



Public Health Guidance Updates: May 3, 2021

The latest health guidance contains updates regarding graduations, private events, indoor and outdoor live events, and travel. The latest appendices and updates to the health guidance are attached. Principals should read through the attached guidance to be sure they are familiar with the most recent updates. Highlighted below are some of the more important changes of which you should be aware.

Appendix T1: Reopening Protocols for K-12

Specialized Services

In addition to working with up to 3 different stable groups, specialized staff who serve students with IEP or 504 plans may pull out individual students from group settings to provide 1-to-1 interactions, without limit on the number of individual students they work with. The space used for 1-to-1 meetings should have contact surfaces and objects cleaned between meetings. Specialized staff who serve students with IEP or 504 plans may also enter multiple classrooms in order to have brief (under 15 minutes) interactions with individual students, without limit on the number of classrooms they may enter. It is strongly recommended that such staff be fully vaccinated before engaging in this behavior, and any staff not fully vaccinated must wear a surgical mask and face shield if entering multiple classrooms for this purpose. All staff must wash or sanitize hands after leaving a classroom and before entering another classroom with a different stable group of students.

AP Tests

AP tests can be administered on campus with no more than 30 students at a time, regardless of testing space capacity.

Cleaning

Any area used by faculty and staff needs to be cleaned and disinfected at least once a day. Restrooms, lobbies, break rooms, and lounges and other common areas are cleaned and disinfected no less than once per day during operating hours.

Masking for Faculty and Staff

To ensure that masks are worn consistently and correctly, staff are discouraged from eating or drinking except during their breaks when they can safely remove their masks and physically distance from others. At all times when eating or drinking, staff must maintain at least a six-foot distance from others, including fellow employees and visitors. Eating or drinking outdoors is preferred but eating or drinking at a cubicle or workstation is preferred to eating in a breakroom if eating in a cubicle or workstation permits greater distance from and barriers between staff.



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Special Considerations for Performing Arts

Music classes

- Any activity that requires participants to remove their face masks (e.g., playing brass or wind instruments) may only be done as a group if students are spaced at a minimum of 8 feet from one another (10 feet is preferred) and if the activity is held outdoors. However, individuals may practice such activities alone indoors in a studio or practice room.
- For activities that generate profuse respiratory droplets such as singing, increase the distance between individuals to a minimum of 8 feet and engage in these activities outside only. Individual singers may practice alone or with a single instructor present while indoors in a studio or practice room. Increased distance between the singer and instructor is recommended (minimum 10 feet preferred).
- Limit the exchange (or sharing) of any instruments, parts, music sheets, or any other items.
- Use disposable absorbent pads or other receptacles, where possible, to catch the contents of spit valves or water keys, discard or clean properly after use.
- Consider using “bell covers” for the openings of brass instruments and specially designed bags with hand openings for woodwind instruments to minimize the generation of droplets and aerosols.

Theater classes

- Students and instructors in theater classes must wear face masks at all times and ensure that all participants always maintain a 6-foot physical distance or an 8-foot physical distance if the participants are enunciating (for example, those in a theater workshop).
- Limit, where possible, sharing of props, costumes, and wigs. If they must be shared, choose props, costumes and other materials that can be more easily disinfected. All props must be disinfected before first use on the set, and between uses by different actors. All shared clothing must be cleaned after each use. All wigs or other shared prosthetics must be disinfected after each use.
- Clean dressing rooms, green rooms, and production areas using a disinfectant from List N: Disinfectants for COVID-19.
- Consider holding virtual or outdoor rehearsals and performances instead of indoor.

Dance classes

- Dance classes must adhere to the LA County DPH Protocol for Youth and Adult Sports Leagues.
- Students and instructors must wear face masks at all times while in class. Masks may be removed momentarily to drink water; during water breaks, students should be reminded to always maintain a 6-foot physical distance. Students should be reminded to limit their exertion to a level that is comfortable while wearing a face mask and to take frequent breaks from exercise if they begin to experience any difficulty breathing. Masks should be changed if they become wet, if they stick to a person’s face, or if they obstruct breathing.
- For activities that generate respiratory droplets such as heavy exertion, increase the distance between individuals to 8 feet.
- Maximize use of outdoor space for practice and performance as much as possible.



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Music Recording

- Singing or playing of wind instruments in sound booths/recording booths is not permitted at this time due to the large number of respiratory droplets released into a relatively small, confined indoor space.
- Other instrumental music may be recorded using a sound booth; however, a minimum of 6 feet of physical distance must be maintained between all musicians at all times.
- Before the booth is used by another musician or group of musicians, the booth should be well ventilated (consider use of an air purifying device) to promote full air exchange and equipment (e.g., microphones) should be cleaned and disinfected.

Performances

- Any performances must follow County Public Health Protocols for Live Events and Performances (Outdoor Seated) or Live Events and Performances (Indoor Seated) depending on the location of the planned performance.

Appendix S: Reopening Protocols for Youth & Adult Recreational Sports Leagues

Activities Now Permitted

Outdoor band and drumline allowed. During competitions, face coverings must be worn when not participating in the activity (e.g., on the sidelines).

Team Transportation

Use of alternating rows is strongly recommended but not required. Travel via private car must be limited to only those within the immediate household, or those that the student normally carools with to and from school daily.

Indoor Sports

Any indoor sports activities conducted indoors must be limited, including all sport participants, coaches/trainers, support staff, and observers, to 25% of max occupancy of the competition space based on applicable building or zoning code occupancy, and in compliance with the County gyms and fitness center requirements.

Observers are permitted for outdoor youth and adult sports in compliance with the LA County DPH Protocol for Outdoor Live Seated Events. In Orange Tier, the maximum occupancy limit for outdoor sporting events that are held in venues is 33% of the maximum venue occupancy based on applicable building and/or fire code. For sporting events held at venues with no occupancy limit, attendance is limited such that all observers and spectators are able to maintain at least a 6-foot distance from others who are not in their household group. Observers are only permitted indoors for youth sports (age 18 and under). Observers for indoor youth sports must be limited to immediate household members and for the strict purpose of age-appropriate supervision. Observers must wear a mask at all times and must maintain at least a 6-foot physical distance from non-household members.



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Youth Sports

If athletic teams at your school are involved in an outbreak totaling 10 or more cases among student athletes on one or more teams during the outbreak period (outbreak period continues until there are 0 new cases for 14 consecutive days), then all student athletes will be required to test and show a negative test result 48 hours prior to competing in sports events against another team.

Travel Advisory (Updated 4-11)

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/traveladvisory.htm>

Fully vaccinated travelers may travel domestically without a pre- or post-travel test and without quarantining if they do not have symptoms of COVID-19 after domestic travel.

Quarantine and self-monitoring are required* for all non-essential travelers who are not fully vaccinated arriving in or returning to the County of Los Angeles from other states or countries, as follows:

- a. [Quarantine](#) for 7 full days after travel if they get tested and get a negative COVID-19 viral test (swab or saliva) result from a specimen collected 3-5 days after their arrival.
- b. [Quarantine](#) for 10 full days after travel if they did not get tested with a COVID-19 viral test after their arrival.
- c. For 14 days after their arrival, continue to [self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19](#), and avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness. They must isolate and should get tested if symptoms develop.

Appendix Z: Protocols for Live Events and Performances (Outdoor Seated)

Requirements for Holding Events with 250+ Attendees

Prior to holding an Outdoor Seated Live Event or Performance with attendance of more than 250 members of the public to the venue, Outdoor Seated Live Event Operators must submit their event plan to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH), using the Proposed Event Form to explain how the private event will be operated in compliance with all required modifications. This form should be submitted at least 14 days prior to the proposed event. LACDPH will acknowledge receipt of this application within 5 business days.

Venue Capacity Rules & Allowances

Venues may increase attendance capacity to 67% if all guests show the venue proof of a negative COVID19 test result within the 72 hours prior to attendance or proof of full vaccination. Customers should be made to attest their and their audience groups full vaccination status at the point of purchase. Customers that have attested to full vaccination, must show the venue the required verification, which is a government issued photograph identification and a proof of vaccination, such as the vaccination card (which includes the name of person vaccinated, type of vaccination provided and date last dose administered) or a photo of a vaccination card as a separate document or a photo of the attendee's vaccine card stored on a phone or electronic device or documentation of vaccination from a healthcare provider, before permitted entry into the venue or stadium.



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Options for Fully Vaccinated-Only Seating Sections

Fully Vaccinated-only sections must be separate, distinct, and clearly marked from any other section of the venue that is set aside for the seating of tested or non-tested attendees. Individuals in the Fully Vaccinated-only sections do not have to be physically distanced. Face coverings are required. Fully Vaccinated-only sections may be seated at full capacity within that section only. Suites may also operate at 100% of suite capacity if all guests show proof of full vaccination. However, capacity for the venue must not exceed established limits established. There must be at least 12 feet of distance between the Fully Vaccinated-only sections and any other section in the venue. Children (> 2 years of age) who are not eligible to be vaccinated may sit with their parent, guardian, or sponsor in the Fully Vaccinated-only sections if they are tested. Children younger than 2 do not need to be tested and may also sit with their parent, guardian, or sponsor in the Fully Vaccinated only section. Children sitting with the parent, guardian or sponsor in a Fully Vaccinated-only section are considered for purposes of social distancing to be fully vaccinated.

Graduation

For graduations you will need to use the CDPH Guidance for Graduation (attached in conjunction with Appendix Z-Protocol for Live Events and Performances and Appendix Z(Outdoor) and Appendix Z-1(Indoor).