



# Conejo Valley Unified School District

## 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year

The Conejo Valley Unified School District looks forward to welcoming our scholars, teachers, administrators and school site staff to the first day of the 2022-2023 school year on Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

Below is a short FAQ regarding the COVID-19 health and safety protocols that will be in place on all CVUSD campuses, along with other important information related to the new school year. Families are encouraged to carefully review this information in preparation for the first day of school.

*Important Note: Should health officials release new or updated guidance, this document will be adjusted in accordance.*

#### Health and Safety

##### **Q1: Is my student required to wear a face mask at school or while riding the school bus?**

**A:** No, face masks are not required per the [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools to Support Safe In-Person Learning, 2022-2023 School Year](#) from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

However, the CDPH notes in their [Guidance](#) “masks, particularly high-quality and well-fitting masks, remain highly effective, inexpensive, and dynamic tools to protect oneself and mitigate transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory pathogens.”

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##### **Q2: Will face masks be available at school sites?**

**A:** Disposable masks (surgical type) will be provided to students and staff upon request. Also, adult size N95 masks will continue to be available to middle school and high school students and to all staff upon request.

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##### **Q3: Is my student required to have the COVID-19 vaccine to attend school for the 2022-2023 school year in the Conejo Valley Unified School District?**

**A: No.** CVUSD students are not required to have the COVID-19 vaccine in order to enroll for the 2022-2023 school year.

On Thursday, April 14, 2022 the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced the statewide requirement for K-12 students to be vaccinated against COVID-19 will be delayed at least until the 2023-24 school year.

- **Therefore, based on this announcement, the COVID-19 vaccine will not be a requirement for CVUSD students for the 2022-23 school year.**
- CDPH continues to emphasize and conduct outreach regarding the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine. Information about COVID-19 vaccination options in Ventura County is available at: [www.venturacountyrecovers.org/vaccine-information](http://www.venturacountyrecovers.org/vaccine-information).

More information on this topic is available via this [COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate - Frequently Asked Questions](#) document.

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#### **Q4: What actions should I take if my child has symptoms of COVID-19?**

**A:** Please review the information in this [COVID-19 Scenario Chart - Student Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms](#).

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#### **Q5: What action should I take if my child tests positive for COVID-19?**

**A:** Please report positive COVID-19 test results to your student's school site and follow guidance in this [COVID-19 Scenario Chart - Student Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms](#).

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#### **Q6: What action should I take if my child comes in contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 at school?**

- A:**
- Exposed students, regardless of vaccination status, should get tested for COVID-19 with at least one diagnostic test (at-home COVID-19 tests are acceptable methods for testing) obtained within 3-5 days after last exposure, unless they had COVID-19 within the last 90 days.
  - Exposed students may continue to take part in all aspects of K-12 schooling, including sports and extracurricular activities, unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.
  - Masks are recommended to be worn for 10 days from the date of last exposure to the person testing positive.
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#### **Q7: What action should I take if my child comes in contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 outside of school?**

- A:** Per [CDPH guidance](#), it is recommended for close contacts to a positive COVID-19 case to:
- Test within 3-5 days after last exposure.

- Per CDPH masking guidance, close contacts should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings and when near those at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease.
  - If symptoms develop, test and stay home.
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**Q8: What happens if a student begins to exhibit or experience COVID-19 symptoms while at school?**

**A:** Students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated from other students and monitored until their parent/guardian can pick them up for medical evaluation and treatment. Please review the information in this [COVID-19 Scenario Chart - Student Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms](#).

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**Q9: How will my student continue with their learning if they are in isolation because they tested positive for COVID-19?**

**A:** Students in isolation for testing positive for COVID-19 would be placed in short-term independent study that would be coordinated by the school site they are enrolled in. The student would stay enrolled with their teacher(s) and receive coursework to stay on pace with the class. Based upon the circumstances of the quarantine, the short-term independent study may include work assigned via our district's learning management system (i.e. SeeSaw or Canvas) and may also include work from workbooks and hard-copy materials.

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**Q10: Will there be handwashing/hand sanitizer stations?**

**A:** Yes, hand sanitizer stations and handwashing stations will continue to be in place on our CVUSD school campuses. Students will be encouraged to participate in healthy hand hygiene habits.

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**Q11: Will there be routine cleaning of classrooms?**

**A:** Yes. Routine cleaning protocols will be followed.

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**Q12: What ventilation best practices will be in place at school sites?**

**A:** All HVAC systems are outfitted with the recommended MERV-13 filters. For centrally controlled systems, HVAC units are time set to come on prior to the start of school and turn off at least two hours after dismissal. Windows and doors will remain open as practical to maximize fresh air entry.

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**Q13: How frequently will HVAC filters be checked and replaced?**

**A:** Historically, the District would change filters twice annually. With the MERV-13 filters in place in all HVAC units, the District now inspects and changes filters more frequently.

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**Q14: Do school sites have a master list of what filters are used in each classroom?**

**A:** The District maintains a large book, which contains the master list of filter sizes organized by site. All filters are now MERV-13 filters. Prior to the pandemic, the District utilized MERV-11 filters. In order to upgrade all units to MERV-13 filters, the District made custom filters in-house to fit the odd filter sizes required for the BARD A/C style units in the portables.

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**Q15: Will CVUSD maintain a COVID-19 testing location?**

**A:** Yes. The CVUSD continues to provide a cost-free, COVID-19 testing location at 1336 E. Janss Road in Thousand Oaks. This is a drive-thru testing site, with appointments available five days a week (closed Sundays and Tuesdays) from 11am to 7pm. For more information regarding how to schedule an appointment, [please click here](#). This center will be closed beginning February 24<sup>th</sup> due to reduced funding. The County of Ventura continues to provide cost-free, COVID-19 testing sites throughout the County. Additional testing site information from the County of Ventura is [available here](#).

**FREE Meals for All Students**

**Q16: Will cost-free school meals be served to students?**

**A:** Yes. ALL CVUSD students will receive FREE breakfast and lunch meals for the duration of the 2022-2023 school year. Free meals are available for students at every CVUSD school during regular meal service hours.

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**Q17: If all students receive free meals, is it necessary to fill out a meal application of any kind?**

**A:** While a meal application is not necessary for students to receive free school meals for the 2022-2023 school year, CVUSD respectfully requests all CVUSD families to please complete [this Online Free / Reduced Meal Eligibility for School Year 2022-2023 form](#). The free/reduced price meal program affects a variety of areas unrelated to school meals, including school funding, internet access, college application fees, SAT fees and bus passes. Even if your child doesn't plan to eat school lunches, it is important to fill out the free/reduced price meal program application to ensure our schools and families receive the available resources.

The form is also available to complete in paper form from your child's school or the Child Nutrition Department office located at 750 Mitchell Road in Newbury Park.

## Homeschool, Online Blended Learning & Long-Term Independent Study

### **Q18: Is there an option available for students who do not want to attend in-person instruction?**

**A:** The CVUSD will continue to provide students with Long-Term Independent Study and SHINE Homeschool as alternatives to in-person learning. These educational programs will conform to the requirements set forth by California law.

### **Q19: What is SHINE Homeschool?**

**A:** SHINE Homeschool (grades TK-12) provides CVUSD curriculum for families that want to homeschool long term. Parents direct their student's daily instruction with a weekly in-person or live-virtual meeting with a CVUSD teacher for on-going guidance and support. The teacher provides an assignment sheet broken down by subject to keep you on pace with the CVUSD board adopted curriculum. **Parents are the primary teacher for their student and all work is done at home with the same materials students would use in the classroom.** Learn more about SHINE at: <http://www.shinehomestudy.com/>.

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### **Q20: What does the SHINE program look like for my student if they have an IEP (Special Education services) or a Section 504 Plan?**

**A:** Prior to enrolling in the SHINE program, an IEP meeting will be scheduled for the IEP team to discuss whether or not Independent Study can meet your child's Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) requirements. All Special Education Services are provided **in person** at the student's neighborhood school.

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### **Q21: What is Century Academy?**

**A:** Century Academy provides students in grades 6-12 with personalized online curriculum, on-campus small group courses and academic advising. The backbone of Century's model is a remote "hybrid" teaching methodology that combines traditional classroom methods and independent study. Students will find the majority of their course resources online via APEX, an online UC A-G approved curriculum. Century Academy is teacher and student directed. Century students can participate in co-curricular activities and athletics at their previously enrolled CVUSD school. Learn more at: [www.conejousd.org/centuryacademy](http://www.conejousd.org/centuryacademy).

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## **Q22: What does Long-Term Independent Study look like?**

**A:** For students in grades TK-5, the Long Term Independent Study option will be live synchronous learning from a CVUSD teacher over Zoom for 90 minutes a day. The live synchronous learning will cover Language Arts and Math. Other subjects will be completed within an online platform.

High school students enrolled in the Long-Term Independent Study program will be using APEX, our district's online curriculum program. When students interact with APEX by completing lessons and formative assessments the system gives them feedback. Their teacher (once a week meeting) can utilize results to activate additional modules to assist in learning. Middle school students may use Apex or another similar program.

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## **Q23: If my child moves to Long-Term Independent Study, are they guaranteed to return back to their previous school and teacher(s)?**

**A:** No. Every effort will be made to transition students back to their previous school and teachers(s), however, it is possible that there would be no available space remaining at that specific school or with specific teacher(s). If space is not available at the school, a child would be offered enrollment at a CVUSD school with available space. If space is no longer available for a specific teacher(s), a child would be offered a teacher or class schedule based on their grade-level or previous schedule of classes.

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## **Q24: Want to learn more about SHINE Homeschool, Century Academy, or Long-Term Independent Study?**

**A:** Please contact Dr. Yuliya Eisenberg at: [yreznikovaeisenberg@conejousd.org](mailto:yreznikovaeisenberg@conejousd.org).