

March 9, 2022



Dear MetroED Staff and Students,

We are approaching the two-year mark of the COVID-19 pandemic. To state the past two years have been difficult would be an understatement. Prior to the pandemic, my number one priority was the health and safety of all staff and students. Just weeks into the pandemic, we stepped up every possible safety protocol to protect students and staff.

We have all come a long way together and I am grateful for all your cooperation and respect during the ever-changing protocols and roller coaster ride. Together, we have been able to learn to manage and live with COVID-19. With that said, I am pleased that we are now able to transition into the next stage of our response to this pandemic.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, MetroED has followed all Santa Clara County Health Department, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and OSHA guidelines regarding safety measures for our schools. This approach has helped to ensure that our campuses are open for in-person learning for our students and we plan to continue that approach by adopting the new CDPH recommendations for masking in schools.

Last week, we heard from [State](#) and [County](#) officials who stated that the last day for the mask mandate in schools is Friday, March 11th. **Effective Monday, March 14th, the use of masks while indoors at our schools will be following the recommendation of CDPH which is “strongly recommended,” which equates to optional for students and staff.**

Aside from masking, there are no other COVID-19 protocols that will change at this time. In fact, good news is that MetroED has been approved to provide COVID testing on site for SVAE students, which is new for us. MetroED will continue mitigation strategies of monitoring symptoms, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, handwashing, staying home when sick/testing, vaccination, ventilation, and the campus remains closed to unnecessary visitors. **Please review our [MetroED FAQ's](#)** to understand our practices beginning Monday, March 14th. With this in mind, it's important we work together and respect the **choices** and situations of others. “Be Kind, Be Accepting, Be Respectful and Be Safe.”

Thank you for your continued support of our schools, staff and our students.

Sincerely,



Alyssa Lynch
Superintendent
