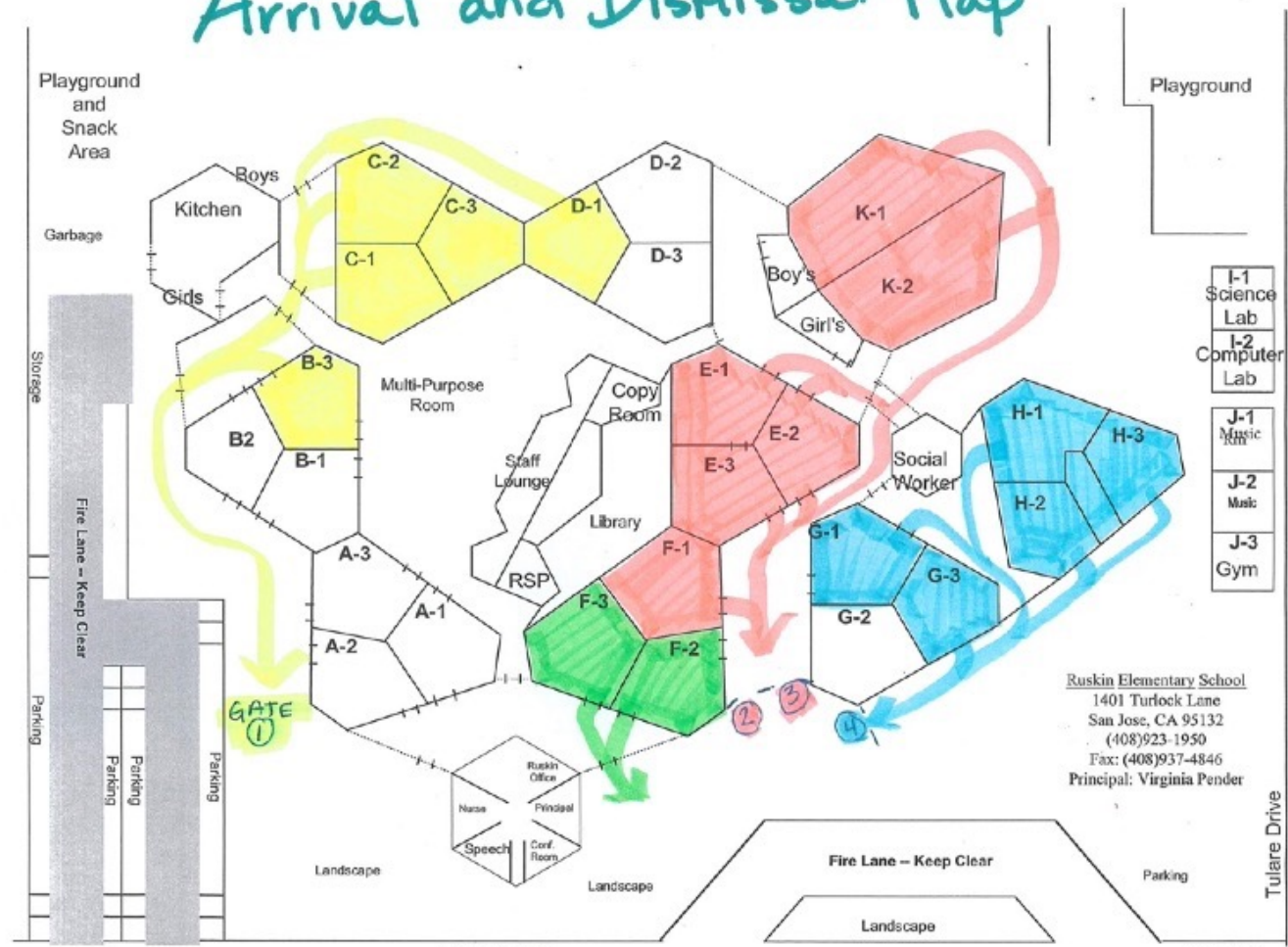


GATE 3 – Near G2



GATE 4 – Near G2

Arrival and Dismissal Map



- I-1 Science Lab
- I-2 Computer Lab
- J-1 Music
- J-2 Music
- J-3 Gym

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 1401 Turlock Lane
 San Jose, CA 95132
 (408)923-1950
 Fax: (408)937-4846
 Principal: Virginia Pender

Turlock Lane

Tulare Drive

Who's My Teacher?



- Teachers will be emailing their new students before school starts. Teacher assignments will not be posted this year.
- Once you receive an email, please email back a confirmation to the teacher so they know you received it.

School Supplies



- If you have not received a supply list either off our website or from your teacher, don't worry about it. The teacher will share all of that info with you on the first day.
- Please have your child bring the school Chromebook back with them if one was borrowed.

Lunchtime



- Lunch will continue to be free to all students for the 2021-2022 school year.
- To ensure proper distancing, the lunch times have been altered a bit to spread out the lunch groups. Grades 2/3 and 4/5 will be going to lunch 10 minutes later than before.
- A shade structure has been installed over the lunch tables as well as more tables being added so the kiddos can spread out.



- **Breakfast and lunch will continue to be FREE for all students in 2021-22!**
- **If you submit a 2021-22 meal application and qualify for Free or Reduced price meals, your child's school will receive additional funding AND your child can qualify for:**
 - ❖ Future P-EBT cards that can be used to purchase groceries
 - ❖ Discounts on some afterschool programs
 - ❖ Discounts on utilities (e.g., PG&E) and internet (check with your provider)

It's fast, easy and confidential.

- ❖ For online meal applications, visit myschoolapps.busd.net
- ❖ Paper applications are available at the Student Nutrition Services office and your child's school (in August)



School Site council (SSC)



- I need to elect a new council for this year. When elected, your term lasts for 2 years but don't worry, if you can only do 1 year, that's ok.
- The SSC meets 5 times per year
- Once the council is set, we will determine as a group when and how to meet. For example: in-person or through zoom?

SSC Responsibilities



- Establish and approve the Bylaws
- Review school/student performance data
- Establish/Review school goals and select specific improvements
- Approve the site plan
- Establish and plan budgets
- Monitor plan implementation progress
- Assess effectiveness of planned activities



Questions...



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