



May 2, 2022

Dear Staff and Parent/Guardian:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) has issued the following updates for their COVID-19 Exposure Management Guidance that will go into effect on Wednesday, May 4, 2022:

- New definition of close contacts:
 - Close Contact: Persons are considered to have been exposed to a case (close contact) during the infectious period if they shared the same indoor airspace at school with the infected person for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- Close contacts who are not required to quarantine may remain on campus if they meet the following requirements:
 - Monitor symptoms
 - *Wear a mask* around others, except when eating or drinking, for 10 days after the last date of exposure (this includes staff *and* students)
 - Test within 3-5 days of the last exposure

Team RBUSD will update our exposure notification to include these new requirements. We want to ensure staff and students are aware of the required steps needed to remain on campus if they are deemed a close contact.

I shared with LACDPH leadership on Thursday morning that managing the new masking requirement for close contacts at the middle and high school levels will be quite difficult due to student movement from classroom to classroom. They understood and agreed that students would essentially be on the honor system. For the elementary level, this is more easily managed. The goal for Team RBUSD is to minimize frustration and keep our students and staff members safe.

Beach Cities Health District continues to provide Monday-Friday testing, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. They will be closed for Memorial Day which is Monday, May 30.

Finally, we would like to share a bit of positive news with our community. The California Department of Education just honored RBUSD as a California Pivotal Practice Award recipient. Birney Elementary also received the award as a school site. The State Superintendent of Instruction wrote: "These schools and school districts led incredible efforts to engage students, distribute technology, provide meals, and support the social-emotional well-being of students during an incredibly difficult time for schools and families."

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stu" or "Steven".

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