

El Monte Union High School District

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June 3, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are excited to welcome our students back to school for in-person instruction five days a week for the 2021-2022 school year. The first day of school will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021. We have missed our students and are eager to have them back on campus.

Governor Gavin Newsom has announced that the State will retire its color-coded pandemic blueprint on June 15. At the same time, case rates and hospitalizations for COVID-19 in Los Angeles County continue to decline as vaccinations efforts continue in our community. All of this has paved the way for us to return safely for in-person instruction.

As we near the beginning of next school year, we will clearly communicate any safety precautions necessary to hold in-person instruction. Here's what we know with certainty:

- To ensure the highest level of air purification available, all of our classrooms air ventilation systems have been retrofitted with the most advanced filters available as recommended by the Centers and Disease Control and Prevention.
- All classrooms will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Ultraviolet Air purification systems proven to reduce indoor air pollutants have been installed in classrooms.
- Hand sanitizer and hand washing will be available to all students.

Our District has been proactive by providing vaccination clinics within our local community. To date, over 1,300 residents have received the COVID-19 vaccine through our efforts and we plan to have more vaccination clinics coming to EMUHSD this summer. Residents and students have been vaccinated through a coordinated effort with District health care partners.

For the past 14 months COVID-19 has had a huge impact on our normal daily lives. From closures, to isolation, to watching loved ones get sick; COVID has truly disrupted our wellbeing. We acknowledge that these impacts have had a direct effect on our students and community and being able to jump into a "normal" routine will take some time. We will work together to transition back to our campuses in the healthiest and safest way possible.

I have been reminded of the importance of being a community, and working together for the wellbeing of ourselves, and those around us. I am very excited at the thought of campuses filled with students, teachers, and staff where we can resume those in person connections that have suffered through distance learning. The 2021-2022 school year promises to be a year full of opportunities for our students.

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The El Monte Union High School District intends to bring all students back to a full-time, on campus instructional program. This traditional learning model is officially known as the “In-person” program for the 2021-2022 school year. We fully expect all students to return back in this traditional format. Additional information will be provided at our upcoming District Parent Forum on:

June 24, 2021

District Parent Forum

Virtual English Meeting available at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm

Virtual Spanish Meeting available at 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

Links will be available <https://www.emuhsd.org/virtualforums>

We are asking parents to indicate their agreement and intent to have their student(s) return in this traditional format through an online survey. The district will work with each family to discuss their student's return to school.

Please complete one survey for each child in your household. Surveys should be returned to the school or completed online at <https://www.emuhsd.org/Page/250> by **Wednesday, June 15, 2021**.

Note: Please complete EITHER the printed survey OR the online survey.

Sincerely,



Edward Zuniga, Ed.D.
Superintendent