



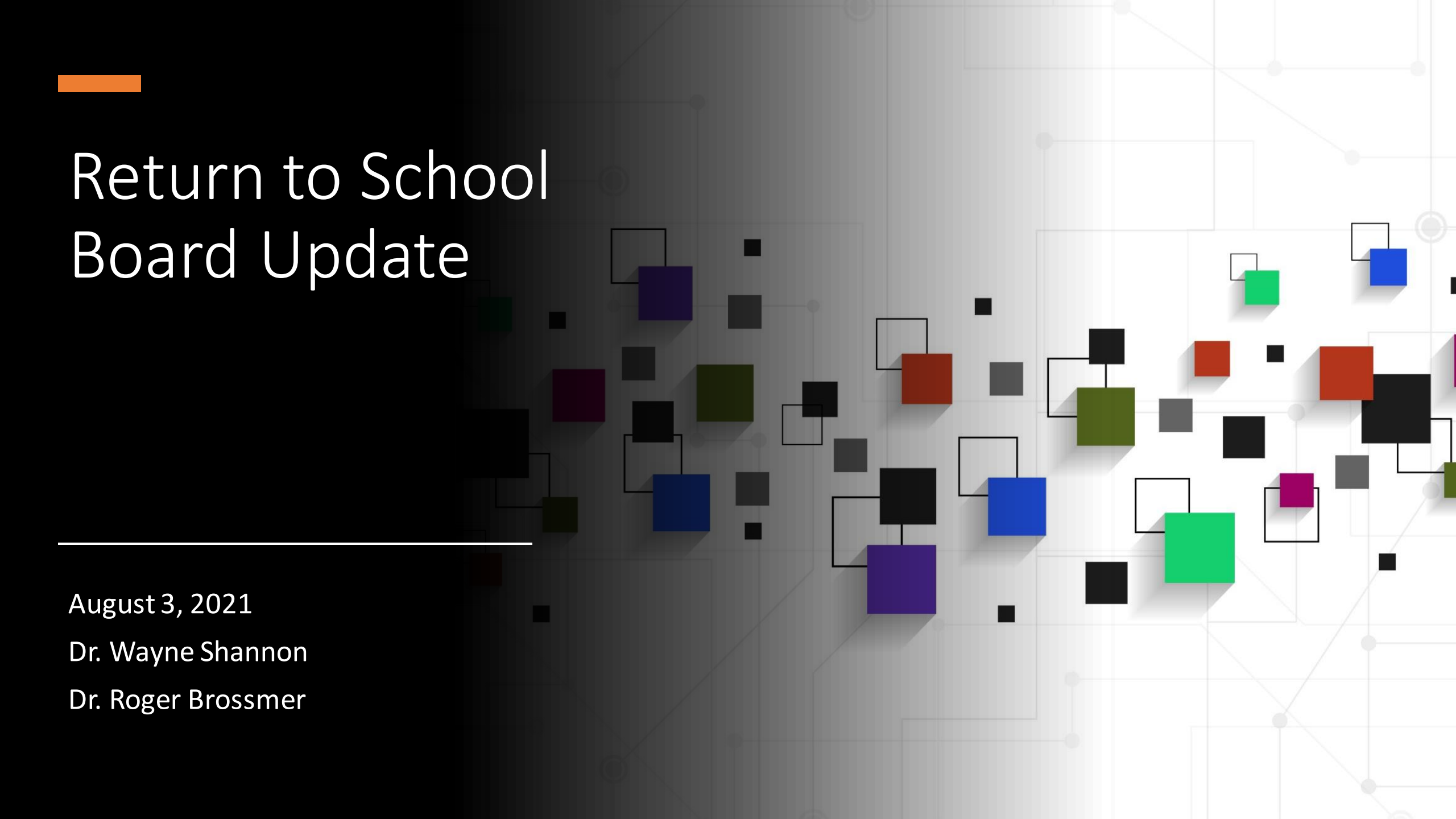
# Return to School Board Update

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# CDC modifies indoor mask policy for some areas of U.S.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention changed course Tuesday on some masking guidelines, recommending that even vaccinated people return to wearing masks indoors in parts of the U.S. where the delta variant of the coronavirus is fueling infection surges.

Citing new information about the variant's ability to spread among vaccinated people, the CDC also recommended indoor masks for all teachers, staff, students and visitors at schools



# CDC Updates – Cont.

The new masking guidance applies to parts of the country where the virus is spreading dangerously. In CDC-speak, that means counties where transmission rates are “substantial” (more than 50 new cases per day per 100,000 residents) or “high” (more than 300 new cases per 100,000 people).

Los Angeles County is one of those places with high transmission rates, but since we already have an indoor mask mandate, the guidance won't have much effect. With roughly two-thirds of the nation's counties subject to the new guidance, however, changes are likely elsewhere.



# Requirements: Proof of Vaccination

## Federal workers face new directives:

- President Biden says employees yet to receive a shot must get tested weekly.
- Federal workers will be required to attest they've been vaccinated against the coronavirus or else face mandatory masking, weekly testing, distancing and other new rules.
- Rather than mandating that federal workers receive vaccines, the plan will make life more difficult for those who are unvaccinated to encourage them to comply.



# CSU sites requiring all to be vaccinated

- Students, faculty who don't get shots will be barred from campuses.
- All faculty, staff and students across the California State University system will have to be vaccinated against the coronavirus to go on campuses in the fall, officials announced Tuesday, though the system will allow for medical and religious exemptions.
- The dates by which people must provide certification of vaccination will vary by campus because of differing academic calendars, according to a CSU statement, but every campus will require it before Oct. 1.



# Required Proof of Vaccination

Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) is also likely to follow weekly testing for unvaccinated workers.



**Los Angeles County  
Office of Education**

# Vaccine Breakthroughs

## Breakthrough' cases show the power of shots

Though 26% of new infections occur in those fully vaccinated, serious illness is rare.

Los Angeles County has seen a rise in “breakthrough” coronavirus cases as of late, but data continue to show those who are vaccinated for COVID-19 enjoy vigorous protection — even from the contagious Delta variant — and are far less likely to be hospitalized should they become infected.

In June, fully vaccinated residents accounted for 20% of all confirmed coronavirus infections among people 16 and older, but only 8% of all COVID-19 hospitalizations, according to figures from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER: (Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools: Appendix T1)

- **7/28/2021 - Updates:**

- Reaffirms indoor masking requirement for everyone at K-12 schools regardless of vaccination status
- In alignment with current Health Officer Order, employees exempt from wearing masks indoors must be tested at least twice per week.





# Update Appendix T1 – Cont.

- Clarified that **mask is not required** when individual is the only person present in a room or contiguous workspace.
- Confirms that at this time, **students granted a reasonable accommodation** in the form of mask exemption due to a disability or other condition **need not be excluded** from in-person education.
- Students who are excluded from campus because they will not wear a face covering should be **offered alternative educational opportunities.**



# Update Appendix T1 – Cont.

- PE classes fall under the 100% masking requirement **if class is held indoors.**
- Fully vaccinated individuals who are close contacts to a case **do not need to quarantine** but it is strongly recommended that such individuals be tested after exposure regardless of vaccination status.



# Parent Return Commitment - Elementary

Options	May	July
Full-time in Person	91%	91%
On-Line	9%	9%

**Response Rate: 76.8%**

# Parent Return Commitment— Secondary

Options	May	July
Full-time in Person	88%	87%
On-Line	12%	13%

**Response Rate: 72%**

# Return to School Options

## **Most Students are Returning to In-Person Instruction**

Classes will be held in-person without live streaming. All current safety requirements for LA County will be enforced.

## **A small number of our students will continue distance learning under an Independent Studies model**

**Hybrid Instruction**, students in person and at home alternating days, is **not an option for 21/22 school year.**



# Downey Unified's Values



- Follow California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Orders
- Maintain an inclusive, caring and supportive school culture
- Establish systematic protocols for health and safety
- Timely, frequent communication and transparency



# Daily Wellness Self-Screening Process (HS Only)

## Daily Requirement:

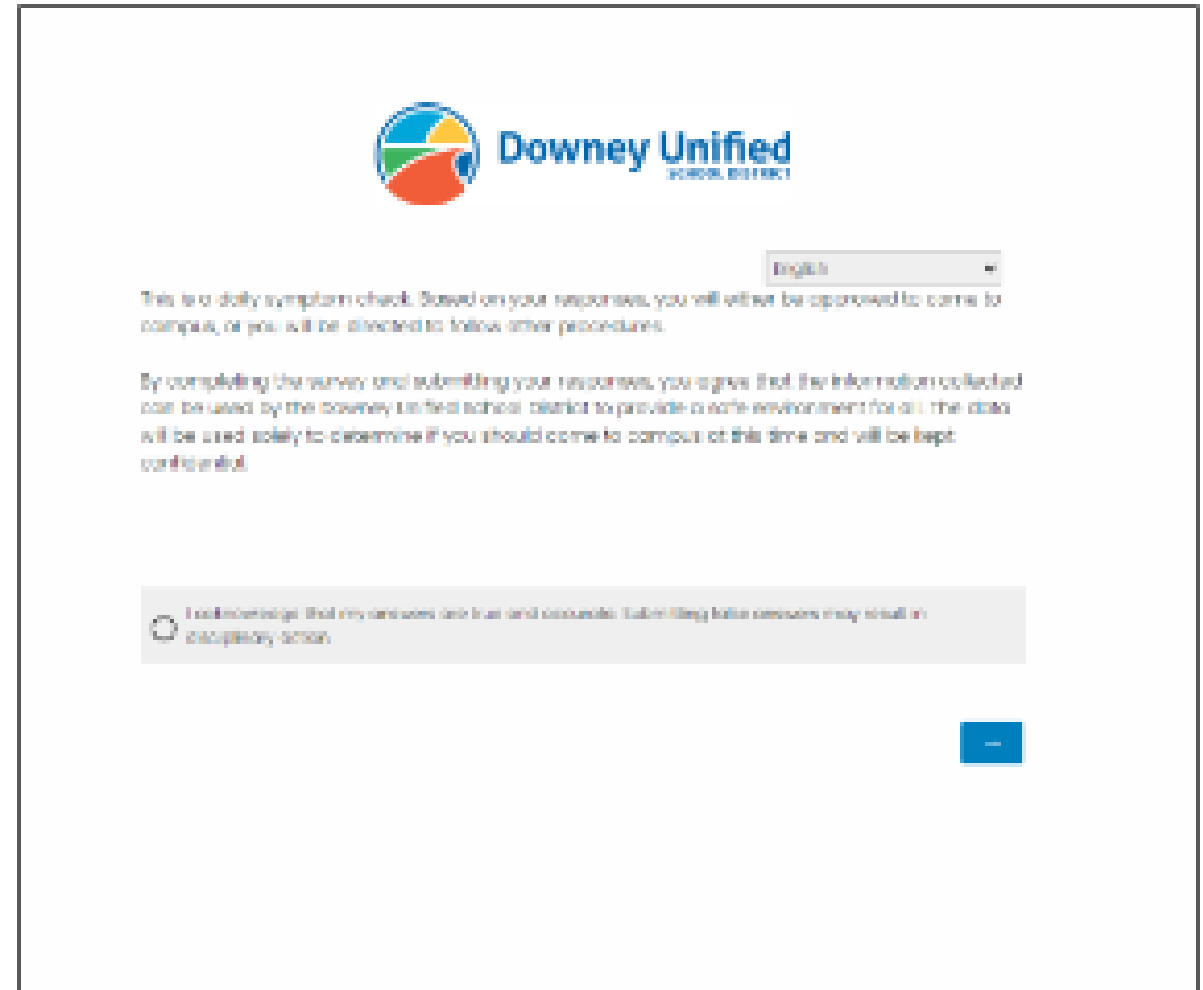
- Students will be required to bring their fully-charged device with them daily.
- Each morning, students will be required to show their Certified Status on their cell phone or device prior to entering campus.


# Daily Wellness Self-Screening Process (MS Only)

- Each morning, families will be required to complete a self-screening for each student PRIOR to reporting to school.
- This can be done on the student's iPad through an app on their home screen:
  - Daily COVID Screener



- The option is available to receive this daily screening via text message, if selected.




 **Downey Unified**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

English

This is a daily symptom check. Based on your responses, you will either be approved to come to campus, or you will be directed to follow other procedures.

By completing the survey and submitting your responses, you agree that the information collected can be used by the Downey Unified School District to provide a safe environment for all; the data will be used solely to determine if you should come to campus at this time and will be kept confidential.

I acknowledge that my answers are true and accurate. Submitting false answers may result in disciplinary action.





# Maintenance & Operations

## Cleaning and Sanitizing

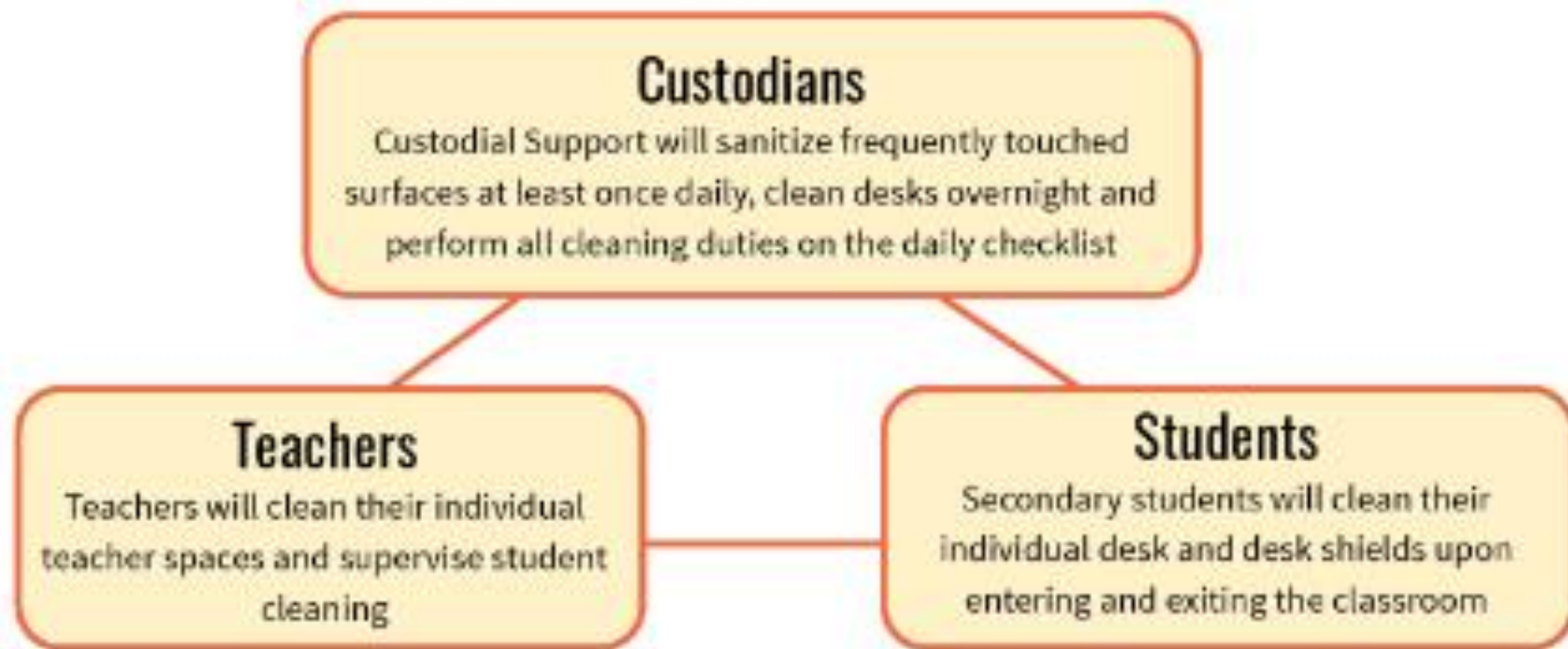
- Use of electrostatic sprayers
- High performance sprayers cover more ground
- Organic probiotic cleaner coats and deep cleans frequently touched surfaces



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# Maintenance & Operations

## Shared Responsibility:



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## Science Brief: SARS-CoV-2 and Surface (Fomite) Transmission for Indoor Community Environments

- **The principal mode by which people are infected with SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) is through exposure to respiratory droplets carrying infectious virus. It is possible for people to be infected through contact with contaminated surfaces or objects (fomites), but the risk is generally considered to be low.**
- Both cleaning (use of soap or detergent) and disinfection (use of a product or process designed to inactivate SARS-CoV-2) can reduce the risk of fomite transmission.



# Ventilation & Air Quality Filtration

## **What has been done and purchased districtwide:**

- Evaluation of HVAC units districtwide
- Researched, vetted and improved air quality options
- Upgraded filters districtwide
- Purchased and installed Ionization units districtwide
- Purchased and installed Portable Hepa Filters



# What to expect when returning to school...

- Face masks or face coverings will be mandatory when **indoors** on campus. Face masks are recommended while outside; however, it will be left to personal choice.
- Desk shields available upon request
- Safety signage
- Additional handwashing and hand sanitizing stations
- Social distancing to avoid crowding
- Hydration stations



# Face Coverings will be mandatory indoors



## Approved Face Coverings

- Cloth covering secured to head with ties or straps
- Downey Unified will only be issuing three-layered masks

## Non-Approved Face Coverings

- Face coverings which do not fully cover the nose, mouth and chin
- Bandanas
- Lace, mesh or crocheted face coverings

## When Face Coverings Should be Replaced

- Does not fully cover the nose, mouth and chin
- Has stretched out or has damaged ties/straps
- Cannot stay on the face
- Has holes or tears in the fabric
- Is wet

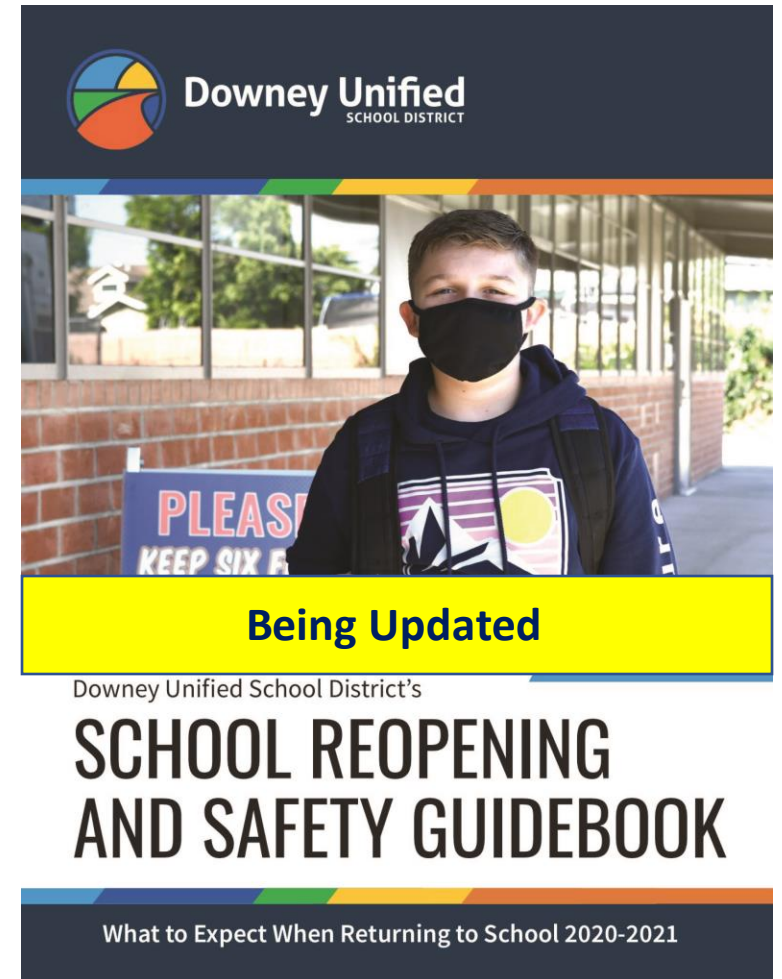
# Physical Education and Music

- Students will be dressing for PE and must wear a mask while in the locker rooms.
- Students will not be required to wear a mask while participating in PE outside, but will be encouraged to do so if participating in an activity that lacks social distancing.
- Band classes will practice playing their instruments outside. We are in the process of purchasing tents to shade our students who are playing outside during class.

# Additional Resources

Visit the district's COVID website [web.dusd.net/coronavirus](http://web.dusd.net/coronavirus) to find:

- **Return to School Guidebook**
- **COVID Dashboard** (updated weekly)
- **Other Resources**





# Proposed Elementary Online Model (TK-5th)

## Online Model Structure:

- A **mandatory** morning (3h) and afternoon (1.5h) synchronous instructional block
- Daily office hour
- Daily asynchronous block for students (1h)
- Teachers will work from their current work sites
- Program will be a centralized model
- In some cases, a teacher roster may include students from multiple schools
- Students participating in our **TK, DHH and GLAD programs** will require an in-person or independent study daily attendance expectation because an **online model** would not compliment the instructional and student engagement interests that best support these programs.

# Proposed Secondary Online Model

Sites will offer in-person sections or online sections, intent is no live-streaming

Teachers will teach either model, in-person or online, during different periods of the day.

We anticipate the need for additional sections during the day and before and after school to accommodate the needed online sections.

There may be some combining of sections across different schools for online sections

Questions ?

