



OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Schools, Thriving Students

# Superintendent Report



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# Highlights from Schools

# Students Getting Vaccinated



Many OUSD high school students are taking an important step to protect themselves, their families, and the larger community. They are signing up to get vaccinated at school-based vaccine clinics across the District, most often at their own schools. “I thought it was a really good idea, it was really convenient,” said Andwele Z., a junior at Skyline High School. “Because I was originally going to go to San Francisco to get vaccinated, but this made it so much easier.” Dozens of students got vaccinated on Thursday, August 26 at Oakland Tech and Skyline High, and there are many more school pop-up clinics coming up. For more info, visit [ousd.org/vaccine](https://ousd.org/vaccine).

# Students “Cashing In” by Practicing SEL at Burckhalter



Students have been working on improving their social emotional learning (SEL) at Burckhalter Elementary, and they’re making some “bucks” in the process. The school’s high demand currency is called “Burckhalter Bucks.” Students receive the bucks by displaying the school’s core values of “Be Safe,” “Be Respectful,” and “Be Responsible” in their actions. Ms. Paige (pictured) is known for calling out as many displays of good work as any teacher at Burckhalter. Every Friday, students cash in their bucks for school supplies and various snacks.

# Warrior Serves as Westlake Principal for a Day



Kevon Looney, an NBA champion with the Golden State Warriors, joined OUSD on Friday, August 27 to serve as Westlake's Principal for a day. It was part of the Warriors Back to School in the Bay program. Principal Looney made the morning announcements, met with students, and participated in classroom activities, including a relay race in PE with our Westlake scholars.

# Covid Safety Protocols

# Ventilation Update

## MERV-16

- The District has placed MERV-16 filters in all HVAC systems throughout the district.

## Additional Protections in Learning Spaces:

- 2 HEPA air purifiers in every classroom, as well as shared spaces and offices.
- 100% classrooms have been assessed and repairs were made where possible.
- Staff are encouraged to work with students in open, ventilated spaces or outdoors, whenever possible.

## Cafeteria Spaces

- All cafeterias have MERV-16 air filters installed in HVAC System
- Large high volume drum fans are being set up in all cafeterias to dramatically improve air exchanges and ventilation in dining spaces.
- Students are encouraged to eat outdoors where possible.
- **Installing canopies at school sites that have lifted concerns about sun exposure for outdoor dining.**



Bridges Elementary  
Before Canopy Installation



Bridges Elementary  
After Canopy Installation

# Unhealthy Air Quality- COVID Guidance

Merv 16 Air Filters and portable air purifiers with HEPA filters protect against exposure to **air pollutants caused by wildfires and COVID 19**. When air quality is poor the goal is to reduce exposure to outside air and increase air purification. In 2020, there were a total of 6 “Unhealthy” Air Quality Days in Oakland.

When Air Quality Index **exceeds 126 and qualifies as a “Spare the Air Day”** classrooms should begin to close windows and outside doors.

- OUSD will send communication to all OUSD employees and families notifying them of the air quality issues.
- Teachers and staff should **ensure all Portable Air Purifiers** are on **HIGH** to ensure maximum filtration in classrooms to reduce exposure to COVID 19.
- Reduce outdoor activities for students with asthma or other respiratory conditions **once AQI hits 101 or higher**. **If students are sensitive at lower levels, please communicate to your school so they can make accommodations for the student.**
- When **AQI reaches 151**, follow the guidelines for [Lunch/Recess, PE, and Athletics](#).

## Air Quality Index (AQI)

301 – 500	Hazardous
201 – 300	Very Unhealthy
151 – 200	Unhealthy
101 – 150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups
Spare The Air – reduce driving – when the AQI is forecast to meet or exceed 126.	
51 – 100	Moderate
0 – 50	Good

OUSD will use the forecasting and monitoring provided by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District at <https://www.baaqmd.gov/about-air-quality/current-air-quality>

# Vaccine Outreach

Everyone ages 12+ are eligible for the vaccine in Alameda County!

Effective Sept 7, all OUSD staff, contractors, and volunteers (including remote workers) will required to be fully vaccinated, or get weekly COVID testing.

## School-Based Vaccine Pop-Ups - Partnership with Alameda County & School-Based Health Center Lead Agencies

The following clinics are open to students, staff and members of the public:

- **Fremont High School**
  - Wednesdays, 1:30-4:00, 8/25, 9/8, 9/15
- **Oakland Tech High School**
  - Thursdays, 9:00-1:00, 8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16
- **Skyline High School**
  - Thursdays, 12:00-4:00, 8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16
- **Castlemont**
  - Every other Thursday, starting 9/9 (run by Umoja)



More clinics will be set up soon. Visit: <https://familycentral.ousd.org/health/covid-vaccine-information> for registration links and other community locations for vaccine access.

# Covid Testing

## Required for:

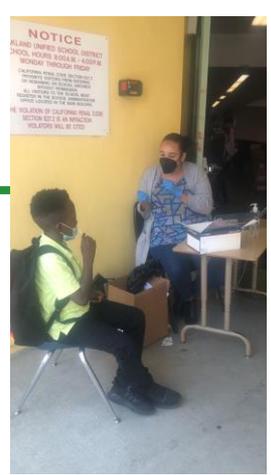
- all unvaccinated staff, contractors, volunteers at least weekly (*starting 9/7*)
- students attending school in modified quarantine, twice weekly
- students in prolonged close contact prior to returning (in most situations)

## Recommended for:

- Symptomatic persons, **regardless of vaccination status**
- Persons in prolonged close contact with a COVID positive individual, **regardless of vaccination status**
- Unvaccinated persons 1-2x per week

## Testing Program Features:

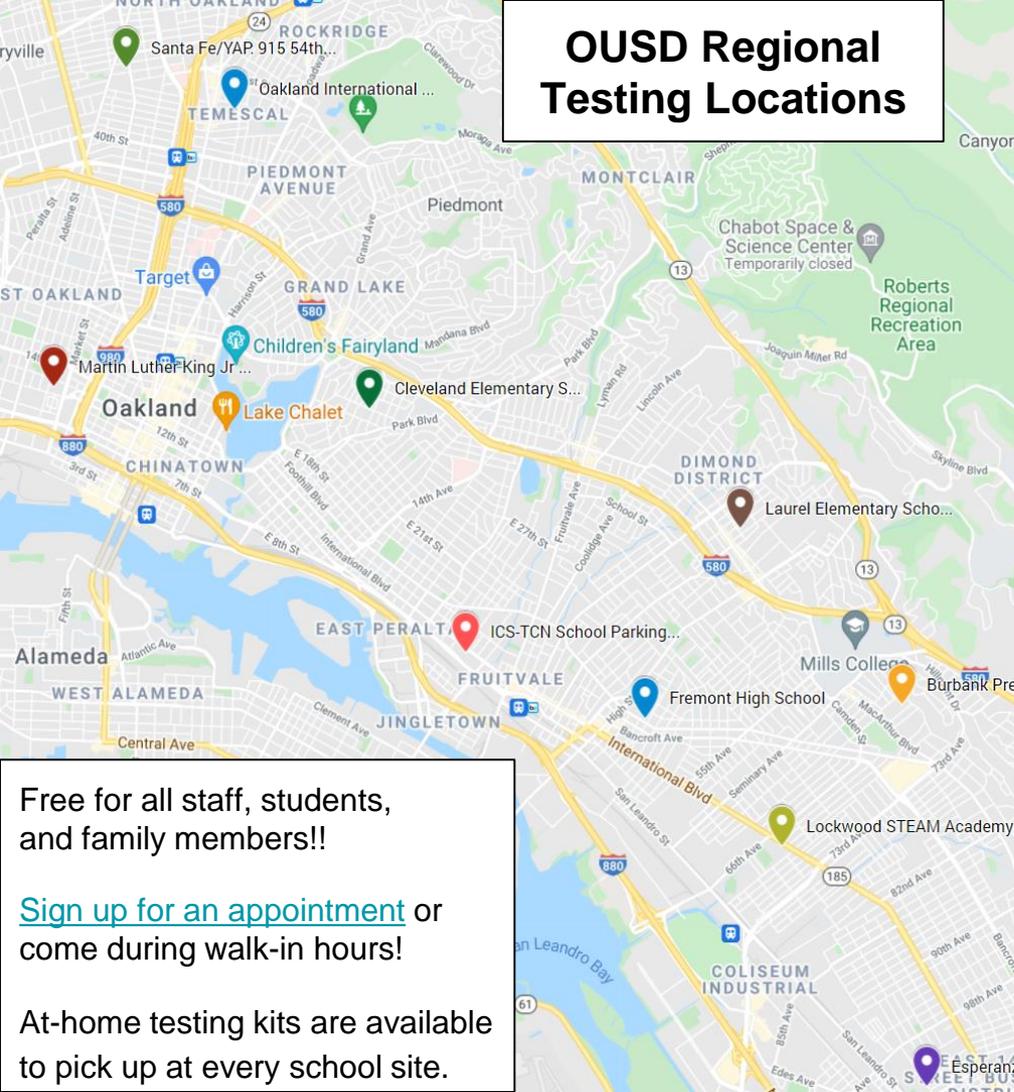
- 10 Regional Testing Locations (rapid antigen, PCR)
- Rapid Response Teams (deployed to school sites to support modified quarantine or outbreaks)
- At-Home Rapid Testing Kits (at every school site)



## Testing Statistics (Data as of Aug. 30 2021):

- **28,861** tests administered from Aug. 6 - Aug. 30
  - **10,310** tests administered from Aug. 24 - Aug. 30
- **11,842** unique OUSD community members have been tested from Aug. 6 - Aug. 30
  - 44% students, 37% staff, 19% family members
- **1.44%** overall test positivity rate (*incl. reversals*)
- **~60** School sites with Rapid Response Teams

# OUSD Regional Testing Locations



Site	Address	Hours (subject to change)
<b>Burbank</b>	3550 64th Ave	Monday 8am-4pm Wednesday 8am-4pm
<b>OIHS</b>	4521 Webster St	Tuesday 9am-4pm Thursday 9am-4pm
<b>Santa Fe</b>	915 54th St	Wednesday 8am-4pm Friday 8am-4pm
<b>Esperanza</b>	10315 E St	Monday 8am-4pm Thursday 8am-4pm
<b>MLK Jr</b>	960 10th St	Tuesday 8am-4pm Thursday 8am-4pm
<b>ICS/TCN</b>	2500-2878 E 12th St	Wednesday 8am-4pm Friday 8am-4pm
<b>Laurel</b>	3750 Brown Ave	Monday 8am-4pm Wednesday 8am-4pm
<b>Cleveland</b>	745 Cleveland St	Monday 8am-4pm Friday 8am-4pm
<b>Lockwood STEAM</b>	6701 International Blvd	Tuesday 8am-4pm Friday 8am-4pm
<b>Fremont Pool Parking Lot</b>	4550 Foothill Blvd	Tuesday 8am-4pm Thursday 8am-4pm

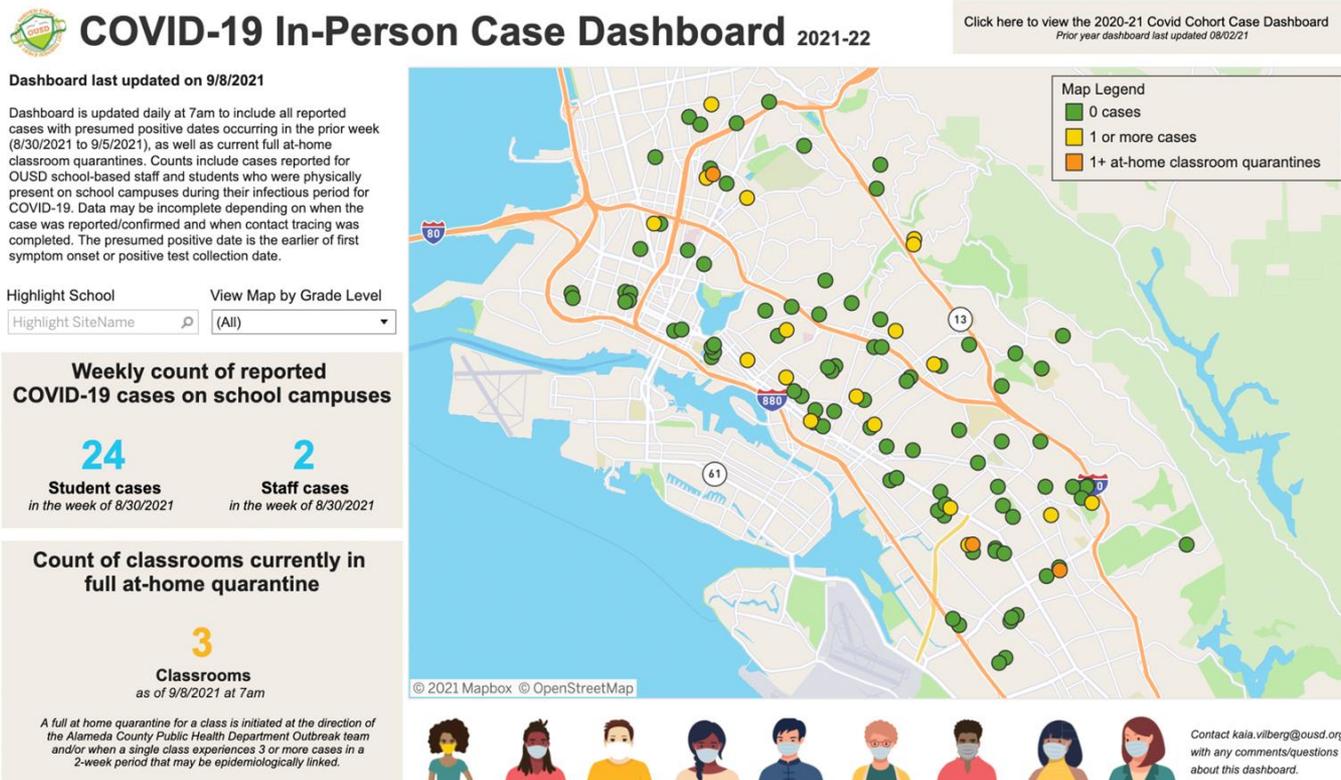
Free for all staff, students, and family members!!

[Sign up for an appointment](#) or come during walk-in hours!

At-home testing kits are available to pick up at every school site.

# Positive Case Dashboard and Protocols

1. Weekly count of COVID-19 cases on school campuses are updated daily for the **previous week**
2. Count of classrooms currently in full at-home quarantine are updated daily for the **current week**



# Changes to the Positive Case Dashboard



## Weekly Districtwide Data

Dashboard last updated on 9/1/2021

Dashboard is updated daily at 7am to include all reported cases with presumed positive dates occurring in the prior week (8/23/2021 to 8/29/2021), as well as current full at-home classroom quarantines. Count include cases reported for OUSD school-based staff and students who were physically present on school campuses during their infectious period for COVID-19. Data may be incomplete depending on when the case was reported/confirmed and when contact tracing was completed. The presumed positive date is the earlier of first symptom onset or positive test collection date.

Calendar Note

- First Week of School
- Last Week of School
- In Session
- Break

Weekly count of reported student COVID-19 cases on school campuses



Weekly count of reported staff COVID-19 cases on school campuses



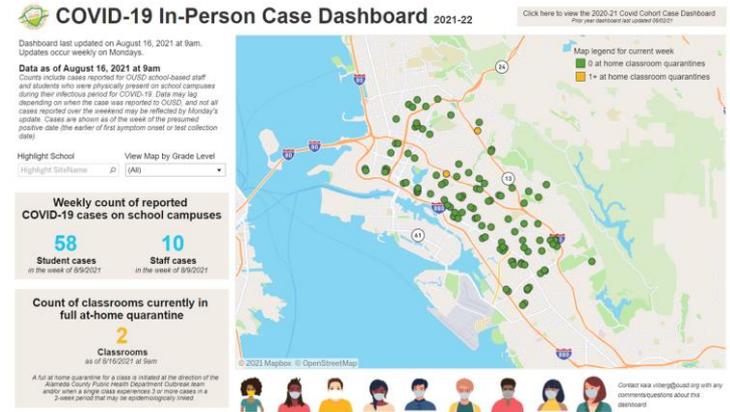
Weekly count of classrooms in full at-home quarantine



# Contact Tracing & Case Monitoring

## When there is a positive case:

1. Notify principal
2. Principal notifies Contact Tracing teams
3. Contact Tracer interviews principal and positive person/family member, and others as needed
4. COVID team meets with principal to coordinate communication to:
  - a. Positive person
  - b. Close Contacts
  - c. Community
5. Quarantine guidance WILL differ based on vaccination status & masking compliance
  - a. Rapid response teams will conduct testing on site in the 2 weeks following a positive case



<https://www.ousd.org/covidcasedashboar>  
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# What we can do to keep our schools safe

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1. Get vaccinated (*required for staff or weekly testing*)
2. Wear a mask indoors and outdoors
3. Stay home when sick
4. Wash your hands or use sanitizer frequently
5. Get COVID tested if you have symptoms, have been exposed, or are unvaccinated
6. Notify your school if you test positive

# Sojourner Truth/Independent Study Update

# Sojourner Truth Update

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- Number of students enrolled in the school as of 9/8: 943
- On 9/2, 400 students were transferred from the waitlist. We are waiting on acceptance offers to update the enrollment. If all students accept the offer the total enrollment will be 1,139
- Number of additional staffing hired for the school: 45 as enrollment increases staffing will need to be adjusted.
- Recent Improvements:
  - Daily Check-ins with Tk/K-12th grade families on ZOOM.
  - The Admin Team scheduled office hours twice a week.
  - Provide chromebook support twice a week for families and staff.
  - Partnering with the OUSD Academics team to provide curriculum support.
  - Partnering with REACH to gather feedback from families on program improvements.

**Please Visit  
our OUSD  
Website for  
more  
information:**  
<https://www.ousd.org/independentstudy>

# School Based Short-Term Independent Study

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- Any student who is on at-home quarantine will be offered School Based short-term Independent Study
  - Student will need to sign an agreement to do so
  - If family does not opt into School Based short-term Independent Study, absences will be treated as excused absences if a student must quarantine.
- Teachers are encouraged, but not currently required, to engage with School Based short-term Independent Study students via Zoom

# Updates from the First Two Weeks of School

# Enrollment Update (TK-12)

Grade	2021 Aug 31 (Day 17)	Prior Year: 2020 Sept 1 (Day 17)	2021 Sojourner Truth Enrollment (Day 17) <i>Incl. in totals</i>
PreK	918 (+245)	673	0
TK	571 (+53)	518	10
Kindergarten	2,852 (+122)	2,730	49
6th	2,301 (-68)	2,369	46
9th	2,351 (+41)	2,310	38
<b>TK - 12 Total</b>	<b>34,770 (-800)</b>	<b>35,570</b>	<b>738</b>

*Note: Enrollment numbers are considered preliminary until Day 20.*

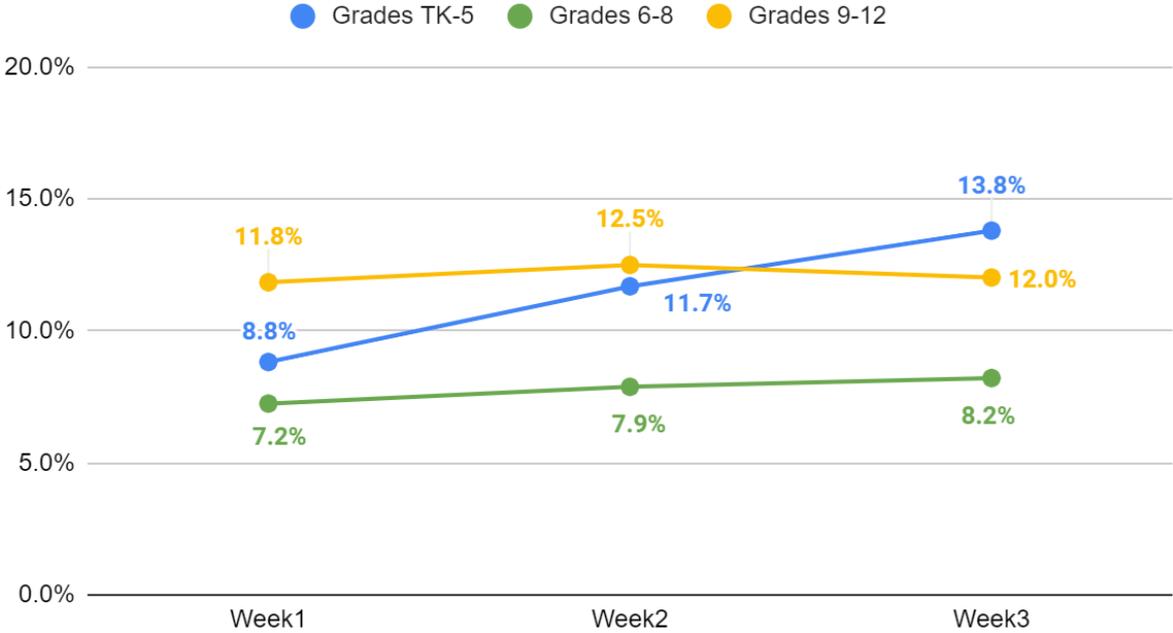
# Overall Attendance Update (Aug 9-Aug 31)

Grade level	All Students	ELL	New-comer	SPED	Unhoused	Foster Youth	African American	Asian	Latino	White
<b>PreK</b>	94%	92%	Data not collected in PreK	89%	86%	Data not collected in PreK	86%	92%	90%	91%
<b>Gr TK-5</b>	88%	88%	87%	84%	82%	80%	85%	91%	87%	94%
<b>Gr 6-8</b>	92%	92%	91%	87%	88%	88%	89%	96%	92%	96%
<b>Gr 9-12</b>	89%	84%	82%	86%	93%	75%	86%	95%	87%	94%

\* MetWest and Sojourner Truth NOT included.

# Weekly Absence Rate (Week 1-3)

Weekly Absence Rate



# Welcome and Thank You New Principals

<b>Allendale ES</b>	Ronald Towns	<b>Manzanita SEED ES</b>	Rachelle McManus
<b>Brookfield ES</b>	Leigh Daniels	<b>MetWest HS</b>	Shalonda Gregory
<b>Claremont MS</b>	Tremaine Moore	<b>Sequoia ES</b>	Zetha Nobles
<b>Community Day HS</b>	Dana Sudduth	<b>Think College Now ES</b>	Ana Vasquez
<b>Crocker Highlands ES</b>	Kim Dung Nguyen	<b>United For Success MS</b>	Sara Allen
<b>Garfield ES</b>	Edgar Ramirez		
<b>Lockwood STEAM ES</b>	Nehseem Ratchford		
<b>Madison Park Primary ES</b>	Elaina Amos		



# **EVERY STUDENT THRIVES!**



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