

# 2020-21 School Reopening Update

Governing Board Presentation



April 1, 2021

*This presentation includes updated information not available when the April 1 meeting agenda was published.*

# Phase 2 Begins - Students on Campus!

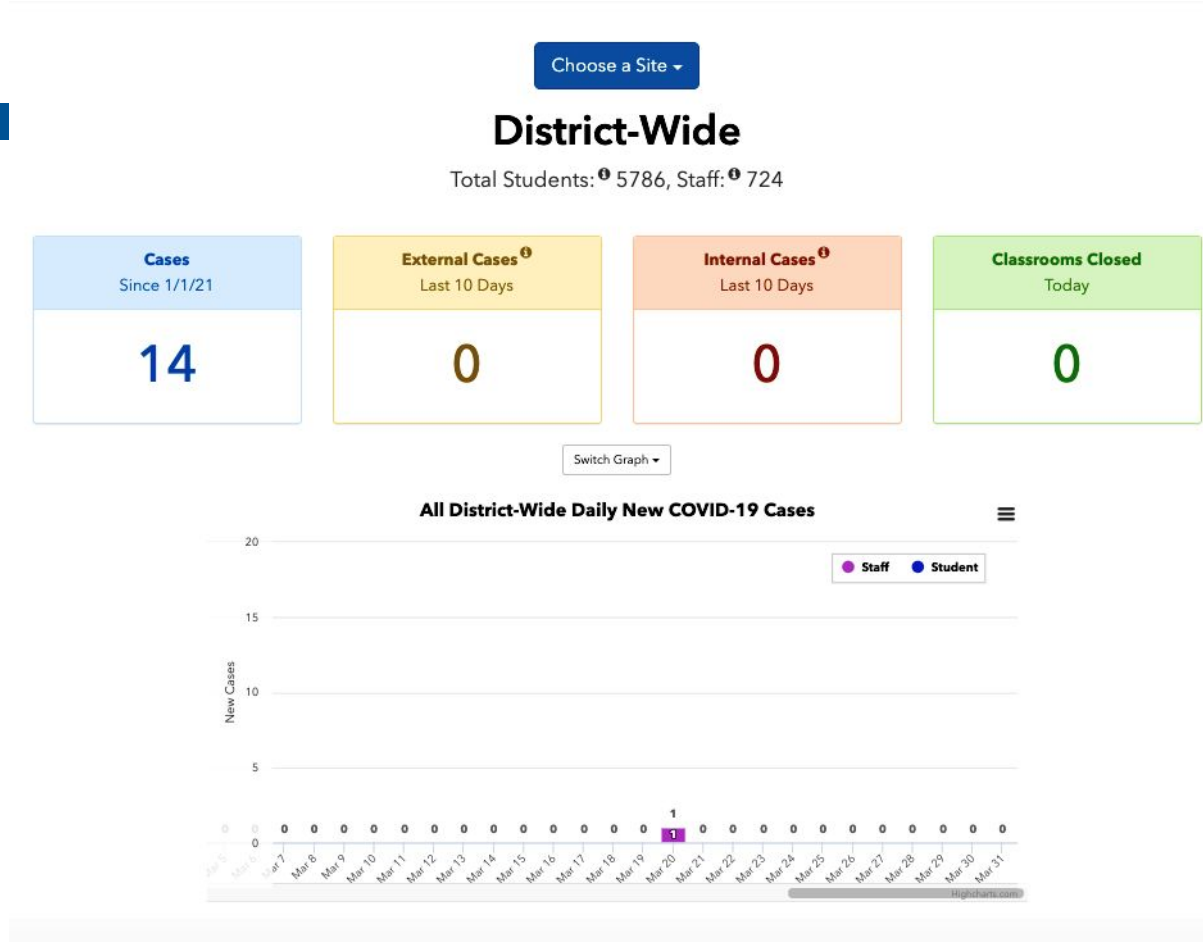


# Overview: Since Our Last Board Meeting


- 
- 
1. March 17: All employees returned to worksites
  2. March 19: District launched COVID-19 dashboard
  3. March 20: (a) CDC revised guidance, minimum of 3ft between student chairs; (b) Vaccine clinic at Monroe
  4. March 22: 4,655 students began return to phase-in (“hybrid”) instruction.
  5. March 24: (a) County moved to Orange Tier; (b) Staff begins confirming 3 f.t classroom spacing capacity and 6 f.t for eating.
  6. March 30: CUSD Reopening Committee met.
  7. March 31: Employees wishing to be are fully vaccinated.
  8. Ongoing - monthly surveillance COVID 19 testing for employees.
  9. Continuing Saturday community COVID Testing at Rosemary FLC.
  10. April: Community vaccines open to 50+ on 4/1, adn 16+ on 4/15.

# Positive Trends

- High testing rate/Low positivity rate
- County's COVID-19 Adjusted Case Rates continues to drop. Yellow Tier could happen by mid April
- Surveillance testing of all employees continues. No internal spread to date.



# Updates on CDPH Requirements

- 
- 3 ft. between students' chairs "strongly recommended."
  - 6 ft. between students when facial covering is removed (eating & drinking).
  - Cohort guidance updated March 22: Cohort size and stability are only required when county is in Purple Tier.

# Many Changes Since Publishing Our Plan

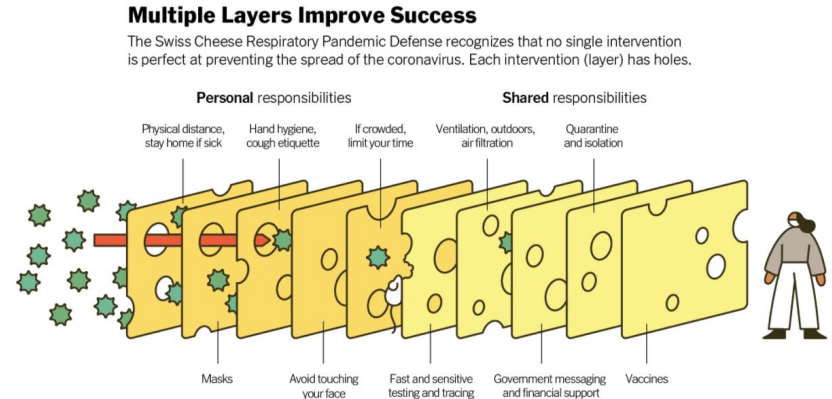


The 4-phase plan was developed last July.

- All staff wanting to be vaccinated have been.
- We are in the Orange Tier with numbers lower than last October.
- We have additional understanding of the virus.
- We understand the mitigating protection (multiple layers of protection, “swiss cheese”)

# Mitigation Strategies in Place

- Merv 13 filters, maximum ventilation
- Hand sanitation
- All wear facial covering
- Social distancing
- Assigned seats
- Seat class together when eating



Source: Adapted from Ian M. Mackay (virologydownunder.com) and James T. Reason. Illustration by Rose Wong

NA

# Reminder of Requirements

- Legislative requirement of SB 98 and our commitment to community
  - Provide as much in-person instruction as safely possible.
- Ed Code 43503 (2020-21 school year)
  - Distance Learning may be offered under the following circumstances:
    - Pupils who are medically fragile or would be put at risk by in-person instruction, or who are self-quarantining due to exposure to COVID 19.



# Reopening Committee Input

- Committee polls:
  - How did it go with Phase 2?  
*Very well 65%; Okay 31%; Not Well 4%*
  - Ready to return April 26?  
*Let's do it 41%; Almost there 44%; Hesitant 15%; No Way 0%*
  - Date for return: *April 26 40%; May 3 60%*
- Superintendent shared updates on improved COVID conditions. Reviewed requirements of SB 98 and district's commitment to in-person instruction.
- Discussed proposal for increasing students' time on campus.
  - Logistical considerations and communication needs.

# Committee Considered

- Phase in grades to increase instructional time.
  - 4/26: TK - 2, 6th at middle - stay all day.
  - 5/03: 3 - 5, 7 & 8 at middle - stay all day.
  - Wednesday dismiss at lunch time.

## Noted:


- Challenge to families with siblings.
- Challenge for having dismissal for some, lunch for some.

# Rationale for Next Phase



- Maximum instructional time.
  - Accelerated learning (AB86)
- Earliest transition would be after completing Phase 2 on 4/16.
- Every transition = Stress point for organization.

# Committee Recommendation

- 
- Bring all students back to campus on May 3.
  - Elementary schedule: full day M, T, TH, F, dismiss at lunch on Wed (grab & go lunch).
  - Middle school schedule being finalized with leadership teams.
    - Lunch is more of a challenge due to number of students.
    - Will finalize and communicate to families by April 14.

# In Process - Logistics

- Prepare classroom configurations for chairs 3 ft. apart.
- Determine spacing for 6 ft. distancing while eating.
  - Lunches will be delivered to classrooms (elementary).
  - Hiring more noon supervisors.
  - Assigning additional staff for supervision.



## **Teacher comments from Reopening Committee:**

*We aren't concerned about the COVID safety procedures; we just need to work out some logistics for lunch.*

# Next Steps

- April 12 - hold informational meeting for all staff.
- Finalize plan to provide Short-term Distance Learning (SDL) for students “not ready” to return for remainder of year.
  - Will not be with current teacher due to all day teaching demands.
  - Only option for returning for on campus instruction
- April 14 - hold an informational meeting for families who indicated “not ready” to return in Phase 2.
  - By 8:00 am, April 19, these families will need to commit to returning or SDL.
- Hire additional staff: SDL teachers, noon supervisors
- Prepare all campuses for all students to return on May 3.

# Questions? Comments?

