



## SCHOOL REOPENING UPDATE

January 29, 2021

Dear LGSUHSD Families,

I am writing today to provide an update on our ongoing planning for reopening our schools. What's included here is a bulleted summary of key information. As noted below, we will host a webinar on Thursday, February 4th in which we will share more detail on our reopening plan, state and county guidelines, schedules, safety precautions, and next steps.

- LGSUHSD schools cannot legally begin to reopen for in-person activities for all students until Santa Clara County returns to the Red Tier of the state's monitoring system for five consecutive days.
- In order to enter the Red Tier, SCC must have an Adjusted Case Rate of 7 per 100,000 or less for five consecutive days and a Test Positivity Rate of 8% or less for five consecutive days. As of January 27, 2021, the county Adjusted Case Rate was 22.8 and the Test Positivity Rate was 6.6%. These metrics are updated on a weekly basis.
- LGSUHSD is employing a gradual four-phased general reopening strategy:
  - Phase 1 – Distance learning only
  - Phase 2 – Distance learning for all, with targeted small cohorts of students returning to school for in-person activities – this is our current phase
  - Phase 3 – A hybrid approach which includes both distance learning and part-time in-person learning opportunities for all students
  - Phase 4 – Full in-person learning for all students
- Our plan approaches Phase 3 reopening in two steps:
  - Step 1/Phase 3A: All students have the opportunity to return to school for in-person activities on Wednesdays for a portion of the day with separate morning and afternoon cohorts.
  - Step 2/Phase 3B: All students have the opportunity to return to school for expanded in-person activities in cohort groups. The timing and feasibility of a potential move to 3B are uncertain at this time, but we will provide updates on this as we move forward.
- LGSUHSD schools will initiate Phase 3A and provide the opportunity for all students to return to campus for part-time in-person activities when **one** of the following two conditions exist, whichever occurs first:
  - SCC is in the Red Tier and staff have had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated, OR
  - SCC enters the Orange Tier, regardless of vaccine availability
- Students who choose not to return to school in Phase 3A or B will continue with full distance learning.

- Currently operating Phase 2 cohorts will continue to operate during Phase 3 and we will continue to expand these opportunities throughout Phase 3.
- We will begin limited and allowable school-based athletic activities as part of our CIF league's approved plan. More information on the athletics plan is available [here](#). Please be aware that it is possible (and even likely) that the schedules included in the League Plan may change based upon state and local health conditions and guidelines.
- On Thursday, February 4th at 5:30 p.m. we will host a webinar in which we will share more detail about our reopening plan. The webinar will be recorded and posted on our district and school websites for those who are unable to attend the webinar live. A link for the webinar will be sent to all families in a separate email early next week.
- We remain cautiously optimistic that we will be able to reopen for full in-person learning (Phase 4) in August, but this will be primarily dependent upon the availability of vaccines to students under the age of 16 and/or social distancing requirements in place at that time. We are developing contingency plans for both a full reopening and a modified hybrid model and will share these when we have a better sense of the anticipated health conditions and guidelines and can therefore finalize our Fall 2021 plan.

Sincerely,

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