RETURN TO SCHOOL SAFELY

REOPENING CHECKLIST

WHAT WE KNOW:

- Masking, Routine COVID Safety Checks, and vaccines are three critical mitigation strategies that should be a part of every school reopening plan.
- Routine COVID Safety Checks will ensure we keep a *consistent* and close eye on COVID in our school community.

ROUTINE COVID SAFETY CHECKS

☐ **SCHEDULE**: Solidify and communicate to staff and caregivers (example)

☐ **CONSENT**: Distribute in "Back to School Packet"

☐ **STAFFING**: Work with your testing provider to ensure they fully staff to your needs

☐ **COMMUNICATIONS**: implement a plan to increase participation (checklist)

☐ **PARTICIPATION**: Circulate safety messaging to the entire school community, local partners, and community leaders to encourage participation

1. **Keep Kids and Staff Safe**: catch cases before they spread to other students and staff
2. **Keep our Schools Open**: prevent further time away from in-person learning and friends by knowing whether it's COVID, cold, or flu
3. **Stop the Spread**: prevent infecting another member of your household or community

MASKING

☐ **WHO NEEDS TO MASK?** (DPH Guidance):

- **Unvaccinated**: All students, staff, and visitors should mask indoors
- **Vaccinated**: All students and staff have the option to wear a mask indoors
- **Everyone:** masks must be worn on school buses and in school health offices

☐ **EXCEPTIONS** (DPH Guidance):

- **Individual Exemptions**: Medical conditions or behavioral needs
- **Outdoors**: Masks are not necessary
- **Lunchtime**: Masks may be removed while eating indoors

VACCINATIONS

☐ **SCHOOL VACCINATION DRIVE**: free and fully staffed. Sign up here

☐ **ENGAGE PARENTS**: *Trust the Facts. Get the Vax* Campaign

- Share local TV spot pediatrician video (English, Spanish)
- Share short, animated video (available in 10 languages)