



Livermore Valley Joint Unified  
School District

Reopening Plan

Fall/Winter 2020-21

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## **Introduction**

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) serves 13,500 students in grades TK-12 and preschool for students in our Migrant Education Program and our Special Education Program. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic we continue to maintain the commitment to prepare each student to graduate with the skills needed to contribute and thrive in a changing world. LVJUSD pivoted to distance learning on March 16, 2020 and maintained that mode of instruction through the end of the academic year on June 4, 2020. The 2020-21 school year launched with a revised distance learning program that serves all of our students. We are committed to providing distance learning as an option to each student and family through the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year, on June 10, 2021. We will also offer the opportunity for students to return to the classroom, following guidance from the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) and the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE).

This Reopening Plan provides detailed information to ACOE and to the Livermore community that supports our ability to open our classrooms and schools to in-person learning, with reduced numbers of students on campus at any given time. With this plan in place, our schools will be able to offer in-person learning and support opportunities for students. The actual number of participants in the on-campus opportunities will be determined by the expressed needs of parents and guardians combined with the availability of staff members who are able to work in person.

We are planning to open our schools for general support hubs as early as November 30, 2020. Support hubs can be phased in, depending on need and interest of students, throughout the year. We are also planning to offer hybrid instruction beginning as early as January 19, 2021. We will seek commitment from elementary parents and guardians about their child's preference for distance or hybrid learning in November, and offer specific class assignments and schedules to families prior to beginning hybrid learning. A gradual return to in-person learning, starting with students in grades 1 and 2, followed in two weeks by students in grades PK, TK, K, and 3, and then by students in grades 4 and 5 in a phased-in approach over a 4-week period. As elementary grades are phasing in, we will also offer in-person opportunities for middle and high school students.

LVJUSD values the health and safety of all students, families and staff members. Our Reopening Plan has been developed with the expertise of our educators, our operations staff, and our school nurses, and with input from the Reopening Task Force, a representative group of all stakeholders. This plan adheres to the requirements defined in the [COVID-19 School Guidance: Alameda County School Reopening Plans](#) document that reflects the most current directives from the State and County health departments. All elements of this plan are in place and will be operational before students return. Implementation of this plan, and returning students to in-person learning, is contingent upon the status of the pandemic in our community.

## **LVJUSD Contact Information and Reopening Plan Specifics**

### **Contact Information**

- Name of School District: Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District
- Address: 685 E. Jack London Blvd., Livermore, CA, 94551
- Website: [www.livermoreschools.org](http://www.livermoreschools.org)
- Superintendent: Kelly Bowers, Ed.D
- Date of Reopening: As early as January 19, 2021
  - Support hubs may open as early as November 30, 2020
- Date of Submission: November 12, 2020
- School Type: Public
- Name/Title/Email and Phone of COVID-19 liaison:
  - Carolyn Reggiardo, BSN, RN, MSN School Nurse
  - [creggiardo@lvjUSD.org](mailto:creggiardo@lvjUSD.org)
  - 925-766-3925

### **Health Order / Guidance**

All school and District level administrators have familiarized themselves with the current order from the Alameda County Public Health Department, and continue to stay apprised of changes issued by ACPHD. The [ACPHD COVID-19 Updates](#) page on the ACPHD website contains the latest information.

In addition, administrators are familiar with the [COVID-19 School Guidance: Alameda County School Reopening Plans](#) document that was used to guide this plan. In addition, our Superintendent and COVID-19 Liaison continue to meet regularly with representatives from ACPHD and ACOE to ensure that our district is current on the requirements to maintain the necessary health and safety standards.

### **School Information - Elementary and K-8 Schools**

Following are the elementary schools within LVJUSD, along with the total student population of each school and the total number of staff members. Parents will be polled and asked to commit to either distance learning or hybrid by the second week of November. The results of that poll will determine the number of students who plan to participate in hybrid learning, and will update the “TBD” status indicated. We are able to accommodate all students who want to participate in hybrid learning.

#### **Altamont Creek Elementary School**

- Address: 6500 Garaventa Ranch Rd., Livermore, CA 94551
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/altamont](http://livermoreschools.org/altamont)

- Number of students enrolled/returning: 606/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 29/TBD
- Grade levels served: TK - 5
- Grade levels to be reopened: TK - 5

### **Arroyo Seco Elementary School**

- Address: 5280 Irene Way, Livermore, CA 94550
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/seco](http://livermoreschools.org/seco)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 630/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 31/TBD
- Grade levels served: TK - 5
- Grade levels to be reopened: TK - 5

### **Leo Croce Elementary School**

- Address: 5650 Scenic Ave., Livermore, CA 94551
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/croce](http://livermoreschools.org/croce)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 676/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 33/TBD
- Grade levels served: PK - 5
- Grade levels to be reopened: PK - 5

### **Jackson Avenue Elementary School**

- Address: 554 Jackson Ave., Livermore, CA 94550
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/jackson](http://livermoreschools.org/jackson)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 487/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 29/TBD
- Grade levels served: TK - 5
- Grade levels to be reopened: TK - 5

### **Joe Michell K-8 School**

- Address: 1001 Elaine Ave., Livermore CA 94550
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/michell](http://livermoreschools.org/michell)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 779/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 41/TBD
- Grade levels served: TK - 8
- Grade levels to be reopened: TK - 8

### **Junction Avenue K-8 School**

- Address: 298 Junction Ave., Livermore, CA 94550
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/junction](http://livermoreschools.org/junction)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 929/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 48/TBD
- Grade levels served: PK - 8
- Grade levels to be reopened: PK - 8

### **Lawrence Elementary School**

- Address: 2451 Portola Ave., Livermore CA 94551
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/lawrence](http://livermoreschools.org/lawrence)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 359/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 18/TBD
- Grade levels served: TK - 5
- Grade levels to be reopened: TK - 5

### **Marylin Avenue Elementary School**

- Address: 800 Marylin Ave., Livermore, CA 94551
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/marylin](http://livermoreschools.org/marylin)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 360/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 24/TBD
- Grade levels served: PK - 5
- Grade levels to be reopened: PK - 5

### **Rancho Las Positas Elementary School**

- Address: 401 E. Jack London Blvd., Livermore, CA 94551
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/rancho](http://livermoreschools.org/rancho)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 592/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 30/TBD
- Grade levels served: TK - 5
- Grade levels to be reopened: TK - 5

### **Emma Smith Elementary School**

- Address: 391 Ontario Dr., Livermore, CA 94550
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/smith](http://livermoreschools.org/smith)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 667/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 29/TBD
- Grade levels served: TK - 5
- Grade levels to be reopened: TK - 5

### **Sunset Elementary School**

- Address: 1671 Frankfurt Way, Livermore, CA 94550
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/sunset](http://livermoreschools.org/sunset)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 743/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 33/TBD
- Grade levels served: TK - 5
- Grade levels to be reopened: TK - 5

### **Vineyard Alternative School (Elementary & Secondary)**

- Address: 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore, CA 94550
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/vineyard](http://livermoreschools.org/vineyard)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 98/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 7/TBD

- Grade levels served: 1 - 12
- Grade levels to be reopened: 1 - 12

## **School Information - Secondary Schools**

Following are the secondary schools within LVJUSD, along with the total student population of each school and the total number of staff members. Parents will be polled and asked to commit to either distance learning or hybrid in December. The results of that poll will determine the number of students who plan to participate in hybrid learning, and will update the “TBD” status indicated. We are able to accommodate all students who want to participate in hybrid learning.

### **Christensen Middle School**

- Address: 5757 Haggin Oaks Avenue
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/christensen](http://livermoreschools.org/christensen)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 637/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 30/TBD
- Grade levels served: 6-8
- Grade levels to be reopened: 6-8

### **Del Valle Continuation High School**

- Address: 2253 Fifth Avenue
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/delvalle](http://livermoreschools.org/delvalle)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 118/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 9/TBD
- Grade levels served: 9-12
- Grade levels to be reopened: 9-12

### **East Avenue Middle School**

- Address: 3951 East Avenue
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/east](http://livermoreschools.org/east)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 583/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 25/TBD
- Grade levels served: 6-8
- Grade levels to be reopened: 6-8

### **Granada High School**

- Address: 400 Wall Street
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/granadahigh](http://livermoreschools.org/granadahigh)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 2330/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 103/TBD
- Grade levels served: 9-12
- Grade levels to be reopened: 9-12

### **Livermore High School**

- Address: 600 Maple Street
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/livermorehigh](http://livermoreschools.org/livermorehigh)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 1864/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 84/TBD
- Grade levels served: 9-12
- Grade levels to be reopened: 9-12

### **Mendenhall Middle School**

- Address: 1701 El Prado Drive
- Website: [livermoreschools.org/mendenhall](http://livermoreschools.org/mendenhall)
- Number of students enrolled/returning: 915/TBD
- Number of staff/returning: 40/TBD
- Grade levels served: 6-8
- Grade levels to be reopened: 6-8

### **Reopening Plan Posted to Website**

This reopening plan is posted on our LVJUSD website in English and in Spanish and can be printed from the pdf on the website. In addition, our plan is reflected in the Hybrid Learning section of our updated [LVJUSD 2020-21 School Year Handbook](#), also posted on our District and school websites in both English and Spanish.

### **Public Health Commitments: Cleaning & Disinfection**

LVJUSD Custodial teams at each District and school site follow guidance for reopening from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Education (CDE), and the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD). In addition to regularly scheduled cleanings, our team will clean all high touch surfaces including tables, counters, desktops, chairs, doorknobs, door touch points, window handles, light switches, sink faucets, and dispensers between cohort classes or daily, whichever is more frequent. Spray bottles with disinfectant will be available in classrooms and other office locations at each site for use by teachers and office staff as needed to satisfy their comfort level with surface conditions in addition to the standard cleaning measures listed below. Note: drinking fountains will not be in use during hybrid learning.

In addition to standard cleaning and manual disinfecting procedures, custodians will routinely use electrostatic spraying, a process that emits positively charged particles that “wrap around” surfaces in classrooms and offices and uniformly disinfects the harder to reach areas. The product, EPA N listed Waxie 730 HP (EPA 45745-11), will be used in the electrostatic machine. This machine provides a mist that disinfects all surfaces. This product dries 5-10 minutes after application.



Additionally, hand sanitizer will be provided for every classroom, workroom, workstation (for those site workers who do not have a traditional classroom), office, cafeteria, and outdoor area.

- **Classrooms, Work Spaces & Multi-Purpose Rooms - Daily Cleaning**
  - Empty trash, recycling, and compost, if applicable.
  - Check and refill, as needed, paper towel, soap, and hand sanitizer dispensers.
  - Clean all soiled surfaces including tables, counter, desktops, chairs, door handles/panic bars, door touch points, window handles, light switches, sink faucets, and dispensers with a clean microfiber towel with Envirox H2Orange2 cleaner.
  - Disinfect using EPA N listed Waxie 730 HP (EPA 45745-11) in the electrostatic machine. Disinfect all high touch surfaces including tables, counters, desktops, chairs, doorknobs, door touch points, window handles, light switches, sink faucets, and dispensers. Make sure the areas are thoroughly covered with the Waxie 730 HP disinfectant and allow the chemical to air dry.
  - If Vinyl Composition Tile or Luxury Vinyl Tile floor is present, mop and clean/disinfect.
  
- **Restrooms - Multiple Times Per Day Cleaning**
  - Restrooms are cleaned between elementary AM/PM cohorts and at the end of each day at all sites.
  - A face shield or protective goggles will be worn when cleaning toilets or urinals.
  - Empty trash.
  - Check and refill, as needed, toilet paper, paper towel, and soap dispensers.
  - Use two (2) clean microfiber towels for each restroom. Use Envirox H2Orange2 cleaner to clean all soiled surfaces with one microfiber towel including door handles/door touchpoints, toilet partition doors and handles, and walls. Use the second microfiber towel to clean all toilet-urinal fixture surfaces and handles.
  - Sweep restroom floor then wet mop floors with approved EPA N listed Waxie 730 HP disinfectant.
  - Disinfect using EPA N listed Waxie 730 HP (EPA 45745-11) in the electrostatic machine. Disinfect all high touch surfaces including door knobs, door touch points, light switches, sink faucets and sink surfaces, paper towel/TP and soap dispensers, feminine hygiene receptacles, toilet-urinal handles and surfaces, and toilet seats. Make sure the areas are thoroughly covered with the Waxie 730 HP disinfectant and allow the chemical to air dry.
  
- **Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocol if COVID-19 Positive or Potentially Positive Case**
  - Immediately close the space or spaces where the student/staff member was working, and keep closed for 24 hours.
  - After a minimum 24-hour period, the custodian will enter in full PPE (disposable gloves, N-95 or KN95 mask, face shield or goggles, and gown).

- The space will be cleaned and disinfected following CDC recommended guidelines, as indicated above in daily cleaning protocol: all surfaces will be cleaned with Envirox H2Orange2 cleaner, and hard surface floors will be cleaned with EPA N listed Waxie 730 HP disinfectant.
- The electrostatic sprayer will be used to disinfect the space: using EPA N listed Waxie 730 HP (EPA 45745-11) in the electrostatic machine, all surfaces will be thoroughly covered with the Waxie 730 HP disinfectant, and the chemical will be allowed to dry before others can enter the space.

### **Public Health Commitments: HVAC & Ventilation**

Throughout our district, we will modify our ventilation systems to increase the flow of fresh outdoor air within school buildings. The following measures will be completed prior to students returning to school:

- HVAC service technicians will adjust HVAC units so the outside air dampers are set to allow the most outside air into the rooms as is practicable and still maintain some level of comfort inside the rooms.
- HVAC service technicians will install MERV 13 filters in every HVAC unit throughout the district prior to the reopening date. The MERV 13 filters help prevent the spread of COVID-19 within each space.
- During remote learning, thermostats are programmed to operate when the occupant manually sets the wall thermostat to their desired temperature, between 69 and 75 degrees Fahrenheit; otherwise they will be off. This is to accommodate those situations where some teachers are not in their classrooms every day. Prior to students returning to the classrooms, the thermostat programming will be changed to pre-ventilate the rooms by turning on HVAC fans and pulling in outside air prior to occupancy.
- Door sensors have been disabled on those classrooms that have Pelican thermostats, allowing the teachers to leave the doors open if they choose while also allowing the HVAC units to operate continuously.

Once classrooms are occupied, during in-person learning:

- HVAC Technicians will maintain a regular filter replacement schedule.
- When outside air temperature allows, staff members are encouraged to open windows if the room has operable windows. When leaving the room at the end of the day, windows should be closed for security reasons.

### **Cohorting**

During hybrid learning, LVJUSD will maintain cohorts following the guidance of the [COVID-19 School Guidance: Alameda County School Reopening Plans](#) document. Specifically:

- Elementary students will be kept in small, stable, groups with fixed membership that stay together for all activities. These cohorts will be limited to the number of students that can be physically distanced in a designated space.

- Schedules and movement on campus will minimize contact between different cohorts.
- Students will be allowed to participate in more than one cohort, as defined in the COVID-19 School Guidance plan.
- Following ACOE guidance, students at middle and high schools will remain in the same space and in groups as small and as consistent as possible. When it is not possible to remain in stable cohorts within the same space (e.g. secondary school), face coverings and limiting group gatherings will be highly prioritized.

### **Physical Distancing**

Space and routines will be arranged to allow for physical distancing of students and staff, allowing for 6 feet of distance between individuals.

- Within the classroom, students will be seated at desks or tables that provide 6 feet of space between students. In smaller classrooms, desks will be spaced apart; in larger classrooms, students will be seated at alternate desks, with each cohort using its own set of desks.

### **Entrance, Egress, and Movement within the School**

Movement of students, staff, and parents will be managed to avoid close contact or mixing of cohorts.

- Each site will identify and label entrances and exits to avoid congregating during the start and end of each cohort's daily schedule.
- Schools will have one-way foot traffic designated in hallways and walking areas, with markers to guide students to maintain the appropriate lane.
- During the day, supervision by adults will support students keeping a 6-foot distance. Recess times for each cohort will be staggered or limited to specific areas of the campus.
- Expectations for adhering to social distancing requirements have been and will continue to be explicitly communicated to all staff, and staff will be expected to avoid congregating in areas of the campus and to maintain a 6-foot distance from each other.
- Requirements for face coverings and physical distancing extend to all contractors and visitors to District and school sites, including parents and guardians as they bring children to school and pick them up from school.
- Parents and guardians are not allowed on campus during instruction, other than to pick up information at the office. The number of parents standing in the office will be limited. Any essential in-person parent meetings will be held after hours outside, if possible, or in rooms with physical distancing, face coverings, and adequate ventilation.

## **Face Coverings and other Essential Protective Gear**

CDPH and ACPHD's face covering requirements, as indicated in [ACPHD Order 20-13](#) will be satisfied and enforced.

- Cloth face coverings will be required (except when eating or drinking) for students (K and up) and all school staff, with the exception of students unable to wear them due to special circumstances such as particular developmental or health diagnosis that would limit their ability to wear a face covering. Staff will remind and assist students with wearing the face cloth coverings in all settings, except during meals.
- We will also have signs posted throughout the campus to help remind staff and students, and to reinforce wearing of face coverings.
- Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) will be supplied to staff and students when needed.
- Our district has secured personal protective equipment (i.e. face masks, shields) for staff and students, based on CDPH and CalOSHA guidelines. Supplies have been distributed to sites for staff and students who may have forgotten to bring their cloth masks to school/work.

## **Health Screenings for Students and Staff**

In order to limit the spread of COVID-19, students and staff will be screened for symptoms prior to entry to a District or school site. Students and staff who exhibit symptoms will be taken to an isolation room where they can be observed until they are able to go home.

The health screening asks information in the following three areas:

- 1) possible exposure to someone with COVID-19
- 2) symptoms and visual screening for illness
- 3) temperature

Parents/guardians will be expected to screen the student before coming to school, and to share the responses via a Google form that sends the information to the school. Students whose information has not been received will be screened and have a contactless temperature reading upon arrival at school. Staff members conducting screening will wear face shields and face masks.

## **Guidelines for Symptomatic Students & Staff on District and School Sites**

Should a student or staff member feel or exhibit signs of illness that align with the symptoms of COVID-19, they shall immediately be separated from others. Each District and school site will identify an isolation room for this purpose.

Signs and symptoms of illness include:

- Fever 100 degrees or above
- Cough/runny nose/sore throat
- Nausea/vomiting
- Abdominal pain/diarrhea
- Sudden loss of taste/smell

If a student becomes ill:

- The teacher will call the office and inform the administrator that a student is being escorted up to the isolation room.
- Office staff will call the parent/guardian to have the student picked up immediately.
- The student will remain in the isolation room, wearing a mask, and in view of a staff member until pickup.
- The student will be escorted to their parent's vehicle in the most direct route possible, minimizing contact with others as much as possible.
- Parents will be advised to contact their healthcare provider and consider COVID-19 testing, if indicated. They should follow strict isolation unless COVID-19 has been ruled out by their healthcare provider. Community resources are available upon request.
- An ill student sent home will require a medical clearance to return.

If a staff member becomes ill:

- An ill staff member will notify their site administrator and leave campus promptly, minimizing contact with others as much as possible.
- Staff members will be advised to contact their healthcare provider and consider COVID-19 testing, if indicated. They should follow strict isolation unless COVID-19 has been ruled out by their healthcare provider. Community resources are available upon request.

Site administrators will notify school site nurses at their earliest convenience in order to receive further direction as to next steps.

Custodial staff will be notified and follow cleaning protocols for both the isolation room as well as the student's or staff member's classroom or work space, if necessary.

## **Health Hygiene Practices**

Handwashing stations and hand sanitizer will be readily available at all sites so that students and staff can frequently make use of them. All will be encouraged to apply hand sanitizer upon entrance to and exit from any District or school site.

- Every elementary classroom in our District has a sink. Soap dispensers and signage have been placed at each sink for handwashing. Soap dispensers will be filled as needed.

- In addition to the availability of sinks in restrooms, we will provide portable hand washing stations for students at middle and high schools.
- All classrooms have hand sanitizer stations or bottles. Hand sanitizer stations and bottles will be available throughout the school in common spaces.

Understanding and implementation of health hygiene practices will be promoted and incorporated into daily routines at schools and District sites. Principals and teachers will publicize and teach proper hygiene practices with daily reminders. Communication through newsletters, websites, and social media will promote proper hygiene practices among families and throughout our district community. In particular, the habits of handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and maintaining physical distancing - in addition to wearing a face covering - will be the norm.

To further the effect of proper hygiene, the use of shared items will be minimized. Each student will have their own individual supplies for individual assignments and projects. Common tools will be wiped down with disinfectant wipes between uses.

### **Identification and Tracing of Contacts**

To suppress the spread of COVID-19, we will respond immediately when we are notified of any confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. All of our procedures follow the guidelines and requirements identified in the [COVID-19 School Guidance: Alameda County School Reopening Plans](#) document. In addition, our [LVJUSD 2020-21 School Year Handbook](#) contains specific scenario examples that outline our responses to a confirmed positive test by a student or staff member.

Each school site has a school nurse assigned to support health and wellness needs at the site, who serves as the designated staff member to support contact tracing and communicates directly with the ACPHD. Our District COVID-19 liaison is also the point of contact for District sites and oversees the contact tracing process throughout our district and schools.

Contact tracing includes identification of students and staff members who are confirmed positive with COVID-19, notification of ACPHD, and notification of students (and parents/guardians) and staff members who have been in close contact with the individual who tested positive.

If there is a confirmed positive case of a student or staff member during hybrid learning:

- The school nurse will contact the Alameda County Public Health Department
- All HIPPA and FERPA regulations will be followed.
- Cohort members and close contacts will be notified that there was a confirmed positive case and will be advised to quarantine for 14 (calendar) days.
  - If the individual is in the AM cohort, the teacher and all students in the AM cohort will be quarantined for 14 days, shifting to distance learning during that time. The PM cohort will also switch to distance learning because the teacher will be quarantined, or will have a substitute.

- Siblings and household members of the confirmed positive individuals will be notified of ACPHD and CDC protocols and advised to quarantine for 14 days. Siblings of confirmed positive students should not participate in in-person learning during the quarantine period.
- Classroom and/or work space of the confirmed positive individual will be cleaned and disinfected, as outlined in the Cleaning & Disinfection section of this plan.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to become familiar with ACPHD COVID-19 guidelines. If any member of a household tests positive, all should quarantine for 14 days. Students who miss school because of being quarantined will be able to make up all missed work, and their absences will be excused. Staff members who are unable to work will use sick leave for their absence.

### **Staff Training and Family Education**

Staff members and families will be informed of the details of this plan and will comply with it. The [LVJUSD 2020-21 School Year Handbook](#) contains applicable information from this plan and is available to all members of our community on our website.

In addition to this plan, all staff members participated in mandatory COVID-19 training, titled “Coronavirus Awareness” as part of our annual Keenan trainings.

### **Testing of Staff**

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, all staff members are screened prior to entering their work site each day. In addition, our district has signed a contract with Curative to provide ongoing, regular testing of staff members. Initial testing will be conducted prior to the beginning of in-person learning, and will continue so that all teachers and staff members are tested at least monthly.

Currently, there is COVID-19 testing available in our community for any individuals who are experiencing symptoms and/or feel the need to be tested. We have a partnership with [STAT MED Livermore](#) which provides our staff members with local testing for COVID-19.

### **Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning**

Our intent is to keep our schools open for hybrid learning; we will follow the guidance of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the ACPHD in the event that we need to make the determination to close a school or all schools within the district. When classrooms or schools are closed to in-person learning, cohorts resume distance learning during the period of quarantine.

The CDPH has established the following metrics to inform a decision to close due to COVID-19:

- A classroom will be closed and students and teacher(s) will be quarantined for 14 days if 5% of the cohort - one person in a 16-person cohort - tests positive.
- A school would be closed and everyone subject to quarantine for 14 days if 5% of the students and teachers on that school site tested positive.
- A district would close for in-person learning if 25% of our schools had a 5% positive rate. (With the planned reopening of 12 school sites that serve elementary grades, we would close the district if three schools experienced a 5% positive rate.)

There is also the possibility that the County Health Office may determine that schools or districts should close if there is an increase in the community spread of COVID-19.

## **Communication Plans**

District leadership has maintained ongoing communication with families and staff members since before the onset of the coronavirus in spring 2020. Site communication augments District messaging and provides specific information to students, families, and staff members at each site.

We are committed to maintaining ongoing communication and outreach:

- The [LVJUSD 2020-21 School Year Handbook](#) is available on the homepage of each district and school website, providing access to complete information about distance learning, hybrid learning, and health and safety guidelines.
- Email communications to families and staff members share updates and information; letters are posted on our website for community access on the [2020-21 Communication & Updates](#) page.
- A [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page provides current information and additional clarity around relevant topics.
- Surveys are shared with students, parents, and/or staff members to garner feedback and input on relevant topics including hybrid learning and reopening.
- District social media platforms and our Livermore Schools mobile app share current information and alerts, as needed.

## **Conclusion**

This plan meets all of the requirements outlined in the [ACOE & ACPHD School Reopening Checklist](#).

In addition to the information included in this plan, we are providing details to our families that will support the successful implementation of hybrid learning including Child Nutrition information, cohort schedules, mental health resources, and additional details about the implementation of hybrid learning - all of which can be found in our [LVJUSD 2020-21 School Year Handbook](#).