

BUSD 2020/21 Return to School Plan Health/Safety updates



Presentation to Bellevue Union School District
Board of Trustees

Tracy Whitaker, Director of Student Services & BUSD COVID-19 Coordinator
David Alexander, Ed.D Superintendent

11/17/2020

Where are we heading?



Planning for the possibility:
Reopening Our Schools to
In-Person Learning

Where are we now?

Started off the 2020-2021 school year with...

BUSD 2020-2021 Return to School Plan

Board Approved 8/4/2020

*Committed to Distance Learning Model (non in-person learning)
until after Winter Break (Tuesday, January 5, 2021)
or unless conditions improved.*



Tools:

- *CDE Guidelines for Opening Schools: [Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California Public Schools](#)*
- *[Sonoma County 2020-21 Roadmap to a Safe Reopening: Key Considerations for Sonoma County Schools to Address the Challenges of Covid-19](#)*
- *New Valuable Resources:*
 - [ACSA Summary of Guidance for Reopening Schools](#)
 - [ACSA School Reopening Scheduling Modalities](#)

Since the start of the year we have been
diligently monitoring Sonoma County's
COVID-19 status from Public Health



SoCo
Emergency

With strict adherence to Public Health requirements

As we look into the future, we hope that one day our students will be able to return to an in-person model at our school campuses. To prepare for this possibility, we have formed a district strategic planning team to assist us.



District Strategic Planning Team 2.1

Monday, November 2, 2020 1:00pm - 3:00pm - Health/Safety

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 9:00am - noon Teaching/Learning



District Strategic Planning Team 2.1: Thank you!

Nina Craig, Bellevue Principal
Angela Grenier, Kindergarten Teacher
Kim Toller, 6th Grade Teacher
Shari Byers-Gith, Psychologist
Karina Martinez, Office Manager
Amy Flores, Parent Liaison
Lisa Lopez, Parent
Angelica Gonzalez, Parent
Denise McCullough, Kawana Springs Principal
Patty Gomez, 1st Grade Dual Immersion Teacher
Hugh Brown, Teacher
Joe Trombetta, PE Teacher
Navreet Grewal, Psychologist
Erika Corrales, Parent Liaison
Megan Izen, Parent
Kate Nagle, Parent
Cara Colombo-Stuart, Early Learning Center Program Director
Brianna Furner, Special Education Teacher
Sally Yates, School Nurse
Jennifer Spain, CSEA Rep
Donna Rinnel, CSEA Rep
BEA Rep (invited)
BEA Rep (invited)
Sally McDaniel, TOSA
Melissa Moore, Expanded Learning Program Manager
Napa County Office of Education - Community Programs

Jean Walker, Meadow View Principal
Benita Crawford 3rd Grade teacher
Suzanne Anderson- 6th grade
Mark Bunnell, Counselor
Paula Hernandez, Kitchen Operator
Natali Ramirez, Parent Liaison/Student Supervisor
Iris Peoples, Parent
Norma Velarde, Parent
Margaret Jacobson, Taylor Mountain Principal
Michelle Verporter, SDC Grades 5-6
Olivia Knight, Counselor
Melissa Maples, SpEd IA
Ruben Cuevas, Custodian
Rachelle Aparicio, Parent
Karina Valencia, Parent
Larry Black, Technology Director
Roger Farrell, Director of Maintenance & Operations
Tracy Whitaker, Director of Student Services & COVID-19 Coordinator
Aracely Romo-Flores, Director of Curriculum and English Learners
Chris J. Kim, CBO
Siara Goyer, Director of Human Resources
Moriah Hart, Executive Assistant
David Alexander, Superintendent

Goal/Purpose of DSPT 2.1

- ★ The purpose of the DSPT 2.1 team is to provide a forum for sharing information and receiving input on the BUSD 2020/21 Return to School Plan since board approved on 8/4/2020. The two main foci will include health/safety and teaching/learning models (distance, hybrid and traditional) during the 2020/21 COVID pandemic.

Note: Last year at DSPT 2.0, it was our intention to utilize that team as a budget advisory committee. All fiscal advisory groups at that time encouraged districts to draw up worse case scenarios due to the pandemic. Although the state provided one time funding to help offset district expenses related to the pandemic, our current multi-year projections reserves three years out are low. Future budget advisory committees may be called upon, like the original DSPT to discuss budget reductions to maintain fiscal solvency.

Information Provided at DSPT 2.1 Meeting

"Never forget where you came from and don't forget who you are" - a wise teacher

BUSD District Overview



4 Schools (TK-6)
Early Learning Center



1591 Students
(2019-20 Census Day)
1539 Students
(2020/21 Census Day)

ANNUAL REVENUE (FY 2020/21)	
	LCFF: \$18,876,267
	Federal: \$3,570,984
	State: \$1,652,236
	Local: \$352,315

TOTAL : \$24,451,802	

SUBGROUPS
80% Low Income
62% English Learners
3% Homeless
<1% Foster Youth
91% Unduplicated High Need
16% Special Education



1.1 Student per Technology Device

STUDENT ETHNICITY	
Hispanic	87%
White	7%
Asian	3%
African American	1%
Am Indian/Alskn Nat.	1%
Other	1%



152 FTE
EMPLOYEES

43 %	Support Staff
53%	Teachers
4%	Admin

BUSD ~\$15.8K /
Spent per student annually

Nationally, California has ranked 20/50 in overall per pupil spending

Guiding Documents

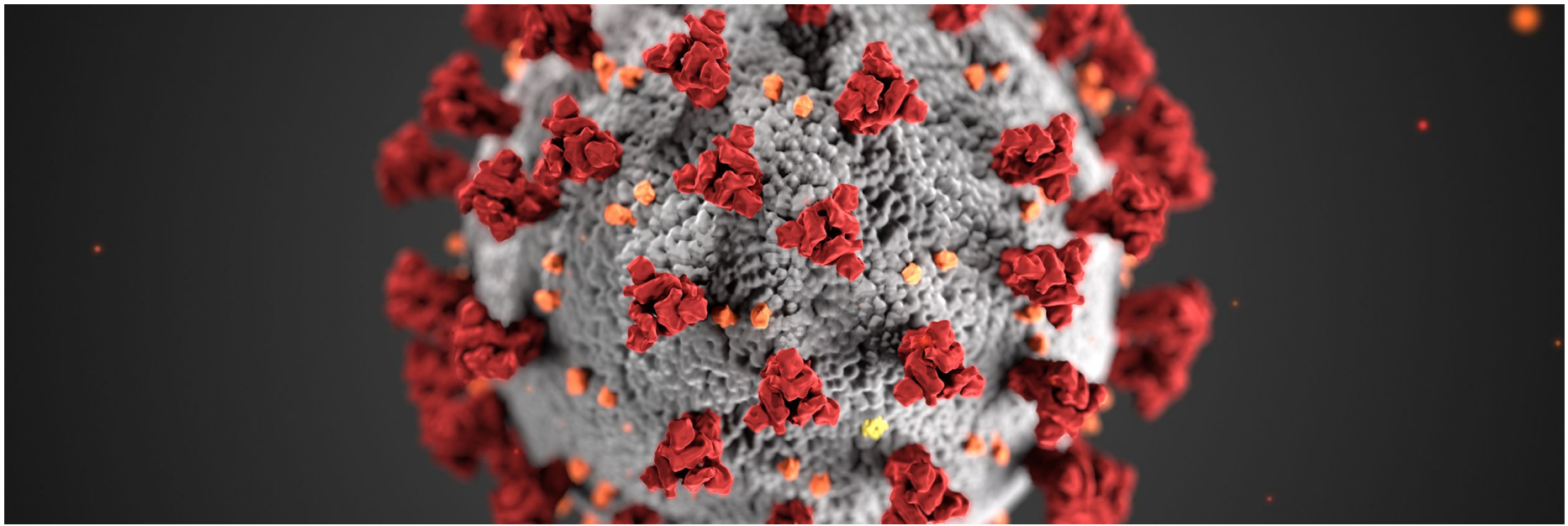
1. [Sonoma County Schools Reopening Checklist](#)
2. [2020-2021 Return to School Plan](#)

Are we ready?

Sonoma County Schools Reopening Checklist

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Sonoma County COVID-19 Status

Data and images taken from Sonoma County Public Health (<https://socoemergency.org>)

Sonoma County COVID-19 Cases as of 11/14/2020

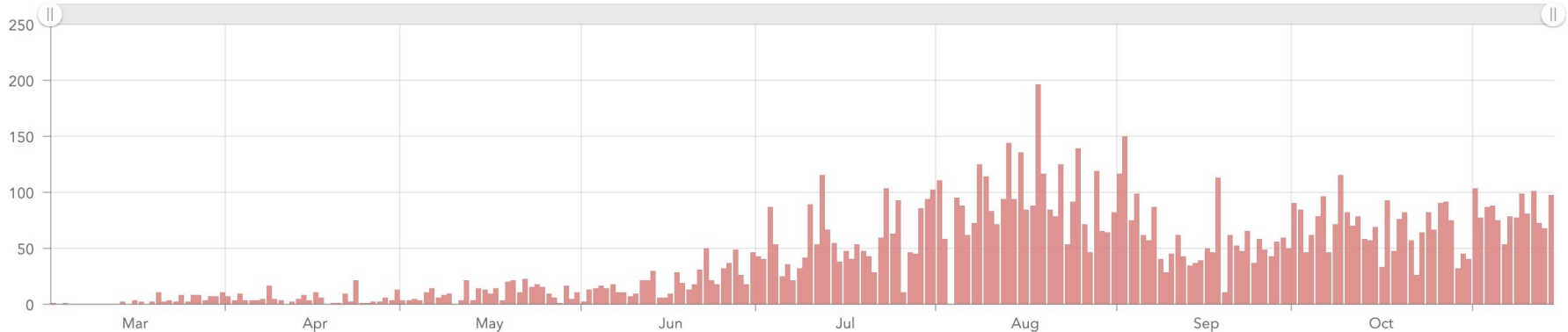
Sonoma County Cases

Active 2,162 0.42% of Population	Deaths 149 1.4% of Cases	Recovered 8,534 79% of Cases	Total 10,845 2.13% of Population
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Sonoma County Last 24 Hrs

Active ↑98	Deaths 0	Recovered 0	Total ↑98
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Sonoma County New Cases by Date



Sonoma County Roadmap to Reopening

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The state has developed a four tier system that allows counties to be responsive and loosen and tighten restrictions on activities as needed based on how widespread COVID is in their community.

Tier 1: Widespread - many non-essential business operations are closed.

Tier 2: Substantial - some non-essential business operations are closed.

Tier 3: Moderate - some indoor business operations are open with modifications.

Tier 4: Minimal - most indoor business operations are open with modifications.

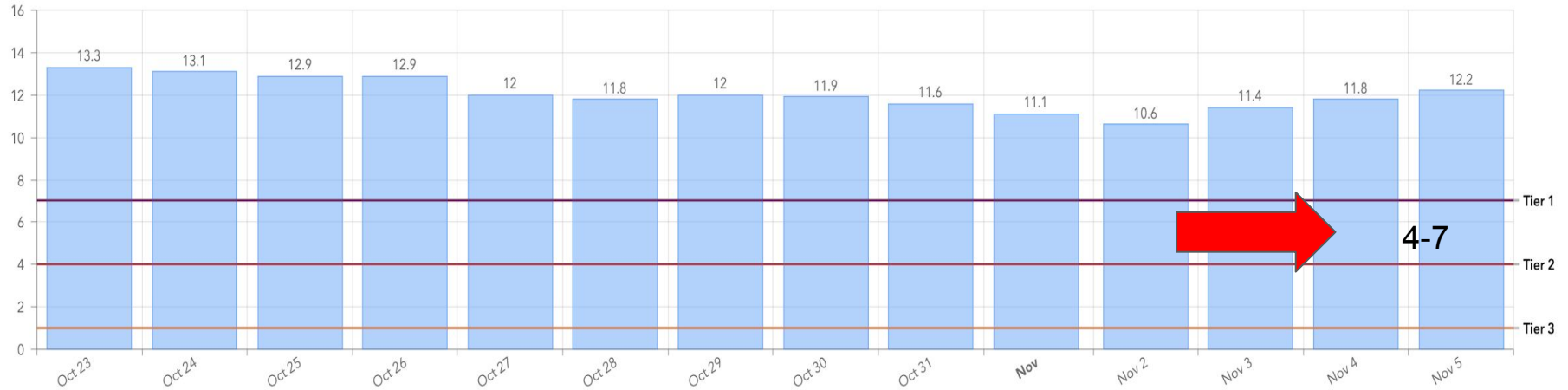
Under the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), every county in California is assigned to a tier based on its rate of new cases, overall testing positivity, and the testing positivity of its residents with access to the fewest socioeconomic resources. At a minimum, counties must remain in a tier for at least 3 weeks before moving forward. Data is reviewed by the State weekly and tiers are updated on Tuesdays. To move forward, a county must meet the next tier's criteria for two consecutive weeks. If a county's metrics worsen for two consecutive weeks, it will be assigned a more restrictive tier.

	Higher Risk --> Lower Risk of Community Disease Transmission			
	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
New cases/100,000 population per day (7 day average; 7 day lag)	>7	4-7	1-3.9	<1
Testing % Positivity (7 day average; 7 day lag)	>8%	5-8%	2-4.9%	<2%

Sonoma County is currently on: **Tier 1**

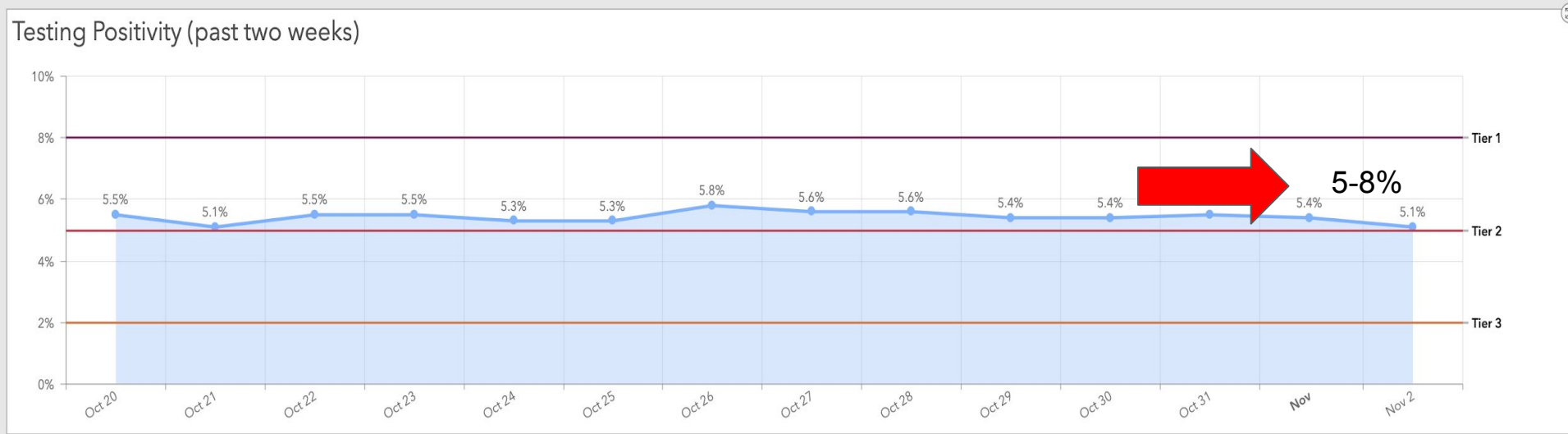
Sonoma County's Case Rate 11/14/2020

New cases per 100,000 population per day (past two weeks)



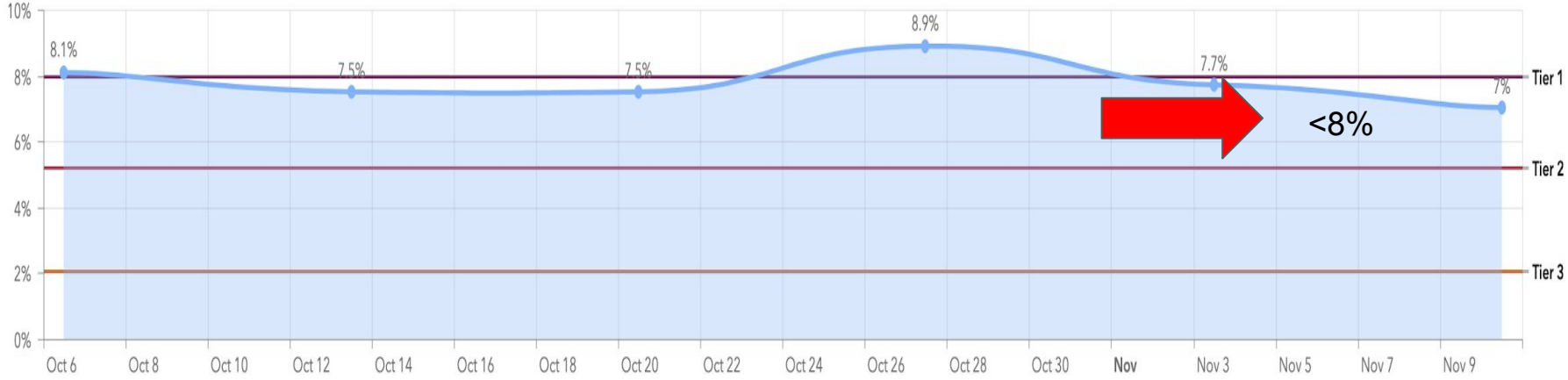
Sonoma County needs 33 new cases or less per day for 2 weeks to move into the Red Tier.

Sonoma County's Testing Positivity Rate

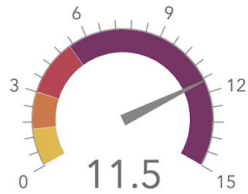


Health Equity Metric

Health Equity



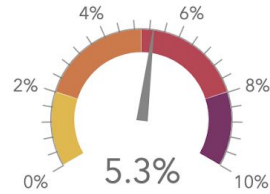
New Cases per 100,000 per day (adjusted for testing volume)



Tier 1

Updated on November 10, 2020

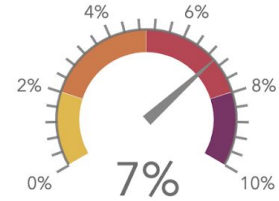
Overall Testing Positivity



Tier 2

Updated on November 10, 2020

Testing positivity in lowest quartile of Healthy Places Index



Tier 2

Updated on November 10, 2020

95404 the most recent day with a daily case rate (14-day mean) is October 21, at 8.63 cases per 100,000

95407 the most recent day with a daily case rate (14-day mean) is October 21, at 24.14 cases per 100,000

New Case Numbers from the Last 14 days

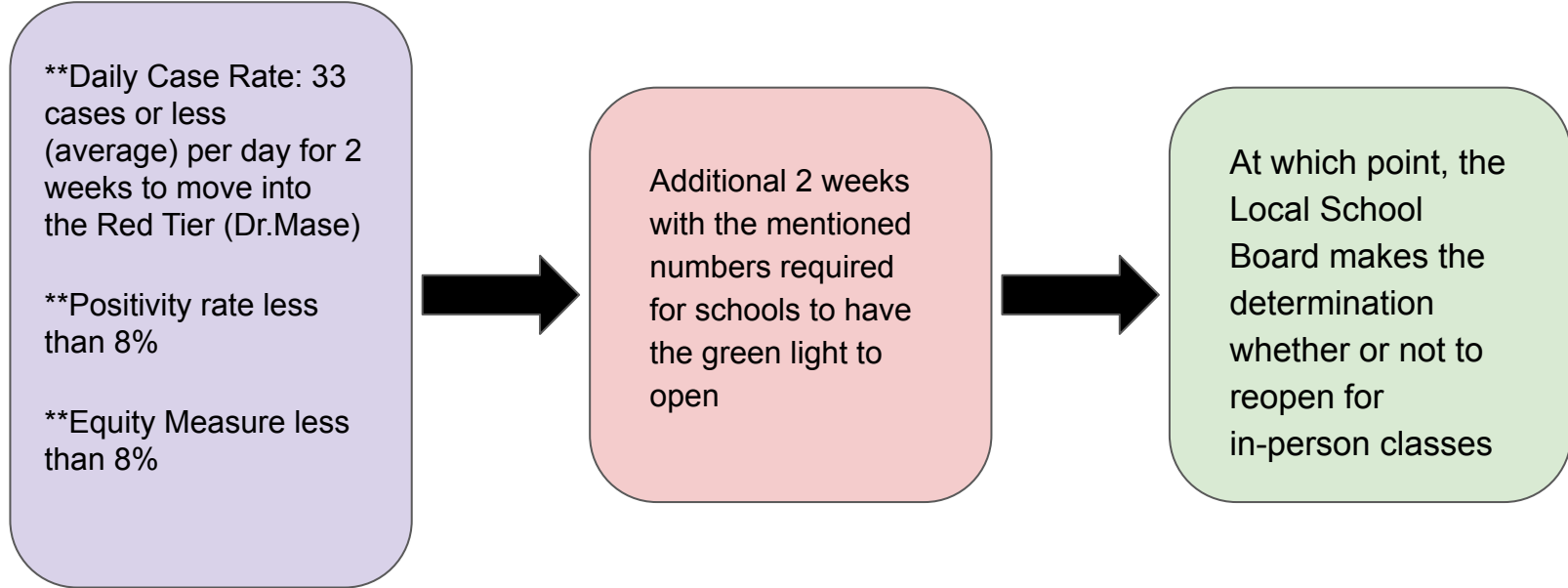
Date	Active	New	Deaths	Recovered
11/14/2020	2,162	98	149	8,534
11/13/2020	2,064	68	149	8,534
11/12/2020	1,996	73	149	8,534
11/11/2020	1,923	101	149	8,534
11/10/2020	1,822	81	149	8,534
11/9/2020	1,744	99	146	8,534
11/8/2020	1,645	77	146	8,534
11/7/2020	1,891	78	146	8,211
11/6/2020	1,813	54	146	8,211
11/5/2020	1,759	75	146	8,211
11/4/2020	1,688	88	142	8,211
11/3/2020	1,600	87	142	8,211
11/2/2020	1,513	77	142	8,211
11/1/2020	1,442	103	136	8,211

Our District Zip Codes as of 11/14/2020

- **95404: Kawana Springs** (Mark West Union School District, Bennett Valley Union School District, Brook Hill Elementary School-SRCS, Proctor Terrace ES-SRCS)
 - Current Active Cases: 116
 - Percentage of Active Cases: 6%
 - Total Cases: 620
 - Percentage of Total Cases: 6%

- **95407: Taylor Mountain, Bellevue, & Meadow View** (Roseland School District, Wright School District)
 - Current Active Cases: 297
 - Percentage of Active Cases: 16%
 - Total Cases: 1792
 - Percentage of Total Cases: 18%

Criteria to Reopen for In-person









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What we have...

Symptom Screening-Required by California Department of Public Health	
Procedures for Isolation	
PPE	
Policies requiring facial coverings for students and staff	
Social Distancing: Signage and policies	
Health & Hygiene Training for Staff	
Cleaning & Sanitation	

What we need....

Testing	In Progress
Contact/Line Tracing	In Progress
Procedures for Transportation	
Procedures to minimize mixing and implement physical distancing in a variety of campus activities	In Progress
Routines that require frequent hand sanitation	In Progress
Meal Distribution	
Modified Classroom Layouts	In Progress

Personal Protective Equipment (BUSD)



Face Coverings	Starting	On hand at the Bus Barn
Adult Disposable Masks	5000	2950
KN-95 Masks	1640	1070
Face Shields	100	100
Gloves		
Medium - Powder free nitrile gloves	3000	1700
Large - Powder free nitrile gloves	6000	4600
Body Isolation		
Disposable Gowns	150	18
Large - Full body isolation suits	125	125
XLarge - Full body isolation suits	200	198

Personal Protective Equipment (Provided by SCOE)



Face Coverings	Starting	On hand at the Bus Barn
Adult Disposable Masks	600	550
N-95 Masks	20	0
Face Shields	348	348
Child Disposable Masks	3100	2300
Cotton Reusable Masks	35	10

COVID Cleaning Procedures

Cleaning Products:

E23 Neutral Disinfectant

Electrostatic Backpack Sprayers

Cleaning Schedules:

Determined by site and activities

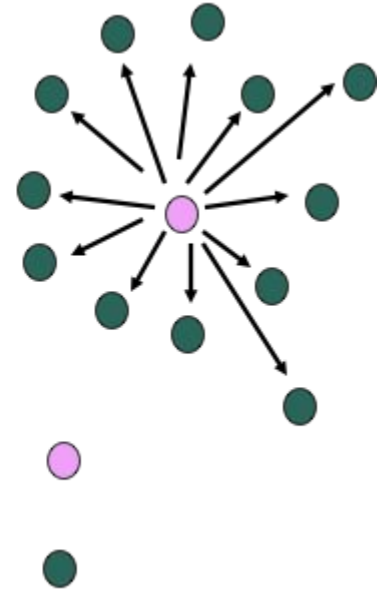
Adjustments made as conditions and recommendations change



Contact Tracing & Line Tracing

A systematic process to:

- Identify persons (close contacts) with likely exposure to COVID-19
- Assess contacts for symptoms and refer for testing
- Provide guidance to all contacts on quarantine and self-monitoring
- Provide information and reassurance
- Provide referrals to resources to help contacts stay at home
- Follow-up for recommended period (14 days)



Number of people required to be trained for a district the size of BUSD: 1

Number of people who attended the initial training: 3

School Reopening Options Based on Tiers



Purple Tier

PURPLE TIER

ELEMENTARY WAIVER

[Click HERE for complete guidance](#)

Schools may reopen for instruction under a County Health waiver for TK-6. The California Department of Public Health recommends against granting waivers when the case rate per 100,000 is 200 or higher. The waiver request will be considered once the county has reached the benchmark rate set by Sonoma County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) after consulting and confirming with California Department of Public Health, based on local epidemiology data.

- All public health criteria listed for hybrid and traditional reopening need to be in place. (See below)
- School superintendent must submit to Sonoma County Public Health evidence of (1) consultation with labor and parent organizations and (2) publication of the elementary school reopening plans on the school website.
- Waiver application and supporting documents must be submitted directly to Sonoma County Public Health at least 14 days prior to the school's desired opening date.
- Must include plans for testing students and staff for COVID-19.

SPECIAL NEEDS

SMALL COHORTS EXEMPTION

[Click HERE for complete guidance](#)

Counties in the state's "Purple Tier," are permitted to offer in-person instruction and services to small cohorts of students with special needs (e.g. students with disabilities, English learners, homeless youth, foster youth, etc.).

This guidance is not a substitute for reopening schools.

Does not require approval from SCDHS. (Local school board decision)

- Must maintain proper physical distancing, masking, cleaning and other safety measures.
- A school's cohorting site plan should be available on the school's public website.
- Students with disabilities should be prioritized.
- Cohorts cannot exceed 16 students and adults combined.
- The number of students on a given school site should generally not exceed 25% of the school's student enrollment.
- Individuals in cohorts cannot be mixed. However, one-to-one specialized services can be provided to a child by a support service provider that is not part of the child's cohort.

Red & Orange Tier

RED TIER	<p>HYBRID REOPENING WITH SMALL COHORTS TO REOPEN</p> <p><i>*Small Cohorts: 6 ft social distancing between students and teachers within a classroom.</i></p> <p>Schools may re-open for in-person instruction when Sonoma County has been in the state's "Red Tier" for at least two weeks. The Red Tier is California's second highest risk level and is defined by a county having a positivity rate of less than 8% and between 4-7 daily cases per 100K county residents.</p> <p><u>Does not</u> require approval from SCDHS. (Local school board decision)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily health screenings of students and staff. Contact tracing protocol with trained staff needs to be in place.• Face coverings are required for all staff and all students in grades 3-12; encouraged for students in grades TK-2.• Those who present COVID symptoms are isolated and sent home.• Staff members must maintain 6ft distance from each other and students. Students must maintain 6ft distance as practicable.• Enhanced cleaning.• Periodic surveillance testing of students/staff recommended.
ORANGE TIER	<p>TRADITIONAL REOPENING WITH MODIFIED COHORTS TO REOPEN</p> <p><i>*Modified Cohorts: reduced social distancing between students may be permitted (to be determined by public health officials). 6ft between teachers and students within a classroom.</i></p> <p><u>Click HERE for complete guidance</u></p> <p><u>Does not</u> require approval from SCDHS. (Local school board decision)</p>	

Break Out Session

Please add your questions, comments or concerns to this document throughout our time together.

Break Out Input Document

- *Each group be prepared to share out your top two considerations.*
- *Select a group member to report out to the larger group*

Updates

[Distance Learning Survey 11/2020 \(Responses\) DSPT 2.1](#)

Next Steps (tentative timeline)

Considerations



Steps for in-person planning and opening (tentative timeline):

- District Strategic Planning Team (DSPT) 2.1 Meeting: **Health/Safety** 11/2/2020
- **Health/Safety** Update Presentation to School Board 11/17/2020
- District Strategic Planning Team (DSPT) 2.1 Meeting: **Teaching/Learning** 11/18/2020
- *DSPT 2.1 Education Program Sub-committee Meeting December 8, 2020 (Identify challenges/solutions of the model)*
- **Teaching/Learning** Update Presentation to School Board 12/8/2020
- Survey to parents and staff: Enrollment Model Preferences ~~12/02/2020~~ after 12/08/20
- *DSPT 2.1 Education Program Sub-committee Nuts and Bolts Meeting January 7th (work out details)*
- TBA: Continue to work with our collective bargaining groups to discuss working conditions

Board Meetings:

- December 8, 2020 (Presentation & Recommendations)
- December 15, 2020 (Governance Workshop Training)
- January 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Considerations



- Keep on eye on current health/safety status
- Safety/Health is #1
 - *Additional measures:*
 - Electrostatic sprayers
 - Air purifiers
 - Plexiglass
 - Logistics/Procedures
- Staff health accommodations and interactive meetings
- Routine testing for staff
- Quarantine period after Winter Break to ensure a safe return
- Staff time to prepare

Further Considerations:

- Survey: Seek parent and staff preferences, once details are clearer
- Expectations Clear: Students, Parent, Teacher and Leadership
Learning Models: Carrying Capacity
 - *Classroom space*
 - *Number of students in each model*
 - *Staffing*
- Require time to develop solutions for unseen variables
- Need to be adaptable: Readiness/pivoting between distance learning and in-person learning based on expose and quarantine requirements



Thank you for your support!

Q&A

Board Discussion

