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Excelsior Charter Schools Fall 2020 Campus Reopening Safety Notification

Excelsior Charter Schools is extremely proud to have been repeatedly recognized for our high levels of continued educational, social emotional, staff and family support during the COVID-19 quarantine. As legislative restrictions have been modified we want to inform you that all Excelsior Charter School sites will resume on campus classes and workshops with significant restrictions and modifications. The first day of campus classes/workshops is Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

While some school systems have chosen to adopt 2-day per week, staggered time block schedules we find that this can create an extreme hardship on working families as it increases transportation cost, child care costs and potentially impacts school choice as well as family employment. With safety as our highest priority Excelsior Charter Schools has chosen impactful and aggressive measures in compliance with California Department of Education, California Governor's Office, County Public Health and Center for Disease Control guidance. In adherence with the June 2020 official COVID-19 K-12 Reopening Guidance set by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, beginning Fall 2020 all Excelsior Charter School campuses will have the following modifications to our classroom and campus procedures and our school site visitation policies:

- All students will be required to wear face coverings while on campus. (Specific exceptions will be made for students with disabilities if expressed in their education plans).
- Students sharing food or drink is highly discouraged.
- All Facilitation (Education Team Meetings) will take place via the telephone or video conference.
- Students will be required to socially distance during lunch service.
- At present, the only sports expected to proceed will take place without the inclusion of spectators. (Not all fall sports will take place. The list of sports will be provided in a separate communication). The Athletic department is currently investigating methods to live stream the events.
- All campuses will have signage to promote social distancing to include classroom and queuing markers that indicate 6 feet of separation.
- Students will wait to enter classrooms at 6-foot intervals, which will be clearly identified.
- Students will not be allowed on campus outside of attending workshops or classes.
- Parents and visitors will not be allowed on campus. We are asking that all visitors remain in their vehicles for student pick up or drop off.
- Full implementation of no contact campus sign in using QR readers at all campuses.
- Classroom capacity will be 28 with desktops being sanitized between workshops by the workshop teacher. Efforts will be made to maximize the distance between students during instruction.
- Classroom teachers will instruct students from a distance of 6 feet or beyond.
- Bathroom sanitation intervals will be increased.

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- No assemblies or mass gatherings of students or staff.
- Students will not be allowed to wait or congregate in Facilitator rooms or classrooms during non-classroom or meeting times.
- College dual enrollment courses will continue. Some of our college partners have chosen to continue to offer the courses via in person instruction while others are providing the courses via distance learning. Please see your site administrator for specifics.
- We are encouraging self monitoring by all staff and students to increase hand washing, coughing in elbow, etc.
- All assessments and assignment completion requirements will resume as normal. The statewide 'Hold Harmless' mandate will expire with the 2019/2020 school year.
- Any student presenting flu-like symptoms will not be allowed on campus. Campus return will be based on a medical clearance or completion of a 14-calendar day home quarantine. During this time students are still expected to complete all assignments via our distance learning platforms. Students on quarantine will continue to be enrolled in all assigned on campus classes/workshops.

As you are aware COVID-19 has produced high levels of uncertainty within the California and national educational systems. As such, as our legislative guidance changes we will continue to review and modify our processes and procedures. We understand and appreciate the hardship that these restrictions place on our students, parents and staff. We will continue to work hard to provide your student robust instruction via our classrooms, distance learning and hybrid platforms. No contact, immediate enrollment is currently available for 7th through 12th grade students at all Excelsior schools sites by visiting Excelsior.com. Thank you for your patience and for trusting Excelsior Charter Schools with the safety and education of your child.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Given the unusual circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic, we are asking all families to review and sign this waiver if they plan to participate in site-based classes and other educational programming on school grounds during the 2020-2021 school year.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in site-based classes and other educational programming on school grounds during the 2020-2021 school year, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,

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3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest school official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS EXCELSIOR CHARTER SCHOOLS, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other students, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the activities described herein ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for the student(s) identified below, have read and understood the provisions in this waiver/release and the importance of adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. I, for myself, my spouse, and child/ward do consent and agree to the release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/ward's presence or participation in the activities as described above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Please be reminded; Families that are uncomfortable with their student returning to on campus instruction we continue to offer our highly effective 100% distance learning option.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date signed: _____

Student Name(s): _____

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