

Laguna Beach Unified School District

Reopening Update
2020-21

Sept. 3, 2020

CDPH Guidance on Schools and School-Based Programs- Aug 3, 2020

- General Measures
- Promotion of Healthy Hygiene Practices
- Face Coverings
 - In order to comply with this guidance, schools must exclude students from campus if they are not exempt from wearing a face covering under CDPH guidelines and refuse to wear one provided by the school.
- Ensure Teacher and Staff Safety
- Intensify Cleaning, Disinfection, and Ventilation
- Implementing Distance Inside and Outside of Classroom
- Sports and Extra-Curricular- Updated
 - Youth sports and physical education are permitted only when the following can be maintained: (1) physical distancing of at least six feet; and (2) a stable cohort, such as a class, that limits the risks of transmission
- Limit Sharing
- Train All Staff and Educate Families
- Check for Signs and Symptoms
- Plan for When a Staff Member, Child or Visitor Becomes Sick
- Maintain Healthy Operations
- Considerations for Reopening and Partial or Total Closures

STUDENTS

Age	Face Covering Requirement
Under 2 years old	No
2 years old – 2 nd grade	Strongly encouraged**
3 rd grade – High School	Yes, unless exempt

CDPH Guidance for Small Cohorts/Groups of Children and Youth- Aug 25, 2020

- **Purpose:** To provide guidance for necessary in-person child supervision and limited instruction, targeted support services, and facilitation of distance learning in small group environments for a specified subset of children and youth, and for those programs to understand the required health and safety practices needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in their settings.
 - Defined a cohort- stable group of no more than 14 children or youth and no more than two supervising adults in a supervised environment in which supervising adults and children stay together for all activities (e.g., meals, recreation, etc.), and avoid contact with people outside of their group in the setting.

Timelines- Ongoing Changes to Guidance

CDPH County Monitoring List

- Under previous rules- OC off watch list August 22- Two weeks and allowed to reopen all schools (Sept. 5th)
- Friday August 28th- Advised of new guidelines (CDPH Blueprint for a Safer Economy), assured by OCHCA OC Schools still going to be allowed to reopen after Sept. 5th
 - Monday August 31- Advised that schools not allowed to reopen until after Sept. 22nd
- Allowed to reopen to small cohorts/groups per new guidance without any waiver

Rules of the framework:

1. CDPH will assess indicators weekly. The first weekly assessment will be released on September 8, 2020.
2. A county will remain in a tier for a minimum of three weeks before being able to advance to a later tier.
3. A county can only move forward one tier at a time, even if metrics qualify for a more advanced tier.
4. If a county's case rate and test positivity measure fall into two different tiers, the county will be assigned to the more restrictive tier.
5. City local health jurisdiction (LHJ) data will be included in overall metrics, and city LHJs will be assigned the same tier as the surrounding county.

Initial step applied on August 28, 2020:

1. Each county is assigned to a tier based on an adjusted case rate and test positivity from the prior two reporting periods. If a county's case rate and test positivity measure fall into two different tiers, the county will be assigned the more restrictive tier.
2. This tier status will be effective on Monday, August 31, 2020.
3. If a county is initially assigned to Purple Tier 1 and has met the criteria for a less restrictive tier the prior week, the county only needs to meet the criteria for a less restrictive tier for one more week to move to the Red Tier 2. (For the September 8, 2020 assignment, a county does not need to remain in the Purple Tier 1 for three weeks. For all subsequent assessments, a county must remain in a tier for three weeks and meet the criteria to advance as described below.)

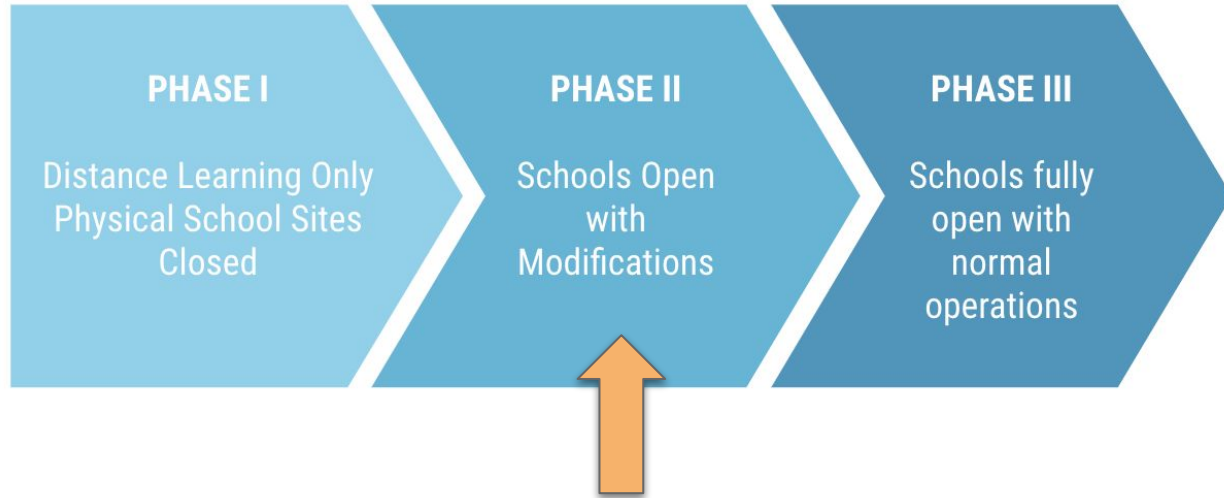
To advance:

1. A county must have been in the current tier for a minimum of three weeks, except as described in the "Initial step applied on August 28, 2020" section above.
2. A county must meet criteria for the next tier for both measures for the prior two consecutive weeks in order to progress to the next tier.
3. In addition, the state will establish health equity measures on activities such as data collection, testing access, contact tracing, supportive isolation, and outreach that demonstrate a county's ability to address the most impacted communities within a county. Additional measures addressing health outcomes such as case rates, hospitalizations and deaths, will also be developed and tracked for improvement.

To move back:

1. During the weekly assessment, if a county's adjusted case rate and/or test positivity has been within a more restrictive tier for two consecutive weekly periods, the county must revert to the more restrictive tier.
2. At any time, state and county public health officials may work together to determine targeted interventions or county wide modifications necessary to address impacted hospital capacity and drivers of disease transmission, as needed.
3. Counties will have three days to implement any sector changes or closures unless extreme circumstances merit immediate action.

Phase II: Schools Open with Modifications



TK-5 Waiver Information

- Waiver Application
 - Apply via OC Health Care Agency, sent to CA Dept of Public Health for approval/denial
 - 14 day turnaround
 - Confirmation that reopening plan addresses the CDPH and local health department guidance
 - Consultation of 3 groups
 - Parents- Surveyed parents- supermajority support applying
 - Community- Consulted with Boys and Girls Club, supports decision of the school board
 - Staff- met and conferred with CSEA and LaBUFA, both support decision of the school board
 - Continuing to work with associations to address safety concerns

Reopening Next Steps

- Proposed Staggered Start- Over 3 week time period
 - Purpose- All administrative staff are needed to ensure a safe start to school, allows us to spread out to sites to support, need to establish routines with small student numbers, address any issues that arise before next group starts
- Potential Staggered Start
 - Week 1 (date TBD)
 - Grades K-2 Monday/Tuesday
 - Grades 3-5 Wednesday/Thursday
 - Virtual on Friday
 - Week 2 (after Sept. 22)
 - Grade 6 Monday/Tuesday
 - Grades 7-8 Wednesday/Thursday
 - Virtual on Friday
 - Week 3 (after Sept. 22)
 - Grades 9-12 Cohort A Monday
 - Grades 9-12 Cohort B Tuesday

Current Board Direction as of July 2020

- Distance Learning through the end of the first trimester (November)
 - Board to accept implementation of phase 1 distance learning for secondary schools for the first trimester through mid-November, and add a virtual academy with an option equivalent to an LBUSD six class model.
- Explore TK-5 Waiver
 - Motion to investigate what the waiver for elementary schools entails and agreeing to go to distance learning for elementary schools at this time.
- Reopening Plan
 - Motion to open all LBUSD schools via distance learning for the first trimester August 24, 2020

Additional Board Direction

- Wait until after Sept. 22 to reopen all schools (TK-12)
 - Staggered Restart
- Apply for TK-5 elementary waiver
 - Depending on when approved open prior to Sept. 22
- Allow staff to start preschool program Sept. 8th following CDPH Guidance for Small Groups
- Create a designated window for families to change programs prior to end of the trimester
 - Secondary
 - Students in trimester hybrid model who wish to remain in distance learning when we go back to in-person
 - Elementary
 - Students who selected hybrid who now wish to stay in distance learning (based on space available in Virtual Academy)
 - Students in Virtual Academy who wish to return to in-person (based on space available at school sites)