



LE JARDIN ACADEMY

SY 2023-24 LJA Risk Response Framework

(Effective August 22, 2022)

Anticipating a return to “normalcy” at some point this school year, and in keeping with HDOH guidance, LJA has shifted from its **Pandemic Response Framework** to a **Routine Disease Control Framework (RDCF)**. For us to successfully navigate the transition to normalcy, it is essential that all members of our school-community fully appreciate the rationale for the shift, the impact that each subsequent wave of COVID may have on our community, and be prepared to make adjustments as circumstances warrant. With trust, understanding and kōkua, the LJA community will be able to thrive throughout this transition.

At the **Low Level** of risk, this framework is characterized by **optional indoor masking**; however, at **Moderate and High Levels, indoor masking is strongly recommended** and may be required under certain conditions (e.g., presence of immuno-compromised individuals or classroom cluster). Unless local conditions depart from statewide trends, LJA intends to use the following:

	Level 1 CDC Level Low	Level 2 CDC Level Moderate	Level 3 CDC Level High
Criteria for CDC Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitalizations < 10/100k COVID Beds < 10% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10/100k ≤ Hospitalizations < 20/100k 10% ≤ COVID Beds < 15% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitalizations ≥ 20/100k COVID Beds ≥ 15%
Masking	Optional masking*	Indoor masking strongly recommended*; Staff masked indoors when with students	Indoor masking strongly recommended*; Staff masked indoors when with students
Close Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return immediately to campus regardless of vax status Test-to-Stay (TTS) on campus on Day 5 or if symptomatic Mask until negative TTS on Day 5 		

COVID-positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolation through Day 5 (Test Day 0) Negative Test-to-Return (TTR) or 24 hours fever free and improved symptoms following isolation Must wear well-fitting mask through Day 10 No high-contact activities through Day 10 		
Travel	Test on return to O’ahu & TTS on Day 5 post-travel; mask thru negative Day 5 TTS		
Notification	Email close contacts in Primary Division and in instances where Secondary close contacts in proximity for long periods (e.g., team on bus, overnight excursions...)		
Screening Testing	N/A	Periodic Screening Testing	Periodic Screening Testing
Lunch	No restrictions; indoor masking optional when not eating	Outdoors, if possible	Distanced and outdoors, if possible
Field Trips	No restrictions; indoor masking optional	Strongly recommend masks on buses	Strongly recommend masks and distancing on buses; no airports
Visitors/Spectators	No restrictions; indoor masking optional	Indoor masking strongly recommended	Indoor masking strongly recommended; distanced indoors; distanced outdoors

Table 1: Routine Disease Control Framework

**Based on local factors (e.g., classroom or grade-level clusters, attendance of immuno-compromised students/staff), masking may be required at Moderate and High Levels.*

UP-TO-DATE (UTD) VACCINATION

Maintaining UTD vaccination is highly recommended by the CDC, HDOH, and LJA. We recommend that families consult with their physicians should they have any questions. UTD Vaccination reduces the likelihood of hospitalization, a critical indicator in this “disease control” phase.

HDOH REPORTING

- Clusters must be reported to DOH (Nurse). This implies that during a cluster, case investigation and contact tracing is required.
- School absence rate > 10%
- Class or Grade absence rate > 20%

PERIODIC SCREENING TESTING

Periodic screening testing will involve on-site testing following extended school breaks (e.g., return from Summer and Fall Breaks). In addition, students in high-contact activities will be asked to submit home test results on a periodic basis. Kits may be supplied by the school as inventory permits. Positive test results should be reported to school.nurse@lejardinacademy.org.

MASKING ACCOMMODATION

Some members of our school-community may be particularly vulnerable to COVID. In order to ensure their safe access to an LJA education, particularly at Moderate and High Levels of risk, LJA may

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accommodate by requiring all students and staff that they encounter for prolonged periods in an indoor setting to mask, or take instruction outdoors to a well-ventilated space with appropriate distancing of 3'-6'. We would expect that classmates and staff would support each other, if such a condition were made known.

The process for obtaining this accommodation is to relay the need, with appropriate documentation, through the School Nurse who will consult with the Dean of Students and School Physician regarding an *Accommodation Plan*. The *Plan* will “sunset” and will need to be renewed periodically. If the plan requires masking for all students and staff in class(es), then all will be expected to comply.

By exercising reasonable precautions and kōkua, we anticipate a return to pre-COVID normalcy in the coming year.

REFERENCES

[CDC COVID-19 Community Levels](#) - See Table for Criteria for CDC Levels

[HDOH Guidance for K-12 Schools](#) - Effective August 1, 2022