

Covid-related FAQs for ITA Members

Will school begin in July (year-round) and August (traditional) as scheduled?

The district is working with the latest information from the state and the health care agencies. The variables and options are changing constantly, but no change has been made at this time. Stay tuned. Here is a link to the state's most recent COVID guidelines for schools: <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>

If we continue with distance learning, will we be able to access training and help over the summer to be better prepared?

The district is planning preparing a number of videos and webinars for teachers to access over the summer. The staff development at the start of the year will accommodate distance learning as needed.

When will we know what fall will look like?

Everyone is following directives from the governor's office, the CDC, and/or the California Department of Education. ITA is working with the district and will continue to do so to determine how to implement whatever directives we receive. Check here for any updates.

Are teachers represented in district decision-making?

Yes. We are in regular contact with the district and school board members. We will continue to do so throughout the summer and beyond. ITA members also are part of the district Task Force and will be looping out to members throughout the process.

Can we get reimbursed for our added costs for distance learning?

This is an issue for the bargaining team to address. If you need any equipment, please let your principal know as soon as possible. The district will take inventory of what will be needed if distance learning continues. You can also contact the IT "help" desk for equipment.

Will there be lay-offs or furlough days in our future?

The state budget has been severely impacted; as a result, school funding will be greatly reduced. The district may have to make cuts, but any changes to our contract regarding salary, working conditions, or benefits will have to be bargained. The ITA and IUSD bargaining teams have several sessions scheduled over the summer.

If school sites open, how will those who are health-compromised be accommodated?

One of the first concerns from the CDC is to address the needs of staff and students who have compromised health considerations.

Will our pensions be affected by this crisis?

CalSTRS regarding Covid

What is CTA's stance on school safety in the age of COVID?

CTA regarding COVID