

# Return to In-person Learning update

Board of Trustees  
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## March 2nd- Return to In Person Learning

- **Marin County was placed into the Red Tier on the Blueprint for a Safer Economy Framework this week**
- **March 2nd** is our return to in person learning date
- Sites will be sending communications with more specifics

Virtual 1-7	Cohort 1 in person A day 2, 3 distance	Cohort 2 in person B day 1,3 distance	Cohort 2 in person A day 1,3 distance	Cohort 3 in person B day 1,2 distance
Virtual 1-7	Cohort 3 in person A day 1,2 distance	Cohort 1 in person B day 2,3 distance	Cohort 1 in person A day 2,3 distance	Cohort 2 in person B day 1,3 distance
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**We have adjusted the schedule slightly to provide more consistency of instruction.**

**The schedule remains a 3 week rotating pattern.**

**The bell schedule for each school will remain the same as it is now**

# Current COVID-19 Numbers for Marin

	As of February 23rd	Marin is officially in the Red Tier
New Cases per day per 100K persons	10.7	
Adjusted for Tier Assignment: New Cases per 100k <i>Adjusted for # of tests</i>	7.4	7 or less
Positivity Rate	2.2%	
Health Equity Quartile	3.8%	

# Updates as of 02/23/2021:

- The **California Blueprint Data Chart** (Excel) has been updated to show county tier status and date of tier

County	Date of Tier Assessment	Ending Date of Week of Data: 02-07-21 to 02-13-21	Final Tier Assignment for 02-23-21	Previous Tier Assignment, 02-16-21 Assessment	First Date in Current Tier	County Tier Assignment Based on Meeting Accelerated Health Equity Criteria	Number of Weeks in Current Tier
Marin	02-22-2021	02-13-2021	2	1	12-07-2020	Yes	0
Number of Consecutive Weeks Meeting Criteria for Less Restrictive Tier	Number of Consecutive Weeks Meeting Criteria for More Restrictive Tier	Tier for Week 02-07-21 to 02-13-21, 02-22-21 Assessment	Test Positivity excl prisons (7-day, 7-day lag)	Case Rate Used for Tier Adjusted Using Linear Adjustment (7-day avg, 7-day lag)			
0	0	2	2.2	7.4			
Health Equity Quartile Test Positivity Excl Prison Cases (7 day, 7 day lag)	Health Equity Quartile (Test Positivity%) Within Threshold for Less Restrictive Tier	Number of Consecutive Weeks of Health Equity Metric Towards Movement to Less Restrictive Tier	Eligible for Accelerated Health Equity Criteria to Move to Less Restrictive Tier	Number of Consecutive Weeks Towards Movement to Less Restrictive Tier with Accelerated Healthy Equity Criteria			
3.4	Yes	0	Yes	0			

# Vaccines

- Marin County vaccinated the first round of education based employees-those working in person in: special ed day classes, custodial services, nutritional services, bus drivers, and those over 65 years of age.
  - To date about 1,500 employees have receive their first shot (*there are about 9,000 education based employees in Marin County*)
- The state has set a new requirement that 10% of all vaccine be set aside for educators beginning March 1st
- Per public health, Marin has a **supply** issue but does not have a distribution issue
- All current guidelines remain in place for those who have received the vaccine

# Athletics

## **Sports Start Dates in Marin County:**

- February 22nd:
  - Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving;
  - Boys and Girls Cross Country
- February 24th:
  - Girls Field Hockey
- March 1st:
  - Football, Girls Golf, Girls Tennis and Cheer
  
- State guidelines state that an athlete is limited to competing with one team during the length of the season

# Classroom Monitors

- As we prepare to return to in-person instruction, **about 10% of our teachers (30)** across the district will need to continue to work remotely. Therefore, we have hired and will continue to hire Classroom Monitors to supervise students in their classrooms.
- Classroom Monitors report to classrooms at 8 a.m. and their day concludes at 3:00 p.m. There will be periodic breaks throughout the day. They will be assigned to a single school site.
- There are some flexible assignments as well, so if someone can't commit to all 4 days of a week, or all 3 weeks, they should still apply
- We will open on time even if we do not have all monitors in place, however that will mean other duties of employees such as administrators will be put on hold or take longer to complete



# Dress for the Weather

- Students need to come to school prepared for rainy weather with proper rain gear and/or umbrella
  - Students are not allowed to eat indoors and we have limited outdoor coverage (tents on all campuses)
  - The limited number of tents and their sizes are due to code restrictions
- Students need to come prepared with warm clothing or dress in layers as all windows and doors will remain open despite temperature
- Should there be a severe weather event, during which it would be unsafe for students to be outside, we may revert to remote learning for a day or two due to safety reasons



# On-Site Testing

- On site testing is available for all staff, students and families
- On site testing is now available to all students and their guardians/parents. A communication with information was sent on Thursday, Feb 18th
  - Testing information can be found on the front page of the district and school websites.
- Testing occurs on the 3 main campuses (Redwood, HS1327/Drake and Tam)
- We recommend all staff and students activate **CalNotify on their smartphone, if they have one**

# Looking Forward

- We believe, due to conversations with public health, the conditions around COVID-19 by **August 2021 will allow us to open to full in person learning for the 2021-22 school year** (*widespread availability of vaccine to all adults, low community transmission rates of COVID-19, guidelines being based on vaccine thresholds and not community transmission rates*)
- Right now, even with vaccines taking place the following mitigation measures are **required by CDPH:**
  - physical distancing of a **minimum of 4 feet**
  - Universal mask wearing
  - Frequent hand washing
- Our labor partners **have not** made a demand that all students be vaccinated before returning to full in person learning
- We are currently in negotiations with both of our labor unions

# Fall Semester-Current Plans

- Return to full time in person learning beginning in August
  - Have had conversations with public health about our assumptions
- If mitigation strategies such as distancing remain in place, we will maximize alternative space on our campuses
  - We have measured our classrooms for maximum capacity at the current 4 feet distance requirement
  - We would need additional classroom spaces at each comprehensive site
    - We would need 16 additional classrooms, at the least, across the district
    - Portable classrooms are approximately \$300,000/ea to install and rent (\$4.8M total)
    - Additional staffing would cost approximately an additional \$2M
- Researching potential rentable space in the vicinity of our schools
- Working with county office of education to identify potential shared solutions

# Looking Forward

- Monday is a fully remote day due to the 7 period schedule and the increased exposure that would result from such movement within the buildings
- The decision to make the switch to a hybrid model after the end of 1st semester was based on minimizing disruption to students' class schedules and learning outcomes to the greatest extent possible.
  - The transition to a hybrid model required that we make adjustments to students' schedules in order to ensure we had enough space in each classroom.

## Why are students being placed into 3 cohorts instead of 2?

- In order to maintain physical distance in our classrooms, we need to reduce the number of students who are on campus at the same time. Therefore, students are divided into 3 cohorts and will rotate between days of in-person instruction and distance learning.
- We are at our peak enrollment this year and we do not have enough space in most of our classrooms to keep students 6 feet apart and accommodate students in 2 cohorts.
  - 6 feet is the CDC's recommended spacing-4 feet is the minimum allowed currently
- Further, we have to reduce overall density in our buildings to accommodate bathroom capacity and hallway congestion.



**Classroom Monitoring Training**



**HS 1327 Learning Hub**



# Summer Learning Opportunities

- We are planning to provide some learning opportunities over the summer
  - We are costing out options right now
  - We will provide opportunities based on need first and hoping to expand further given funding
- We will provide an update on summer learning plans on **March 9th**

# Informational Meeting

- Date: TBA
- Planning for increased student time on campus this spring
- Fall 2021 planning and what we know now

# Questions

