

August 30, 2021

Dear Superintendent and Board Members,

We are writing to request an urgent policy be put in place prior to the next IUSD Board of Trustees meeting.

IUSD's current policies are based on data and protocols from pre-delta COVID variants. Due to the Delta variant, the current health environment here is considered a region of high community transmission based on [CDC criteria](#). There is [considerable evidence](#) of outdoor transmission of the more contagious Delta SARS-CoV-2 variant and in this context the CDC is [recommending](#) that all individuals wear "a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated." Locally, on August 17, 2021, during a [daily COVID update](#), Orange County Health Care Agency Director Clayton Chau recommended that children should wear masks outside at school even if not required to prevent the spread of infection. Since most grade levels are children below the minimum age of 12 for vaccination, preventing contagion is particularly important for IUSD students.

As a result of the greater threat posed by the Delta Variant to unvaccinated children, outdoor mask requirements in K-12 settings are being put into place in many locations, including [Los Angeles USD](#), [Oakland USD](#), and statewide in [Oregon on August 24](#).

As of August 25, on the 5th day of school instruction, there are already 31 reported student cases and 21 staff cases across IUSD documented in the IUSD COVID-19 Dashboard. Our district has always done more than state minimum requirements for the education of our children, and it should do the same for their health and safety. Also, it is clear that *a significant COVID outbreak in Irvine schools would have a major negative impact on attendance, grade level progress, test scores, grades, district reputation, and more.*

Therefore, we urge you to:

- Adopt outdoor masking policies in K-12 schools, childcare, and other youth settings across IUSD.
- Institute physical distancing during snack and lunch time, when students will by necessity be unmasked.
- Commit to the continued use of masking indoors, in K-12 schools, childcare, and other youth settings, regardless of vaccination status as long as recommended by the CDC.

Since this is an urgent matter that should be implemented as soon as possible, and should not wait until the next Board of Trustees meeting on September 14, *we urge the Superintendent to use his authority to implement the outdoor mask and physical distancing policies as soon as possible.*

In addition, we urge the Superintendent and Board to raise their efforts to encourage vaccinations, which are the most effective way to stop COVID-19, and specifically to identify, with state data, which communities in IUSD may have low vaccination rates for those 12 and above, and to then partner with healthcare providers to provide vaccination clinics at high schools with the most impacted communities. This is being implemented at Tustin USD.

Thank you for your time and attention to keeping our children, families, and staff safe while they continue their learning experience at IUSD.

Sincerely,

Irvine Parents for COVID Safe Schools

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Signatories' initials:

1. AC Vista Verde
2. MA Northwood High School
3. RL Stone Creek Elementary
4. SL Vista Verde
5. AC Jeffrey Trail
6. MP Alderwood Elementary
7. BC University high school
8. TS Eastshore Elementary
9. KH Meadowpark Elementary School
10. AL Vista verde
11. JP University HS
12. AW Meadow Park
13. SH Woodbury Elementary
14. CL Westpark elementary school
15. AI Cadence Park
16. AC Woodbury
17. MZ Northwood High School
18. LF Cypress village elementary
19. HL Portola High School
20. HL Cadence Park
21. SL Stonegate Elementary School
22. VR Vista Verde
23. AG IUSD
24. BP Canyon View
25. GP Cypress Village Elementary
26. AG Cypress Village Elementary
27. LH Cypress Village Elementary School
28. D Brywood
29. JM Northwood Elementary
30. KN ECLC, Portola Springs Elementary
31. JW Cypress village elementary
32. SP Cypress Village
33. DH Cypress Village
34. TV Woodbury elementary school
35. SB Cypress Elementary School
36. MR Cypress Villa Elementary
37. LS Eastshore
38. JY College Park Elementary
39. N Vista verde
40. GM Oak Creek
41. CF Vista Verde
42. C Canyon View
43. HZ canyon view
44. P Stonegate elementary
45. AL Eastshore Elementary
46. CC Santiago Hills Elementary
47. JG Turtle Rock Elementary School
48. CL Eastshore Elementary
49. SM Greentree
50. LL Vista Verde K-8th, University High School
51. LH Cadence Park

52.	TK	Portola High School
53.	AL	Portola Springs elementary, Loma Ridge elementary
54.	S	Plaza Vista
55.	EK	Oak Creek Elementary
56.	SY	Stone Creek Elementary
57.	KY	Stone Creek Elementary
58.	BCC	Sierra Vista Middle School
59.	WKC	Sierra Vista Middle School
60.	RC	Cypress Village Elementary
61.	DF	IUSD Virtual Academy
62.	GF	IUSD Virtual Academy
63.	CL	cypress village elementary
64.	NH	Cadence Park
65.	LH	Meadow Park Elementary
66.	TK	Oak Creek Elementary
67.	CK	Portola Springs Elementary School
68.	CD	Woodbury, JTMS
69.	JG	Stonegate Elementary
70.	MR	Turtle rock elementary
71.	TM	Stonegate Elementary
72.	MM	University High School
73.	BP	Woodbury Elementary School
74.	KC	Woodbury Elementary School
75.	SK	Eastwood Elementary School
76.	AM	Deerfield Elementary
77.	JJ	Vista verde elementary
78.	V	Stonegate elementary school
79.	JP	Woodbury Elementary
80.	JC	Eastshore elementary school
81.	A	Eastshore
82.	JB	beacon Park
83.	YLC	Loma Ridge Elementary
84.	MS	Stone Creek
85.	JA	University Park Elementary
86.	HB	Was Alderwood but felt unsafe so IVA
87.	EM	Vista Verde
88.	MN	Vista Verde and University HS
89.	SH	Woodbury Elementary
90.	CD	Northwood
91.	AH	Woodbury Elementary
92.	ML	Sone Creek Elementary
93.	AL	Stone Creek Elementary
94.	TT	Brywood
95.	NB	Deerfield
96.	ET	Vista Verde Elementary School
97.	EL	Vista Verde
98.	CL	Westpark
99.	TK	Cadence Park
100.	KL	Westpark Elementary School, South Lake Middle School
101.	RL	Irvine Virtual Academy, South Lake Middle School, University High School
102.	AT	Turtle Rock Elementary
103.	JJ	Cadence park

104. YH Woodbury Elementary
105. CC Springbrook Elementary
106. AC Vista Verde School
107. YF Westpark elementary
108. CHY Cypress village elementary school
109. AC Brywood Elementary, Sierra Vista MS, Northwood HS
110. CK Westpark Elementary
111.AM Cypress village , ECLC
112. LM Eastshore Elementary
113. RT Eastwood
114. CT Greentree Elementary
115. AMM Vista Verde, Irvine High
116. PK cypressvillage
117. WK Beacon Park
118. KL South Lake Middle School
119. K Deerfield
120. MR UHC - SLM
121. NG Eastwood
122. WH Stonegate
123. KH Turtle Rock Elementary, Rancho Middle
124. JY Westpark
125. CQ Northwood High School
126. SK Alderwood Elementary
127. AD Cadence Park Elementary
128. AQ Northwood High School
129. CM Westpark Elementary
130. RC Westpark Elementary School
131. PZ Portola springs elementary
132. BZ Portola springs elementary
133. SH Cypress Village Elementary school
134. LS Portola springs elementary
135. VN ECLC & Portola Springs Elementary
136. KW Santiago Hills, Northwood High
137. TW Turtle Rock, Rancho
138. J Woodbury Elementary, Jeffrey Trails Middle School
139. CM Canyon View
140. MC Stone Creek Elementary
141. D Cypress village elementary school
142. JC Portola Springs Elementary
143. CML Portola Springs Elementary
144. CM Lakeside Middle School
145. CJ ECLC and Portola Springs Elementary School
146. JW Eastshore
147. AK Meadow Park
148. SC Canyon View Elementary
149. MGS Woodbury Elementary and Portola High School
150. KA University Park Elementary, Rancho San Joaquin Middle
151. KY Canyon view
152. LZ Jeffrey Trail Middle School, Portola Springs Elementary, IVA
153. F Eastwood
154. WL Turtle Rock Elementary
155. VS Vista Verde

156. CC Portola Springs Elementary
157. LM Turtle Rock
158. SC Portola High
159. AJ Vista Verde
160. EM Turtle Rock Elementary
161. JM Stonegate Elementary
162. PY Cadence park school
163. LC Eastwood elementary
164. SK Woodbury and Jeffrey Trails
165. A Sierra Vista Middle School
166. CT Woodbury Elementary
167. PK Plaza Vista
168. CJ Woodbury Elementary School
169. CH Greentree elem
170. TT Eastshore & Alderwood
171. WFY Beacon Park school
172. HC Portola High
173. MZ Canyon View
174. MB Vista verde
175. NC Northwood Elementary
176. WT Loma Ridge Elementary
177. RW Loma Ridge Elementary
178. MR Jeffrey Trail Middle School & Portola High School
179. TD IVA /stone creek
180. KM Vista Verde
181. JH Alderwood
182. SG Beacon park
183. KA Greentree
184. JL Sierra vista middle school
185. CH Oak Creek Elementary
186. WSL Stone Creek
187. JH Portola Springs Elementary
188. BG Vista Verde
189. AC Woodbury Elementary School
190. JL Eastshore, University High
191. YM Vista Verde
192. KL Eastshore, University High
193. IS Meadow park elementary
194. PJ Eastwoodscool
195. AT University Park Elementary
196. MC Stone creek elementary and South Lake Middle school
197. TC Stone creek elementary and South Lake Middle school
198. JM Sierra vista
199. FA Vista Verde
200. CA Alderwood Elementary
201. MD Deerfield elementary school
202. DP Alderwood
203. WL JTMS
204. N Oak Creek Elementary
205. N Alderwood
206. BH Stonegate Elementary School
207. AC Alderwood and turtle rock preschool

208. CW South Lake MS and Woodbridge
209. RG Vista Verde
210. ZC Culverdale
211. AC Beacon Park School
212. YY Stonegate
213. S Plaza Vista
214. SC Cadence Park
215. ML South Lake Middle School
216. AJ CanyonView elementary
217. AH Jeffrey Trail Middle School
218. WP JTMS and NHS
219. ZB Canyon view elementary
220. RM Woodbury Elementary
221. J South lake
222. HM Portola Springs Elementary/Irvine Virtual Academy
223. PH Stone Creek
224. CK Westpark Elementary
225. JM Woodbury, Jeffrey Trail
226. SM Cypress village Elementry
227. C Vista Verde K-8
228. MAM Rancho SJ MS, Alderwood/SJ IVA, Uni HS/SJ IVA
229. LA Alderwood Elementary
230. E Rancho MS and University HS
231. MA Alderwood Elementary
232. NP Westpark Elementary
233. BR Westpark Elementary
234. JL Turtle Rock Elementary
235. JH Jeffrey Trail Middle School
236. VO Vista Verde
237. MB Stone Creek Elementary
238. S Bonita Canyon elementary school
239. CR Eastshore Elementary lakeside middle
240. BY College Park
241. CK Portals Springs Elementary
242. AA Stone creek
243. MP Alderwood elementary
244. GL Plaza Vista
245. GS Woodbury
246. ST Eastwood Elementary
247. KB Springbrook Elementary
248. SS Plaza vista
249. KB Santiago Hills Elementary
250. MS Portola Springs Elementary, Plaza Vista
251. MS Portola Springs Elementary
252. DB Cypress Village
253. PW Deerfield Elementary
254. CK Cypress village elementary
255. RB Oak Creek Elementary School
256. J UCI
257. SS Vista verde
258. JK Eastwood Elementary
259. RS Meadow Park Elementary

260. DU Plaza Vista
261. KN Vista Verde
262. PK Stonegate elementary, Sierra vista middle
263. KR Jeffrey Trail Middle School & Portola High School
264. IB Oak Creek Elementary
265. AM Vista Verde
266. CA IVA
267. JT Woodbury elementary
268. AA Woodbury
269. ADC Turtle Rock Elementary
270. ZL Alderwood
271. JC Eastwood Elementary
272. KS Vista Verde, UHS
273. SO Vista Verde Elementary
274. AO Vista Verde Elementary
275. TB Vista Verde
276. MS Eastwood Elementary
277. KC Canyon View Elementary
278. LC Alderwood
279. L Woodbury
280. YS University High School
281. SM Alderwood
282. LW Alderwood, University High
283. KS Eastshore
284. M Venado
285. VL Eastwood
286. LN Jeffrey Trail Middle School
287. BC University High School
288. DT Cadence park
289. P Plaza Vesta
290. CB Woodbury Elementary, Westpark Elementary
291. JK Eastwood Elementary
292. IV Portola Springs elementary
293. DS Portola Springs Elementary
294. KG Cypress Village Elementary
295. MF Turtle Rock Elementary, Rancho, Uni
296. EM Cadence Park
297. ML Westpark
298. JL Westpark
299. IT Sierra Vista middle school
300. RM Jeffrey Trail MS, Woodbury Elementary
301. SD Springbrook Elementary
302. KW Woodbridge High
303. TB Vista Verde
304. KT Westpark Elementary
305. KC College park
306. AW Venado Middle School
307. JS Northwood High
308. BT Woodbury Elementary
309. LT Eastshore Elementary
310. DKT Rancho San Joaquin Middle School
311. HH Loma Ridge Elementary

312. TM Vista Verde
313. RS Eastshore Elementary School
314. ES Eastshore Elementary School
315. AR Turtle Rock
316. LK Portola Springs Elementary School
317. DD Westpark elementary
318. DD Lakeside middle school
319. ST Stonegate
320. RN Springbrook Elementary
321. YL Rancho Middle school
322. AC Woodbury elementary
323. YC Turtlerock Elementary and Lakeside Middle School
324. KQ Turtle Rock / IVA
325. SG Stonegate Elementary / IVA
326. HB IVA bc of this
327. MA Northwood High School
328. RM Canyon View Elementary
329. MW Westpark Elementary
330. MH Vista. Erde
331. VH Northwood High School
332. JG Vista Verde/Turtle Rock
333. MR Vista Verde
334. CT Turtle rock
335. AM UHS
336. MA Woodbury
337. RS University High School
338. GL Eastshore, Alderwood
339. K Cypress Village Elementary
340. H Woodbury
341. SS Plaza Vista
342. JDL Cypress Village Elementary and Jeffrey Trail Middle School
343. CLL Sierra Vista, Northwood High and IA
344. CC Vista Verde K-8
345. VC Woodbury
346. NG Woodbury Elementary
347. TK Cypress Village Elementary
348. AL Turtle Rock Elementary School
349. AL WestPark Elementary School
350. SA Cal State University Los Angeles
351. SD Woodbury
352. JH Portola High School
353. AB IVA Elementary
354. ML Vista Verde, University High
355. M Oak Creek Elementary
356. VC Vista Verde K-8
357. AP Plaza Vista
358. L University high school
359. L Alderwood elementary
360. JK Cypress Village
361. A Vista Verde Elementary
362. YU Beacon Park
363. BL Beacon Park

364. PS Loma Ridge, Jeffrey Trail Middle School, Portola High
365. UL Northwood high
366. SS Eastshore
367. JS Loma Ridge Irvine
368. BP Plaza Vista K-8
369. NE Eastshore
370. MW JTMS
371. MG University High School
372. MA Alderwood Elementary
373. SV Greentree
374. LF IUSD
375. QC Jeffrey Trail Middle
376. JC Stone Creek Elementary, Lakeside Middle School
377. SV Northwood Elementary
378. KK Vista Verde
379. PG Vista Verde
380. JP Springbrook Elementary
381. JA Vista Verde
382. AL Vista Verde
383. DK Vista Verde
384. KS Vista Verde K-8
385. HL Stone Creek Elementary
386. SW Turtle rock elementary
387. K Cypress village elementary
388. R Loma Ridge
389. GP Bonita Canyon
390. KC Stone Creek Elementary
391. SA Turtle Rock elementary school
392. KG Beacon Park
393. DL Eastshore Elementary school
394. EC Eastshore Elementary - Woodbridge High School
395. SG Vista Verde
396. JL Every school in IUSD
397. VD East Shore
398. JO Vista Verde School
399. HQ IVA
400. MM Turtle Rock Elementary School
401. FA Portola Springs Elementary
402. RB Brywood Elementary
403. BS Greentree
404. AJ Turtle Rock
405. TL Cypress village elementary
406. KH Turtle Rock Elementary
407. DS Sierra Vista Middle School
408. LC Vista Verde
409. BT Eastshore Elementary
410. AI Turtle Rock Elementary; Rancho SJ Middle School
411. MI University High
412. KI University High
413. EL Alderwood
414. JC Stone Creek
415. TS Canyon View, Sierra Vista

416. JC Woodbridge high
417. GN Stonegate Elementary
418. J Culverdale
419. GM Turtle Rock Elementary, Rancho Middle School
420. EA Turtle Rock Elementary
421. BA Turtle Rock Elementary
422. EM Woodbury
423. RC vista verde k-8
424. MC Cadence Park
425. MD Turtle Rock Elementary
426. HH Vista Verde
427. CL Bonita Canyon
428. SF Portola Spring Elementary
429. AA Portola spring Elementary
430. AW Bonita Canyon
431. AL Jeffrey Trail Middle School, Portola High School
432. RL Jeffrey Trail Middle School, Portola High School
433. ES Vista Verde
434. SO Eastshore and Springbrook
435. CS Portola hs, Woodbury elem
436. JS Cypress village, JTMS, PHS
437. JL Eastshore
438. JO Eastshore Elementary
439. JA Irvine High School
440. MT Woodbury Elementary & Portola High schools
441. SK Stone Creek Elementary
442. JP South Lake Middle School
443. P Stonecreek Elementary Sxhool
444. SL Irvine district
445. LV University high school
446. JB Beacon park
447. MV Deerfield
448. AR Brywood Elementary
449. EN Oak Creek, LMS, WHS
450. GVP Woodbridge High School
451. CW Santiago Hills
452. VD Vista Verde
453. TW Stonegate Elementary School
454. JL Greentree and Venado
455. RS Portola Springs Elementary
456. KY Beacon Park
457. AC Jeffrey Trail Middle School
458. CW Loma Ridge Elementary & Portola Springs Elementary
459. JY Stone Creek
460. DP Eastshore
461. PR Eastwood Elementary school and Sierra Vista Middle School
462. BA Oak creek elementary
463. JC Northwood Elementary, Sierra Vista
464. JW Vista Verde, Northwood HS
465. JS Brywood Elementary
466. ES Rancho, University
467. LL Woodbury

468. LW Jeffry middle school
469. LC Westpark Elementary
470. JH Woodbury elementary
471. GT Jeffrey Trail
472. TT Woodbury, Jeffrey Trail
473. RM Irvine High School
474. FE Woodbridge HS and South Lake Middle School
475. NW Lakeside Middle School
476. JGC Vista Verde middle school, University High School
477. KWL Vista Verde
478. DKA Westpark Elementary
479. MB Stonegate Elementary
480. KW Stonegate Elementary
481. LV Stonegate Elementary
482. CM University Park
483. NL Portola Elementary School
484. DL Portola Springs Elementary
485. TG Cypress Village Elementary
486. JC College Park Elementary
487. CC Brywood Elementary
488. CGP Turtle Rock Elementary
489. AH Turlte Rock/University High School
490. CN Loma Ridge Elementary School
491. ST Westpark Elementary