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Dear AESD Families,

The following update is provided to keep you informed regarding the Anaheim Elementary School District:

This past week the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released [updated California Department of Public Health guidance for K-12 schools](#), which will help the Anaheim Elementary School District complete planning for returning students to school on August 12, 2021.

At this time, we are reviewing the new guidance to determine how it may impact AESD's operations. Here is what we currently know:

- California will continue to require that masks be worn by students indoors at school sites and by adults when sharing indoor spaces with students.
- Physical distancing is not required.
- Continuing layered mitigation strategies, such as health screening, testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection remain critical layers of prevention to keep schools safe.

This updated guidance clarifies some of the state-level requirements, which will help us prepare for the return of students next month. We are working to update our COVID-19 safety plan for the 2021-22 school year that keeps the academic, emotional, and physical well-being of students and families at the center.

Our plan must be approved by our Board of Trustees, who will discuss this matter at the July 28, 2021, Board of Trustees' meeting.

We appreciate your partnership as we develop plans aligned with the California Department of Public Health. Neither our local health officer, our local Board, nor District Administration are permitted to lessen the requirements we are under from the California Department of Public Health.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for Persons 12 and Over

In collaboration with the OC Health Care Agency, a Mobile Vaccine Clinic will be held at James Guinn Elementary School, 1051 S. Sunkist St., Anaheim on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Please click [here](#) to view a [flyer](#) with additional details.

Sincerely,
Dr. Christopher Downing
Superintendent