The purpose of this visit was to conduct an investigation in response to a COVID-19 outbreak (OB20211764).

This was a joint investigation conducted by John Huynh, EHS, Eric El Tobgy, Physician Specialist, Joseph Tran, Outbreak Investigator, and Victoria Hernds, PHN.

The following were observed at the time of the investigation:

1) Per operator, all affected youth sports league schools and teams were notified of COVID-19 exposure occurring within the active outbreak period, as applicable. Operator indicated all water polo league matches were cancelled or postponed for the duration of the active outbreak period.
2) Per operator, weekly PCR testing is available for all students and staff. Operator indicated that all non-vaccinated indoor youth sports athletes and staff members must present a weekly negative PCR test result. A negative test result is required within 48-72 hours in advance of any interteam competition.
3) Per operator, face masks were required for all indoor youth sports activities, regardless of vaccination status.
4) Per operator, the school’s custodial staff clean restrooms and high-touch surfaces throughout the day using EPA-approved disinfectant.
5) Ventilation was evaluated in the main gym, small gym, weight room, locker rooms, restrooms and in Classrooms 301 & 701 using a Dräger Air Flow Tester and was adequate in the areas tested. Operator was provided recommendations for optimizing indoor ventilation and airflow, including: (1) implementation of industrial fans in the gyms and weight rooms, (2) ideal placement of HEPA portable air cleaning units, (3) leaving doors and windows open as feasible to allow outside air pass through, and (4) having HVAC fans running at all times in any occupied indoor spaces.
6) Ventilation was supplemented in weight rooms and in the gyms using industrial fans, and operator indicated that doors are left open as often as possible, as allowed by weather conditions. Portable HEPA air cleaning units were available in the weight room and in Classrooms 301 and 701.
7) Operator had records of the vaccination status of students and staff.
8) The Claremont Unified School District COVID-19 Prevention Program was available for review.
9) N95 respirators were available for voluntary employee use.
10) Operator indicated that staff and students confirm the absence of symptoms of COVID-19 before entering the campus.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

As a reminder, the following are additional recommendations to consider in order to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 within the facility:

1) Ensure that HVAC systems in the main gym, weight/locker rooms, and classrooms are in operation at all times when in use. As applicable, disable "demand controls" and occupancy sensors on ventilation systems so that fans operate continuously in any occupied indoor space, independently of heating or cooling needs.
2) Supplement ventilation in the gym and weight rooms with fans. Arrange fans to have cross flow diagonally through the gym, and have fans pointed upwards if feasible.
3) If feasible, have at least one dedicated exhaust fan, and have fan(s) dedicated to introducing outside air into the indoor spaces.
4) Position portable HEPA air cleaning units to supplement ventilation in areas with the least amount of access to natural ventilation (e.g. in the corners of classrooms and weight rooms furthest from open doors/windows).
5) Consider providing additional social distancing reminders in gym bleacher and dugout seating areas.
6) Ensure that communal food items are discarded. Consider providing a dispenser for coffee stirrers and other disposable utensils.

JOHN HUYNH
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7) Leave doors and windows open where feasible to increase natural ventilation within indoor areas such as the weight rooms, classrooms, and gyms.
8) As applicable, fully open outdoor air dampers and close recirculation dampers to reduce or eliminate air recirculation within the HVAC system, to the extent feasible.
9) Consult with an HVAC specialist to ensure that central air filtration has been increased to the extent feasible without significantly diminishing design airflow. Target air filtration should be MERV 13 or greater, or the highest MERV-rated filter that the existing HVAC system can properly accommodate.
10) If HVAC systems operate on day/night or other pre-programmed cycles, consider running the HVAC system at maximum outside airflow for 1-2 hours before the school opens, and for 2-3 hours after the building is closed.
11) Ensure that teams participating in interteam competitions present a negative COVID-19 test result within a three day window prior to their first game.
12) Ensure that bottles of disinfectant are clearly labeled with instructions for use and chemical content. Labels should include information such as the appropriate contact time for disinfection of surfaces, per the manufacturer's label.
13) To the extent feasible, ensure that classroom desks are configured to allow students to face in one direction in accordance with Appendix T1.

The investigation revealed that the facility was operating in compliance with the current Health Officer Order.

Pursuant to the current Health Officer Order for the Control of COVID-19, failure to comply with the Health Officer Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment or both (California Health and Safety Code Section 120295 and Los Angeles County Code Section 11.02.080).

The provisions of the current Health Officer Order are in effect and shall remain in effect until extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended.

The report was discussed with Kristi Brandt, School Nurse, Alicia King, CUSD Health Services Coordinator, and will be sent via email on 10/14/2021.

Additional information regarding Cal/OSHA ETS requirements can be found at:
https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/ETS.html

To keep up to date with the most recent Health Officer Order requirements, please visit our website at:
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/

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By signing below the Person in Charge/Owner understands the above noted violations and statements.

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