

# SAFE AT SCHOOL

*SLDC launches its Safe at School Plan 21-22*



## SLDC'S LAYERED PREVENTION

**DAILY SCREENING OF ALL STUDENTS, STAFF & VISITORS DAILY**

**PPE: MASKS OR FACIAL COVERINGS FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS**

**PRACTICING PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

**PERSONAL HYGIENE**

**DISINFECTING OUR CAMPUS & VEHICLES**

**VENTILATION**

**VACCINATION AND COVID TESTING**

## **SLDC's plan to practice safety at school**

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SLDC looks to welcome its students back this fall for the 2021-2022 school year by adding to its layered prevention strategies aimed at preventing the transmission of COVID-19 and the Delta Variant among students and staff. The CDC continues to cite the benefits of in-person instruction for students and offers a number of recommended layers of prevention strategies which SLDC has adopted and outlined here.

For the 2021-2022 school year SLDC is adopting a 7 point layered prevention plan. Point 1: *Health Screenings*; Point 2: *Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) -Masks or Facial Coverings*; Point 3: *Physical Distancing*; Point 4: *Personal Hygiene*; Point 5: *Disinfecting our Campus & Vehicles*; Point 6: *Ventilation*; Point 7: *Vaccinations & COVID testing*.



## Daily Screenings

As we welcome our staff and students back to campus for fall, SLDC will continue to implement daily screening for all staff, students and visitors prior to entry to campus. This includes students being screened prior to boarding SLDC transportation vehicles, or upon arrival to campus. Staff will be screened daily upon arrival to campus.

## PPE, Masks & Facial Covering

While on campus, SLDC will continue to adhere to the California Department of Public Health's guidelines for masks and facial coverings to the maximum extent feasible. All students are asked to wear a mask and/or facial covering while indoors and when in close proximity to others regardless of vaccine status. All staff will be required to wear a mask and/or facial covering when in doors and/or in close proximity with others regardless of vaccine status. Although it is not required for masks to be worn in K-12 settings while out doors, SLDC continues to advise and encourage facial coverings.



## Physical Distancing

Recent evidence shows in-person learning can occur safely with minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are followed. Consistent with CDC K-12 School Guidance, SLDC will continue to follow physical distancing to the maximum extent feasible when students are learning in indoor spaces (e.g. classrooms, therapy rooms, or clinical spaces).



## Personal Hygiene

Personal hygiene plays a big role in preventing the spread of bacteria and viruses. We will continue to adhere to regular personal hygiene schedules while on campus. This includes washing our hands throughout the day, including but not limited to immediately after using the restroom, before eating snacks/lunches and after playing outdoors. Hand sanitizers are readily available throughout campus and will also be incorporated as part of our staff and student's daily habits to keep our personal hygiene strong.

## Disinfecting & Cleaning Our Campus

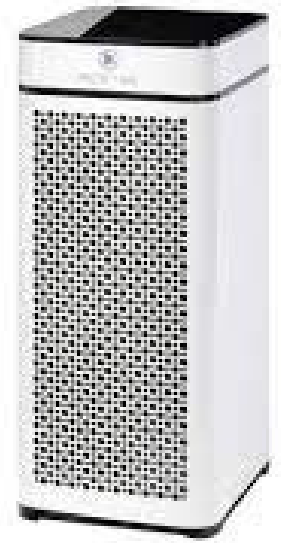
Throughout our school day, SLDC disinfects the campus. Our custodial team disinfects each classroom, therapy space and common areas (e.g. restrooms, front office, nurses' station and administrative buildings) with a disinfecting spray. These are scheduled during breaks such as recess or periods when students are engaged in other campus activities (e.g. at fitness lab, stem lab, art room) as a safety precaution.

In addition classrooms are provided with ample disinfecting wipes, cleaners to help keep high touch surfaces regularly wiped down.



Finally, each evening the campus is cleaned by a professional service to ensure the campus is fresh and clean upon student arrival each morning.

Our fleet of vehicles are also cleaned daily using disinfecting wipes, and washed on a regular basis. Each van is restocked daily to ensure there are adequate supplies to for masking needs, clean up any spills or catch a sneeze.

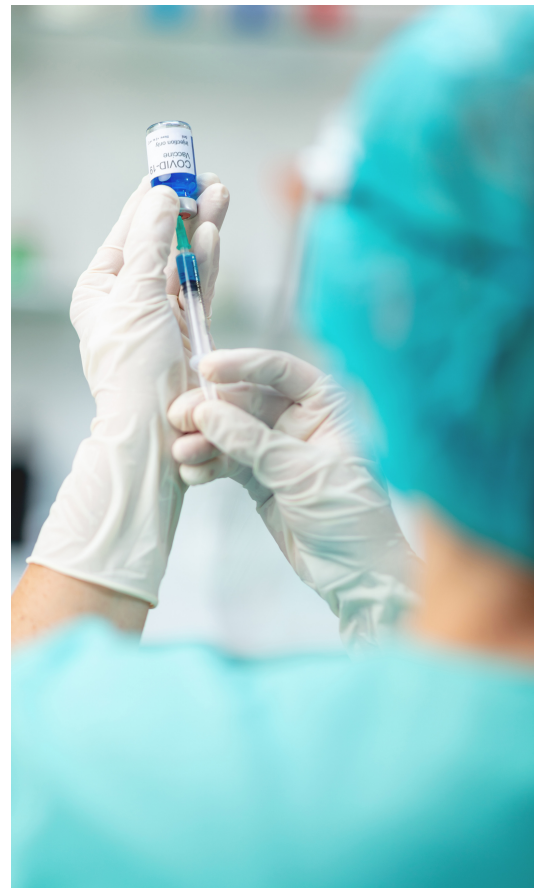


## Ventilation

With the Delta Variant still present, SLDC has added new medical grade, HEPA grade air purifiers to each of our classrooms, therapy spaces, front office and nurses office. These devices remove 99.9% of particles including bacteria and viruses from the air, purifying the air in a classroom sized room every hour. We will continue to utilize out doors spaces and means to keep fresh air circulating through our educational spaces as much as possible.

## Vaccinations & COVID-19 Testing

Per the new state mandates, SLDC will be adopting and abiding by the requirement to have all SLDC employees either fully vaccinated or participate in weekly COVID-19 testing this fall. The California Department of Public Health issued an updated mandate requiring all school employees submit proof of full vaccination or complete weekly COVID-19 testing. This precaution is intended to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and variants at school campuses. If you wish to learn more, please visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/08/11/california-implements-first-in-the-nation-measure-to-encourage-teachers-and-school-staff-to-get-vaccinated/>



## Our Commitment to You

SLDC is committed to making our campus a safe place for our students and staff. We continue to monitor local case prevalence in our area, track updates with local health care agencies and the state and work diligently to implement preventative measures to the maximum extent feasible. We will continue to update our plans and procedures as needed.