

EPAA - Return to School April 2021

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Please keep in mind that your safety and good health is our number one priority. We hope these Frequently Asked Questions and Answers will help maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for our successful return. Remember, returning to school is an OPTION. We will continue to provide access to learning through Zoom until the end of the semester, June 4th, 2021.

The SUHSD announced that we will begin opening campuses to small groups of students on April, 5th. It is very important that all students understand what that will look like for those who choose to return on campus for in-person instruction.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 5	April 6	4/7/2021 A-Synch Day	April 8	April 9
9th Advisory	10th Advisory		11th Advisory	12th Advisory
1:40 - 3:00 P.M.	1:40 - 3:00 P.M.		1:40 - 3:00 P.M.	1:40 - 3:00 P.M.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 12	April 13	4/14/2021 A-SynchDay	April 15	April 16
9th Advisory	10th Advisory		11th Advisory	12th Advisory
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 19	April 20	4/21/2021 A-Synch Day	April 22	April 23
A Day	B Day		A Day	B Day
Block 1, 3, 5	Block 1, 3, 5		Block 2, 4, 6	Block 2, 4, 6
Advisory	Advisory		Advisory	Advisory
50% Students	50% Students		50% Students	50% Students

Note: After ALL students choosing to return are registered in Infinite Campus we will assign A or B day to each student.

What will returning to in-person school look like?

All students must follow the **4 pillars of safety**:

- 6 feet of social distance at *all times*
- Regular washing of hands and surfaces

- Wearing of a mask to cover nose and mouth at ALL times
- Regular contact tracing and screening at the entrance. The screening is a brief survey each time you enter campus and temperature check.

What will it look like in the classroom?

Students will enter the classroom and be expected to sanitize their hands immediately. You will be seated six feet apart, safely behind a plexiglass barrier, with your mask on at all times. At the end of class you will be expected to wipe down your work area.

Your coursework will continue to be based on the on-line curriculum that includes Google Classroom, Zoom, Pear Deck, Desmos, etc. You will need to bring your laptops/chromebooks, chargers, headphones, etc. to participate in your classes on campus. Note that teachers will also need to maintain 6 feet of social distancing.

What will it look like in the hallways, quad and outside areas?

You will need to maintain your social distancing at all times. All traffic in the hallways and stairwells will be one way only, again prioritizing social distancing at all times. Only one person will be allowed in a bathroom at a time. No basketball playing or other activities that would make it difficult to maintain 6 feet of social distancing.

What will it look like if we eat on campus?

There is NO FOOD allowed indoors. You must keep your mask on at ALL times. For this reason, eating may only happen outdoors and MUST include 6 feet of social distancing. For this reason we will be coming back in small groups (e.g., 25% or 50% of our total student population).

How many of us will return at once?

We are still discussing the exact groupings and numbers of students available to return at one time.

Will we be in one classroom all day?

Once we transition back (we may have a few shorter days to ease into it), you will follow your regular schedule, including changing classrooms at the blocks. Instruction will continue by your teachers, again using Zoom and the on-line platforms for all students.

What if I want to study on campus or meet with teachers and staff?

We are not sure if we will be able to continue the on-site cohorts due to space constraints. You will continue to have access to all of your teachers for office hours via Zoom.

Is the bell schedule the same?

Yes, the bell schedule will remain the same, however, the number of students on campus will vary from day to day, based on your groupings. Again, only 25%-50% of our students population will be here at a time.

What happens if someone tests positive for COVID-19?

- Positive case must quarantine. Person may return to school after 10 days from symptom onset or test date
- Disinfection of spaces where positive case spent time
- Contacts of positive cases must stay home for 14 days after the last date the case was present at school while infectious. NOTE: “Contact” means you were with someone for more than 15 minutes and in close proximity. This is why social distancing is SO important.
 - Recommend testing of contacts. This does not change quarantine time.
- Notify school community of a known case
- School remains open

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San Mateo County - COVID-19 Cases by City				
City	# Confirmed Cases	Total Population	% of Total Pop. Conf. COVID-19 +	
East Palo Alto	4,216	29,314	14.38%	
Atherton	178	7,137	2.49%	
Menlo Park	1508	34,698	4.35%	
Redwood City	5,093	85,925	5.93%	
Daly City	5,970	106,280	5.62%	
So. San Francisco	3,853	67,789	5.68%	
NOTE: EPA represents 11% of all cases in San Mateo County (4,216 of the 38,674 total)				
Source: San Mateo County Health				