

## Safe Return to School Plan Community Survey: A Brief Summary

The Safe Return to School Plan Community Survey was a non-mandatory survey. Community members could participate as often as they liked. As of August 23, 2021 the District had 122 responses to the Survey. Respondents self-reported their community role as follows; parent/guardian 94.3%, Faculty/Staff 3.3%, Community Member 1.6%, and Student 0.8%. The respondents identified and reported the following schools as where their children spend their time learning; Junior-Senior High School 60.7%, Mansion Avenue Elementary School 45.9% and Haviland Avenue Elementary School 33.6%. Fifty respondents shared their surname; of these respondents 6 completed the survey more than once. Forty-six respondents shared their email address; of these respondents 4 completed the survey more than once.

When identifying the critical lens of their question, comment, and/or suggestion, respondents reported as follows; Healthy & Safety 68.9%, Student Learning 49.2%, Other 13.15, and Stakeholder Needs 5.7%. When identifying specific mitigation strategy of interest, respondents shared the following at the following percentages; universal correct wearing of masks 67.2%, other 27.0%, physical distancing 22.1%, appropriate accommodations for at risk students 20.5%, efforts to provide vaccinations 17.2%, cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities 14.8%, diagnostic screening and testing 13.1%, handwashing and respiratory etiquette 10.7%, and contact tracing 8.2%.

Community members participated in the three open-ended comment sections, there were 110 questions, comments, and/or suggestions in the first of the three comment boxes summarized as follows:

- Masks Should Be Non-Mandatory - 38
- Masks Should Be Mandatory - 10
- Will Masks Breaks Be Permitted - 1
- Unvaccinated Faculty, Staff, and Students Should Be Masked - 1
- Rapid Testing Would Be Beneficial - 1
- Will/Could There Be Hybrid Learning Options - 5
- Will Lunch and/or Snacks Be Available - 2
- Will Once Dose of Vaccine Be Considered Vaccinated - 1
- How Will Absences Be Handled - 2
- Will Class Sizes Be Smaller - 1
- Will Students Be Socially Distanced - 1
- How Will Contact Tracing/COVID Identification Be Handled - 2
- We Should Have a Full Day of Instruction - 4
- What Will the Consequences Be for Non-compliance to Masks - 1
- Will Additional Learning Opportunities Be Available (ESD, ESY, Other) - 1
- Is There a Plan for Full-Remote if Needed - 1
- Will Vaccinations Be Required/Available - 2

There were 57 questions, comments, and/or suggestions in the second of the three comment boxes summarized as follows:

- Masks Should Be Non-Mandatory - 11
- Masks Should Be Mandatory - 2

- Rapid/Diagnostic Testing Would Be Beneficial - 1
- Will/Could There Be Hybrid Learning Options - 3
- Will Lunch and/or Snacks Be Available - 2
- Will Students Be Socially Distanced - 1
- How Will Contact Tracing/COVID Identification Be Handled - 1
- We Should Have a Full Day of Instruction - 4
- Will Vaccinations Be Required/Available - 3
- Can Some Learning Be Done Outside - 1
- Will Quarantine Be Required After Travel - 1
- What Will Be the Cleaning Practices - 1
- Will There Be Temperature Checks - 1
- Could/Will We Separate the Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Students - 2
- Off Topic Comment - 1

There were 32 questions, comments, and/or suggestions in the third of the three comment boxes summarized as follows:

- Masks Should Be Non-Mandatory - 2
- Masks Should Be Mandatory - 1
- Will Masks Breaks Be Permitted - 1
- Will/Could There Be Hybrid Learning Options - 1
- Will There Be a Hybrid Option for Compromised Families - 1
- Will Vaccinations Be Required/Available - 4
- Will There Be Temperature Checks - 1
- Can We Return to All Previous Activities (Athletics, Extracurricular, etc.) - 1
- Will Keys Have a Capacity Limit - 1
- Off Topic Comment - 2

The purpose of the survey was to gather questions, comments, and/or suggestions in order to create a comprehensive and coherent Safe Return to School Plan. The frequently asked question document addresses all of the answerable questions at this time. It is important to note that a significant number of the respondents from this non-mandatory survey expressed interest in the District's face masks expectations. When reviewing the preference, Dr. Davis noted questions as to the purpose of and/or validity of face masks under the "Masks Should Be Non-Mandatory" category; many of these responses included explanations for why or why not face masks should be worn (e.g. vaccinations, age, role) and in what scenarios (e.g. building level, age, role). More than half (60.7%) of the respondents noted that their child(ren) spent their educational time in the Junior-Senior High School and many commented that their child(ren) was(were) vaccinated. The District administration has decided to err on the side of caution and to adhere to the Governor's orders for face masking for the opening of our schools. The face masks expectations as well as other protocols within the Plan will be reviewed often and considered based on the COVID activity levels in Audubon and nearby communities.