



# SANTA TERESA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES – February 9, 2021

### Board's Welcome

**Brenda Castillo-Garza**

- Brenda welcomed everyone at 7:01 pm.

### Approval of January 2021 Minutes

**Faatemeh Lubinsky**

- January 2021 minutes were approved unanimously. Maria Eswine moved to approve, and Jen Anderson seconded.

### Principal's Report

**Mark Lepori**

- February's Mega Skill, Kindness, was introduced during the Panther Pride Assemblies on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent Teacher conferences are wrapping up this week.
- The student council kicked off this month's battle background, representing Valentine's Day, which closes on February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> is Sports Day.
- No school, Friday, 02/12 (Professional Development Day), the week of 02/15 – 02/19 for the Presidents' Week break.
- The next ELAC meeting is on Wednesday (2/24) at 6:30 pm.
- A great way to learn more about the reopening of school in person learning is the OGSD Board Meeting on Thursday, 02/11 at 6:00 pm.
- Any families who are in need of mental health support, please reach out to their teacher or Mr. Lepori ([mlepori@oakgrovesd.net](mailto:mlepori@oakgrovesd.net)).
- Reminder that if you child will be absent, please notify the school via a phone call (408-227-3303), email ([csnyder@oakgrovesd.net](mailto:csnyder@oakgrovesd.net)), or Parent Square message.
- Reminder to submit individual yearbook photos by 02/12.

### District Advisory Council (DAC) Report –

**Vinod Pisharody**

- Vinod was absent but provided notes along with COVID-19 update from the district. Mr. Lepori mentioned highlights from the notes.

### Financial Reports

**Neetu Mishra, Dina Marie Mansuy**

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- No budget vs. actual report was presented because of some issues with Quickbooks.
- Neetu discussed that since the last meeting we've received \$3,100 in income and spent \$3,900 on yearbook orders, so all in all, a loss of \$800. In looking at February, we've received some monies though Spirit Wear and Yearbook Presales, so we hope the numbers will even out.

## **Fundraising**

**Faatemeh Lubinsky**

- Past Restaurant Night
  - Round Table Pizza – Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – We earned \$302, which was pretty good, so we may do it again in the future.
- Spirit Wear –
  - The order was placed February 1<sup>st</sup>. We should have orders in by the end of next week and they will get delivered to the school after the break.
  - There may be some extra masks. If so, they will be posted on the Panther Store website for purchase.
- See's Candy – February 1<sup>st</sup> to MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>
  - So far we've had 32 orders.
- Future Restaurant Night – We may do Panda Express but will wait and see what we can because of COVID.
- Spring - Jamba Juice Buy 1 Get 1 Cards
  - Thinking of doing event closer to May.

**Dina Marie Mansuy**

## **Committee/Events Reports**

- Yearbook
  - Reminder - Individual yearbook student photos are due by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Parents, please take a picture of your student and enter it into the class Google slide. This is how we will be creating our class pages this year. So far, we only have a handful of students from each class. We want to include all the students.
  - Annual Yearbook Cover Contest – So many creative submissions by the students! The teachers and staff are voting, and we will have the winner by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Last day to order a customized back cover is 2/17.
    - It is \$7 extra to add your student's pictures and a special message.
    - Instructions with a unique code will be emailed out the week of 2/22. Cover designs are due by 2/28.
- Online Auction
  - Ms. Anderson will mention auction to teachers and create a google doc for teachers to list ideas.
  - Maria needs 2-3 days to get items posted to the website.
  - Due date to get ideas is by Friday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March.

**Sara Seipert**

**Maria Eswine**

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## Parental Involvement

Brenda Castillo-Garza

- 2021-2022 Open Board Positions
  - 1) President
    - presides over executive board
    - calls all meetings
    - establishes meeting agendas, appoints a chair for each committee
    - oversees all HSA events
  - 2) VP of Fundraising / Fundraising Committee
    - Direct Donation Drive
    - Walk-A-Thon
    - Restaurant Nights
    - Monday Weekly News Emails
    - Santa Teresa Spirit Wear Orders
- Online Auction
- Yearbook Design Team

## Communications and Upcoming Events

Brenda Castillo-Garza

- We're in constant communication with teachers about what we can and can't do given COVID.
- Student council has been great reaching out to students to get involved. HSA supports gift cards given by student council.

## Greetings from Other Groups

Michael Moody, Jen Anderson

- Teachers
  - Mr. Moody
    - Asked, "HSA has always been generous providing teachers with a copy of the yearbook. Will they do it again this year? Just don't want to assume given the times." HSA to check with Sara Seipert.
    - Commented that they have found that the parent teacher collaboration has been a positive of distance learning at ST Elementary.

## Parent Comments/Questions

All

- Parents
  - Yolanda Hernandez – Yolanda wanted to give kudos to the teachers, Mr. Lepori, and Ms. Cheryl. The communication is good. Parent Square works well. Everyone is doing a great job.
  - Faatemeh Lubinsky – Hannah has 3 teachers and they're great but can't wait for her to go back to school. Thank you to the 3 teachers who collaborate together.

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## Adjourn

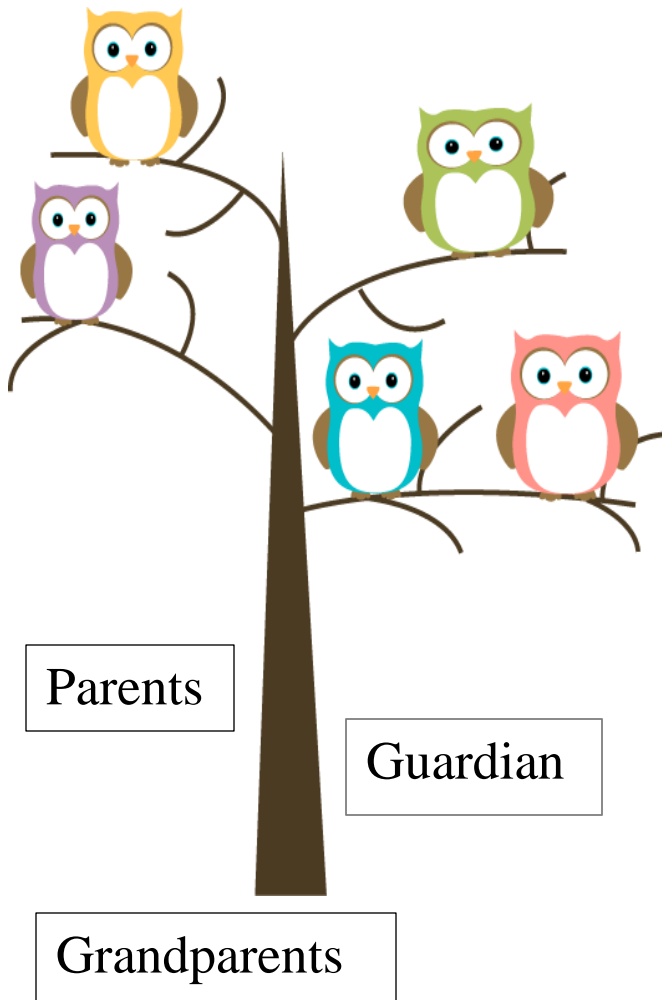
**Brenda Castillo-Garza**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm. The next meeting will be March 9, 2021, via Zoom.
  - Join Zoom Meeting –  
<https://midpenhousing.zoom.us/j/96459538921?pwd=QUdBMnlFNk9NWmFsTWlnaU5SNkwvdz09>
  - Meeting ID: 964 5953 8921
    - Passcode: 211248
  - Dial by your location
    - 888 475 4499 US Toll-free
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# Whooo can join our Santa Teresa HSA?

**Join our Santa Teresa Home and School Association team.**

HSA connects our families to our school and community. HSA sponsors programs, special events, teacher and staff appreciation and so much more!

**Must be filled for year 2021-2022!!**

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**Meet our board members**

**and learn what you will be responsible for the position you are interested in**

Contact us at [sthsa-board@googlegroups.com](mailto:sthsa-board@googlegroups.com)

## DAC Meeting on January 21, 2021

Meeting started at 6:00pm, 17 attendees in total.

### General Discussions

- Maria Arellano and Andy Garcia talked about a meeting between school secretaries and district IT.

Brandon McCarthy called the meeting to order.

### Superintendent's report

- Ivan Chaidez will talk about State plans.
- School safety plans being worked on. Main components are complete.
- Governor's proposed budget - cost of living adjustment of 3.8% (up from 0% to negative COLA as originally proposed).
  - This is encouraging.
  - Lot of lobbying happens from Jan to May, there will be a revised plan in May, and this is what will make it to the State budget in June.
  - This is important for us, we've lost enrollment - a good COLA will make a positive impact.
  - Someone asked if the COLA is something the district has to come up with.
    - [Jose] No, this comes from the State.
  - Sometimes the State gives us money but imposes additional costs on us - so there is a net nothing or net negative. So, we need to keep watching for the final proposal.
- Five of our schools applied for the Glenn Hoffman award for exemplary schools.
  - Max is 5 applications per district.
  - OGSD university, Sakamoto, Edenvale Inter., Bernal Inter and Davis.
- [Brendan] Do we have any advocacy for our district to the State?
  - [Jose] We participate in several advocacy groups. One of the most important ones we participate in is one that deals with school funding - to bring our schools to at least average in the nation.
- Talked briefly about school reopening - we will be well prepared when we do have to do this.
- [Mari] Excited to have a new secretary of education.
- [Jose] Having our VP as a resident of California will hopefully help us highlight our needs better.

### District business - Ivan Chaidez

- New information coming from the County regularly.
- Nurse Lindsey Munoz was at the district earlier today (and attended this meeting).
- Agenda presentation attached.

- Stay at home order stays in effect until ICU capacity improves.
- Travel quarantine in effect.
- We are currently in the purple tier and will stay there until our case rate goes below 7% (currently at 33.6%).
  - Schools technically can reopen at below 25% (need to stay there for 2 weeks).
- Showed statistics and compared to same data from Nov.
- New directives - details in slide deck.
- [www.sccfreevax.org](http://www.sccfreevax.org) gives great information.
- Educators and childcare workers are in phase 1B Tier One of the vaccination program. This will likely be in Feb.
  - No current vaccine approved for those under 16. Clinical trials started.
- Talked about "Safe Schools for All" Plan from Governor.
  - Optional for school districts.
  - Comes from budget surplus.
  - This is a proposal, not approved yet.
  - For OGSD, the amount works out to about \$5M.
  - Details in slide deck.
  - [Jose] This is not part of COLA - this is a different one-time grant.
  - [Breanna Simson] Asked about any mandates on distance learning vs in-person attendance.
    - [Jose] We will have to have provisions for this. We're talking about this, but no firm plans yet.
- Template for safety plan guidelines available for reopening of schools. Link available in the slide deck. Each school site will personalize some parts (~10%) as necessary.

## Questions

- [Mari] Didn't realize that schools had already received their upgraded HVAC systems. This will reassure parent.
  - [Jose] Filters were improved from MERV-9 to MERV-13 as recommended by CDC at all schools. Filters will be rotated every 3 months.
  - [Mari] Where did the budget come from?
    - [Jose] One time funding helped with this. However, moving forward, maintaining the filters will come out of our standard budget.
  - [Mari] Are there budgets for improvements to water fountains?
    - [Jose] Every school is getting at least 2 no-touch refillable water stations.
  - [Vinod] Asked about children acting as carriers.
  - [Nurse Lindsey] This link will help answer to some extent.
    - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Safe-Schools-for-All-Plan-Science.aspx>

- Schools are not the super-spreaders that we initially thought they might be.
  - Kids are not having severe symptoms - they're not coughing and their sneezing is smaller and produces smaller droplets.
- [Vinod] Mentioned that new filters will impose a higher load on HVAC systems and older systems will break down.
  - [Jose] Most of our units are not very old. Moreover, it becomes important to change filters regularly.
- [Sean] Asked about having windows open.
  - [Nurse Lindsey] School safety plan goes over ventilation. Encourages outdoor learning as much as possible - open environments have lower risk.
    - [Jose] Will look at how we can create opportunity for outdoor learning.
    - Apparently there was some discussion on this when Sakamoto was being redone. However this was eventually not implemented.
- [Maria] If students start showing symptoms when they are in school what is the plan? We already know that when students get sick, there are problems contacting parents and parents showing up in time.
  - [Ivan] There are plans and guidelines (strict) for such occasions.
  - [Nurse Lindsey] This has already happened in the BASE programs (this is how I understood the statement). Students are taken to an "isolation room" until parents show up. Such students are also kept away from other sick/injured children (non-COVID).
- [Mari] Can we do anything to make bathroom doors touchless (or non-high contact)?
  - [Jose] The scale of our system makes all such changes very expensive to install and maintain. So the CDC is suggesting implementing changes that are known to improve the situation (hand sanitization, social distancing, masks etc.).
  - [Nurse Lindsey] We're working on some videos we can share with schools a month or so before they reopen.
  - [Jose] Levels of procedures (masks, hand sanitization etc.) are like lining up swiss cheese blocks. All the holes will not be aligned and so for something to pass through all the cheese blocks will be hard. The more the number of levels, the better the protection.

## Conclusion

[Jose] Please send out topics for future meetings if you have any.

[Brendan] Thanked district staff for detailed plans.



# COVID-19 UPDATE

2020 - 2021



January 14, 2021

# Santa Clara County Public Health

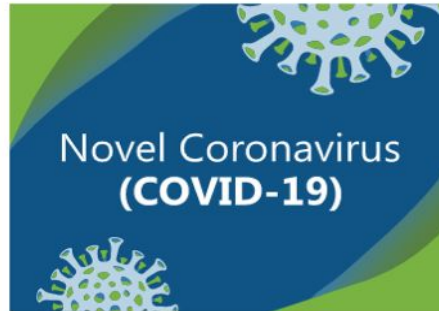
<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/Pages/phd.aspx>

## News & Events



### Public Health Dispatch

Read our weekly newsletter on COVID-19 here. Be sure to subscribe to receive the latest information!



### Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The County of Santa Clara Emergency Operations Center has been activated in response to the spread of COVID-19. Find more information about our efforts here.



### Health Care Services Can Use Your Help!

The County of Santa Clara is looking for volunteers to support front line medical staff and first responders. Complete a short volunteer survey.

On January 8th, Governor Newsom updated Regional Stay Home Order and expanded it indefinitely to preserve our healthcare systems, the Regional Stay Home Order stays in effect until intensive care unit (ICU) capacity goes above 15% in a region.

Travel quarantine update: mandatory 10-day quarantine requirement applies to anyone who traveled into Santa Clara County from more than 120 miles away\* (changed from 150).

**As of 1/11/21 Bay Area ICU capacity was at .7%.**

**Below is California data:**

**DAILY NEW CASES**

● **106.9** PER 100K

Very dangerous number of new cases

**INFECTION RATE**

● **1.03**

COVID is still spreading, but slowly

**POSITIVE TEST RATE**

● **18.0%**

Indicates insufficient testing

**ICU CAPACITY USED**

● **90%**

High risk of hospital overload

Beta

# COVID-19 Demographics Dashboard



Microsoft Power BI

Comparison to  
illustrate the surge



Microsoft Power BI



# Santa Clara County COVID-19 Cases Dashboard

Santa Clara County  
**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Last updated on January 13, 2021

Cumulative COVID-19 Cases <sup>^</sup> **87045**

7-Day Rolling Average of New Cases **1302**

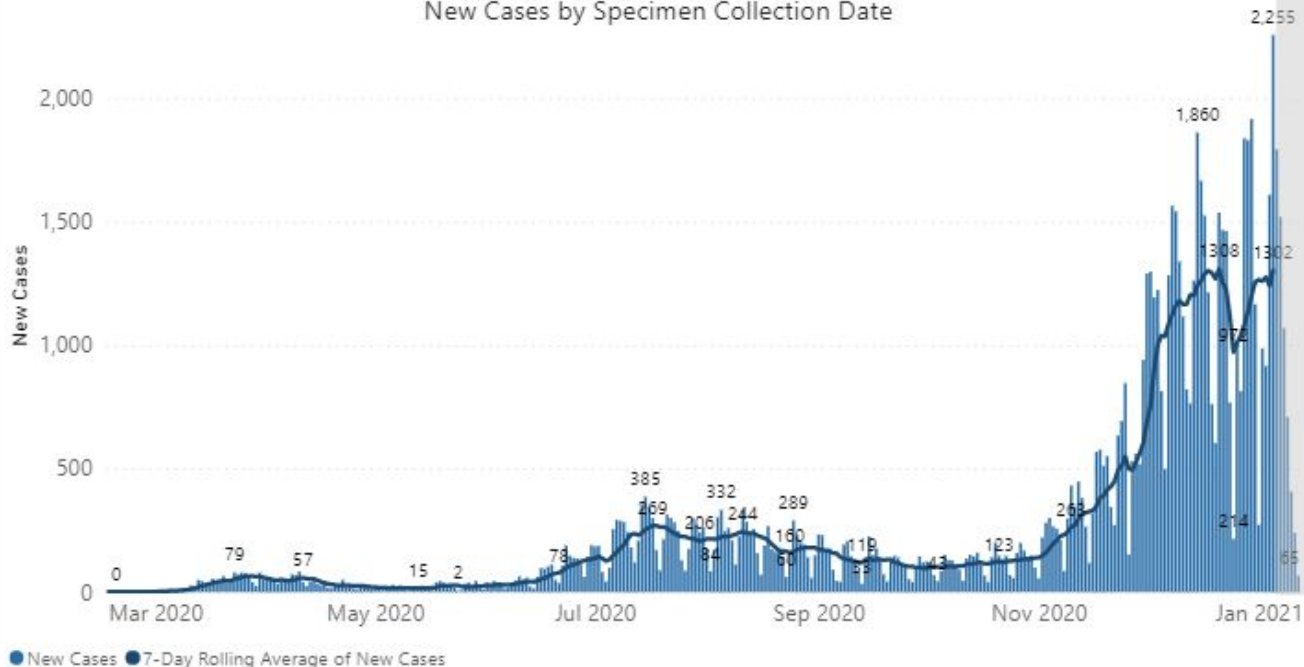
Displaying:

Cases

Deaths

Values for the most recent 7 days are preliminary

New Cases by Specimen Collection Date



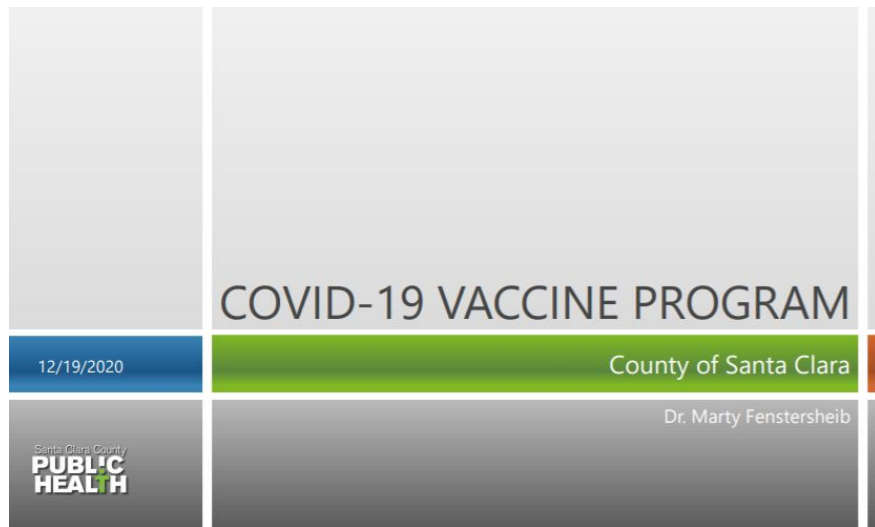
## Two New Health Department Directives as of 1/14/21

Effective immediately, every local educational agency (school district) in California shall notify its local health officer of any known case of COVID-19 among any student or employee who was present on a K-12 public or private school campus within the 10 days preceding a positive test for COVID-19.

Beginning January 25th, 2021 every local educational agency (school district) in California shall notify the California Department of Public Health whether it is serving students in person. They shall report each school site and what level of in person instruction they are in:

-Full In-Person, Hybrid or Distance Learning  
(The report will be required to be submitted weekly every Monday.)

# COVID-19 Vaccine Update from Santa Clara Public Health



Details on scheduling vaccines, appointments, faq's, vaccine phases/tiers, and other information is available on the County's updated COVID-19 website at [www.sccfreevax.org](http://www.sccfreevax.org)

## Phase 1A

About 3 million people

- Healthcare workers
- Long-term care residents

See [CDPH Allocation Guidelines for Phase 1a](#).

## Phase 1B

### 1B Tier One:

- Individuals 75 and older
- Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors:  
education, childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture

### 1B Tier Two:

- Individuals 65 -74 years of age
- Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors:  
transportation and logistics;  
industrial, commercial, residential, and sheltering facilities and services; critical manufacturing
- Congregate settings with outbreak risk: incarcerated and homeless

## Phase 1C

- Individuals 50 -64 years of age
- People 16-64 years of age and have an underlying health condition or disability which increases their risk of severe COVID-19
- Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: water and wastewater; defense; energy; chemical and hazardous materials; communications and IT; financial services; government operations / community-based essential functions

## California's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan by Tier

**All healthcare personnel in Phase 1A are currently eligible to be vaccinated. In addition, SCC residents 75 years or older are able to receive their vaccine**

**Educators and child care workers are in 1B, Tier One**

**If insured, you would get your COVID-19 vaccine through your primary care provider**



## COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Manufacturer	Type	Storage	Dosing	Notes
Pfizer	mRNA	Ultra cold storage (-70 C)	2 doses, 21 days apart	12/11/20: EUA approved by FDA for patients 16+
Moderna	mRNA	Frozen (-20 C)	2 doses, 28 days apart	12/17/20: EUA approved by FDA for patients 18+
Astrazeneca	Adenovirus	Refrigerated	2 doses, 28 days apart	Expect results in late-January and EUA application around that time
J&J	Adenovirus	Refrigerated	1 dose 2 dose, 57 days apart	- Expect results in January; EUA application in Feb
Novavax	Recombinant Protein Nanoparticle	Refrigerated	2 doses, 21 days apart	11/30/20: completed enrollment of Phase III in UK; plans to start US trials soon

Santa Clara County population 1,923,370 people and YTD has received 123,450 vaccine doses (6.4%).

Oak Grove School District

2 Million doses received in California as of 1/5/21 and 490,000 been administered.

Goal is 1 million given in the next 10 days (1/6/21-1/15/21)

2 doses are necessary to obtain 95% effectiveness

**There currently is not an approved vaccination available for those under 16 years of age.**



# Governor Proposed “Safe Schools for All” Grant Plan

<https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/>

The governor released a grant incentive on December 28th for a return to in person instruction. The grant is optional. Districts who participate will receive \$450 per student in grades K-6, plus an additional up to \$250 per student with high needs (low socio-economic, ELL, Foster and Homeless Youth). (OGSD Approx. \$3,185,000 plus up to an additional \$1.769.250 for high needs for a total of \$4,954,250.

The funds will come out of extra state funding allocated for K-12 schools through the Proposition 98 formula that will be available as a result of an unexpected budget surplus this year. The funding will be included in the budget proposal from Governor Newsom.

## CALIFORNIA'S SAFE SCHOOLS FOR ALL PLAN

1. Funding to support safe reopening
2. Safety & mitigation measures for classrooms
3. Hands-on oversight & assistance for schools
4. Transparency & accountability for families & staff

[schools.covid19.ca.gov](https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/)



# Requirements of Governor Newsom's Trailer Bill for In Person Instruction Grant <https://esd.dof.ca.gov/trailer-bill/public/trailerBill/pdf/213>

Schools must submit a Covid-19 Safety Plan(CSP) to local health authorities and SCCOE by February 1st, that has the approval of school employee unions and meets the new Cal/OSHA regulations. The COVID-19 Safety plan (CSP) consists of two parts: (1) the Cal/OSHA COVID19 Prevention Program (CPP) and (2) the COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist.

The program will be phased in, beginning on February 15 for students in transitional kindergarten through second grade, and for students in the third to sixth grade on March 15.

The planned return only applies to students in grades TK-6 who choose to return to in person instruction, others would remain on Distance Learning.

Oak Grove School District

**Only schools in counties with fewer than 25 positive coronavirus cases per 100,000 population can open, but anyone can still apply in order to get funds. (Santa Clara County currently 71.7 per 100K)**

Everyone in a school — both adults and children — have to be tested for the virus on a regular basis, even those who are have no symptoms. For districts in counties with less than an average of 14 positive cases per 100,000, everyone has to be tested every two weeks.

It also requires school districts to do contact tracing and maintain a Covid Dashboard for number of cases and a weekly posting of what schools are open and what grades.



# Health & Safety

 <p><b>STAY HOME</b> if you feel unwell.</p>	<p><b>COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE</b> with your bent elbow or tissue <b>WHEN YOU COUGH OR SNEEZE.</b></p> 	<p><b>WASH YOUR HANDS</b> frequently <b>OR</b> use alcohol-based (at least 60%) <b>HAND SANITIZER.</b></p> 
	<p><b>AVOID HUGS AND HANDSHAKES.</b> Use alternative ways of greeting people.</p> 	<p>Avoid touching your <b>EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH.</b></p> 
 <p><b>SEEK MEDICAL CARE</b> early if you have <b>A FEVER, A COUGH AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING.</b></p>	<p>Follow advice given by your health care provider on how to <b>PROTECT YOURSELF</b> and others from COVID-19.</p> 	

# Opening Schools Together Safety Plan



Opening Schools Together Safety Plan Guidebook meets the County & State requirements for parent and staff education/communication. These will be posted to our websites along with the CSP and CPP Plans.

[Safety Plan Guidebook Linked Here](#)  
(Sample plan from Oak Ridge Elementary)

# Looking Ahead



- Continue to collaborate with all bargaining units
- Board discussion / input
- Determine a future safe in-person start date

*#AdvancingOGSD*