

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

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Reopening Witter Field

On June 5, Alameda County released new public health orders that expand requirements to wear face coverings in public, and allow for more recreational activities consistent with on-going shelter-in-place orders. The complete orders can be seen [here](#), and the County's press release concerning the June 5 orders can be seen [here](#).

Consistent with these orders, the Piedmont Unified School District has reopened Witter Field for community use. Individuals can access Witter Field from the Wildwood Avenue steps, Piedmont Middle School's "PE Hill," or the El Cerrito *pedestrian* gate. The Windsor Avenue gate, Wildwood Elementary School playground, baseball and softball fields, batting cages, and Witter Field House restrooms will remain closed until the District develops plans and schedules to sanitize facilities for safe use.

Under the recent orders, individuals must wear face coverings when outdoors, including when engaging in physical activities such as walking and running, when within 30 feet of people outside of their household. According to the County's press release:

Everyone in all settings must wear a face covering where the public is present or likely to be, and at any time when others are nearby. . . .

Children aged 12 and younger are not required to wear a face covering, and any child two years old or younger should not wear a face covering. . . .

A person engaged in walking, hiking, bicycling, running, and other physical activities is not required to wear a face covering during the entire duration of their activity, but that person must carry a face covering that is easy to access so they can wear it once they are within 30 feet of other people.

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