

2020-21 School Reopening Update

Governing Board Presentation

April 22, 2021

Overview: Since Our Last Board Meeting



1. April 12: All Staff informational meeting
2. April 14: Phase 2 “not ready” families informational meeting
3. April 19: All forms returned indicating desire to return or move to Short-term DL
4. Ongoing: COVID-19 testing at Rosemary FLC on Saturdays
5. Ongoing: Working with County EOC to host vaccine clinics in our community - Rosemary, Monroe, Sherman Oaks (May 7, 10 - 4)

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.

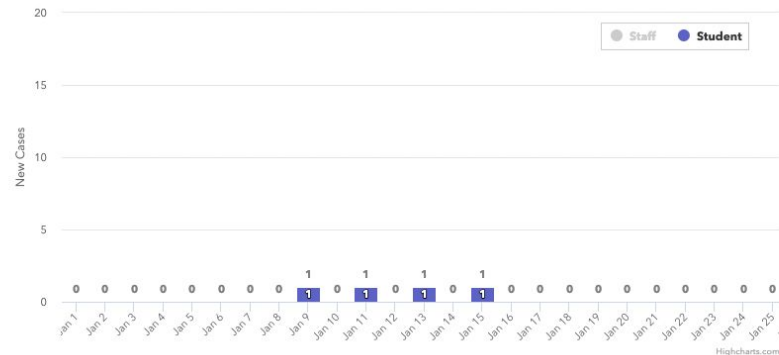
District-Wide

Total Students: 5786, Staff: 724



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All District-Wide Daily New COVID-19 Cases



Logistical Preparations for May 3 Phase

- Maintenance worked with each site to determine:
 - Classroom/lunch area furniture set up
 - Installation of additional plexiglass desk dividers
- Child Nutrition worked with each site to determine lunch procedures
- Sites established multiple lunch times to reduce number of students at lunch at one time
- Secured additional lunchtime supervision
 - Sports For Learning - provide lunchtime activities

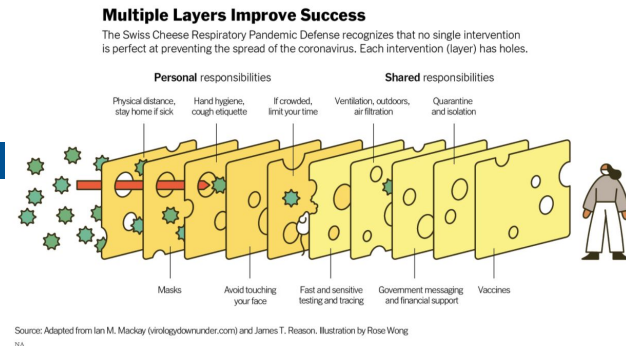
Logistics for May 3 (cont.)

- Elementary School sites finalizing bell schedules
- Middle Schools - completing the waiver process to determine the exact schedule
- Families will be provided with exact schedule as soon as process is completed

Safety Protocols

- Facial coverings required for all
- 3 ft between student chairs in class
- 6 ft between students when eating, drinking
 - Seated with classmates
- Additional plexiglass dividers
- *Continuing to disinfect desks, lunch tables, restrooms and high touch areas
- Daily cleaning of all common spaces used by students and staff
 - High touch areas cleaned more frequently
- Ventilation - MERV 13 filters, highest air exchange
- Awnings to allow for outdoor learning space
- Adherence to all CA Department of Public Health (CDPH) Guidelines

*CDC latest guidance (4/5/21) indicates the use of disinfectants, such as bleach and ammonia be used only within 24 hours after an infected person has been there.

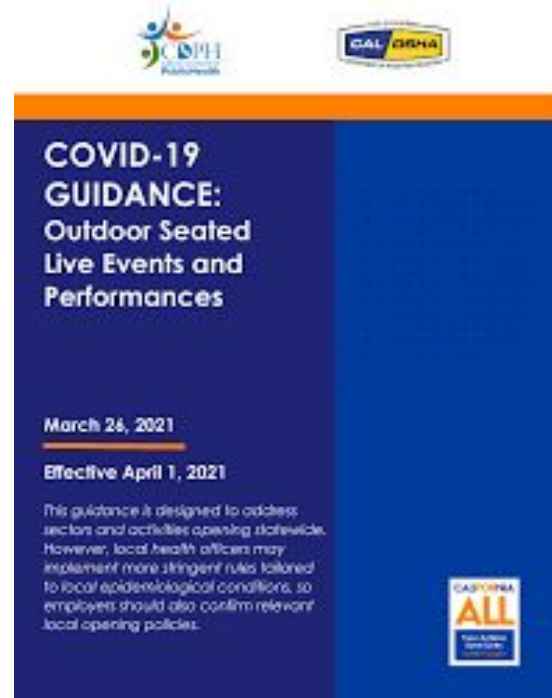


Planning for Short Term Distance Learning (SDL)

- Provided options for “not ready” families who originally chose Phase-in hybrid model -
 - 113 elementary students elected to return to their cohorts on April 19th
 - 620 elementary (427) and middle (193) will return on May 3
 - 440 elementary (256) and middle students (184) opted for SDL
- Planning Student Information System to transfer students to SDL for attendance, outreach and reporting requirements
- Hired 75% of Short-term Distance Learning Facilitators
 - Planned SDL Facilitators’ Professional Development
- Families will be informed of assigned teacher no later than 4/30/21

Planning for Promotion

- Meeting with site administrators interested in the possibility of a promotion ceremony
- When it is determined a school is able to provide for this, the requirements and guidelines will be shared with the families of those promoting



Expected Conditions for 2021-22

Major Differences This Year and Next School Year

Key Factors:

- Research & Understand
- Oversight & Assistance
- Comprehensive Testing Program
- Vaccines
- Community Transmission

Research & Understanding

August 2020	Now	By August 2021
Limited understanding of role of children in COVID-19 transmission	Understanding and consensus that children are not major vectors	Better tailored and targeted precautions
Tentative understanding of effective precautions	Understanding and consensus that in-school transmission can be minimal with key precautions	Growing evidence of vaccine effectiveness
Skepticism that children can wear masks	Strong understanding that masks are very effective and experience that children can wear them	Continued mask-wearing across all ages
	Aggressive monitoring of variants	Robust testing and contact tracing
		Further heightened focus on variants

Oversight And Assistance

August 2020	Now	By August 2021
No data on school reopening status or cases reported in schools	Data on reopening status and transmissions, among other elements, available school by school	More refined and granular reporting and transparency
Reliance on local health departments	Cross-agency State Safe Schools Team providing direct oversight and assistance to hundreds of school districts	Expanded State Team, including regional members covering every county
State and local health departments stretched to limits, focused on slowing transmission and minimizing deaths	Contact tracing supplemented by routine training of school liaisons and the School Portal for Outbreak Tracking	As adult vaccination increases and other sectors pose less risk, schools become primary focus

Comprehensive Testing Program

August 2020	Now	By August 2021
<p>Substantial barriers to access, including limited supply chains</p> <p>School-based testing not an option</p>	<p>Nation's most robust school-based testing program, including both PCR and antigen options</p> <p>Nation's leading financial supports, including state and federal funding for testing for low-income students</p>	<p>Between federal and state supports, potential for no-cost testing for schools</p> <p>Expanded capacity to support safe in-person instruction at schools</p>

Vaccines

August 2020	Now	By August 2021
Vaccines seemed like a distant hope	<p>School staff were offered vaccines throughout the state by early March</p> <p>40% of Californians have received at least one dose</p> <p>On April 15, all Californians ages 16+ will be eligible for vaccines</p>	<p>With greater supply, accelerated rise in vaccination rates in the four months until August, including all high-risk school community members and households</p> <p>Likely vaccine eligibility of children ages 12-15</p>

Community Transmission Rates

August 2020	Now	By August 2021
<p>Many of the most populous counties are in the Purple Tier</p> <p>Expectation of a surge associated with forthcoming holidays</p> <p>Schools focus on having high quality distance learning programs</p>	<p>Nation's lowest positivity rates</p> <p>Lowest positivity rates to date</p> <p>Among nation's lowest case rates</p>	<p>Immunity through past exposure and vaccination will further mitigate community transmission</p>

Expected Conditions and Next Steps

- If current trends and best practices continue, the next school year will begin with offering full in-person instruction to all students - full days, five days a week.
- State health regulations and guidance will remain operative, but will be revised to reflect changing conditions-including any adjustments to respond to variants - and in consultation with federal state and local partners.

Planning For Next Year

- We have been provided with additional one-time dollars to support continued safety supports and learning acceleration.
- ThoughtExchange to gather ideas and suggestions for accelerating learning (until May 7)
- Information will inform plan due on June 1
- Planning:
 - Professional Development and Staffing Needs
 - Summer programming
 - Offering Expanded Learning Before and After School
 - Logistics for full in-person instruction to all students
 - Increased Social-Emotional Learning and supports
 - Academic Interventions