



COVID-19 guidance and information remain fluid. We will continue to monitor and update guidance, and encourage you to check for updates regularly at:

<https://www.alsd.k12.ca.us/domain/624>

July 30, 2021

Dear Deer Canyon Families,

It's our great pleasure to welcome you back to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope that this letter finds you doing well, and that your summer has been filled with time that brought you joy. Our District team has been working hard, many through the course of the break, to make sure that our schools, staff and programs are prepared to greet you on August 9. The Deer Canyon School Office opened this week. Our staff is here to serve you, and can be reached at 909-484-5030.

Alta Loma School District is offering two learning options for our families this year. Full-time, five day per week in-person learning is available at each site. In addition, our Alta Loma Long Term Independent Study program ALLTIS is available for families who would like to engage in an alternative model of education.

We are aware of conflicting or misleading media reports and social media posts specific to use of face masks at schools. Please know that in California, schools are required by law to follow the state health orders and guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health. The current guidance requires face coverings for students indoors at K-12 schools. Face coverings are not currently required for students outdoors, which is a departure from how we ended the 2020-2021 school year. Students with a verified medical exemption will be asked to submit an exemption request that will be processed by our district nurse team. That exemption request can be found on our website, or accessed [here](#).

July 28, 2021 CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

July 12, 2021 CDPH COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>

The following is provided in order to clarify in advance expectations and protocols for the opening of the school year. We want there to be no surprises. Whether you choose to have your child(ren) participate in in-person learning on a school site, or through our ALLTIS program, we are thrilled to have you back!

- California Department of Public Health guidelines for indoor masking must be adhered to. Students who refuse to wear a face covering inside are not meeting requirements to be in a classroom, and they cannot be admitted to classrooms. School staff will contact parents or emergency contacts to pick up students in this case. Students who are not picked up will be situated in a temporary outdoor learning environment until they are picked up, and they will be provided with an individual work packet for no more than five days.
- Assembly Bill 130 indicates that the school district shall offer an alternative setting for families who are opposed to students wearing a mask while in school. If the requirement to wear a face covering is not met for five days, the student will be placed on the roster for ALLTIS. Having students actively engaged in their learning program is key.
- If you have already made a decision that your child(ren) will not wear a mask indoors at school please visit the ALLTIS program information page in order to enroll in that program prior to the start of the school year. For more information or questions, please call 909-484-5151 Ext: 102040 or email ALLTIS@alsd.org

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we are so excited to welcome back our Eagles! Teachers are eager to see their new students and greet their former students. Deer Canyon is dedicated to providing students with a rich educational experience on a fun and nurturing campus.

We cannot emphasize enough our appreciation for the support of our school and students. Deer Canyon is truly a one of a kind place where kids feel safe and welcome. With your partnership, we look forward to continuing to make our school a great place to be.

As I mentioned in my previous correspondence, we will have more detailed information coming out next week. Please monitor your email and our website regularly as we will continue to communicate more details about the opening of school. As always, we want to thank you for your patience, flexibility, trust, and partnership.

Let's SOAR together, for kids!



Andrew Carter, Principal, Deer Canyon School



Karen Hendricks, Superintendent