



Fall 2020 Planning Update

Berkeley Unified School District
July 15, 2020

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TOPICS

1. State and Local Context
2. BUSD Summer Preparations
3. Recommendation that we begin our school year in Distance Learning
4. Phased, Prioritized Reopening of Key Programs
5. Next Steps

State and Local Context

Criteria for Opening Campuses

Among our earliest criteria for opening campuses on August 17 were a decrease in hospitalizations over 14 days, whereas currently we are seeing a 14 day rise.

Efficient testing and contact tracing are additional criteria, and while testing is becoming more widely available, delays in appointments and results pose a significant concern.

CITY OF BERKELEY

COVID-19 Indicators Status Report

July 9, 2020

Indicator 1: Cases and hospitalizations

The first indicator tracks whether the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases and hospitalized patients with confirmed COVID-19 cases is flat or decreasing.

Goal not met



New cases last
14 days

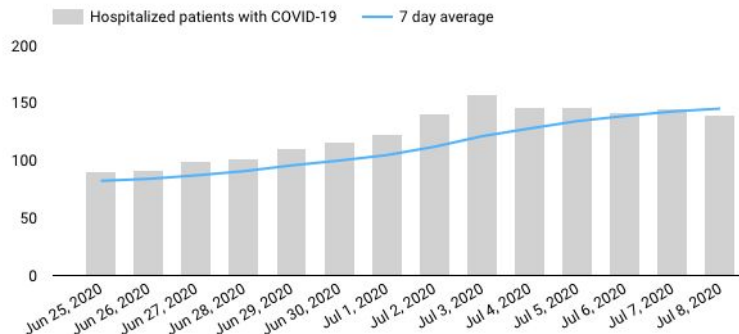
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Change in total
hospitalized patients
last 14 days

49

COVID-19 hospitalizations in Alameda County

June 25 - July 8, 2020



Source: [California Department of Public Health](#)

Indicator 2: Sufficient Hospital Capacity

Goal met



This indicator measures whether we have sufficient hospital capacity to meet the needs of our residents.

For this indicator, we look at total capacity across Alameda County. Depending on their health care provider, many Berkeley residents would go to hospitals outside of Berkeley if they were hospitalized.

Alameda County hospital beds occupied by COVID-19 positive patients

updated July 8, 2020

Occupied by COVID patients (blue bar), Not occupied by COVID patients (gray bar)



Source: [California Department of Public Health](#)

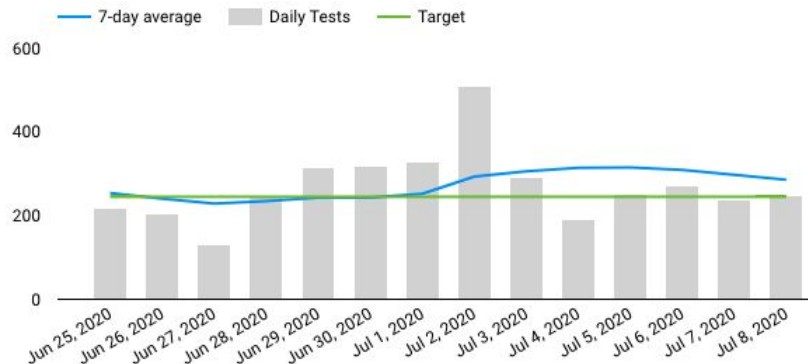
Indicator 3: Testing

This indicator measures whether the number of COVID-19 tests being conducted each day is sufficient to ensure that disease activity is being detected and transmission to other people halted.



Daily tests on Berkeley residents

June 25 - July 8, 2020



Source: [California Reportable Disease Information Exchange](#)

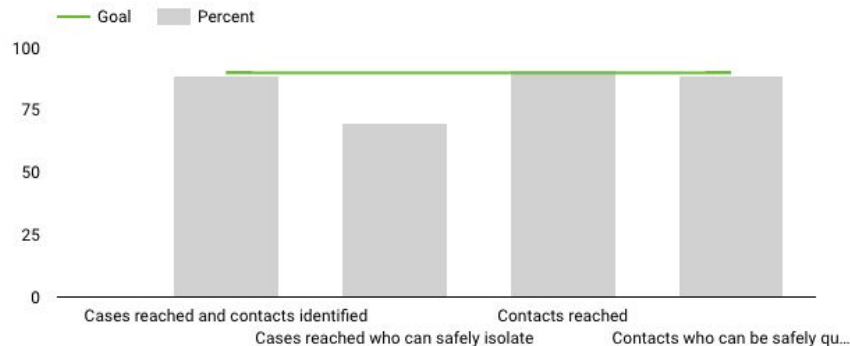
Indicator 4: Disease containment



To break chains of transmission, we must rapidly develop the capacity necessary to identify and isolate persons with COVID-19 and those who have been exposed to COVID-19. Although contact tracing has long been a core part of the work of Public Health, we must now do this at unprecedented scale and speed.

Case Investigation, Contact Tracing, and Isolation & Quarantine

updated July 8, 2020



Source: City of Berkeley Public Health

NOTE: The percent of cases and contacts reached, isolated, and quarantined in this week's report are most likely underestimates due to the City of Berkeley transitioning to a new system of contact tracing and case management.



Lab Results Update

Due to increasing demand for COVID-19 testing, lab results may take up to 4 to 6 days. We apologize for the delay and will notify you as soon as your results are ready.

Significant Wait Times for Appointments and for Results

Berkeley
appointments
are booked 2
weeks ahead

Results may
take 4-6 days

Sort by: **DISTANCE** NEXT AVAILABLE

2.48 miles

MLK, Jr. Youth Sevices Center
1730 Oregon St
Berkeley, CA 94703

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Event Dates

July 27 - July 31

Next Available Appointment

July 30, 2020

SELECT

15.75 miles

**San Leandro Marina
Community Center**
15301 Wicks BLVD
San Leandro, CA 94579

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Event Dates

July 28 - August 1

Next Available Appointment

July 30, 2020

SELECT

27.54 miles

**Petaluma Campus-Santa Rosa
Jr College**
680 Sonoma Mountain
Parkway
Fitness Center
Petaluma, CA 94954

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Event Dates

July 13 - July 17

Next Available Appointment

July 15, 2020

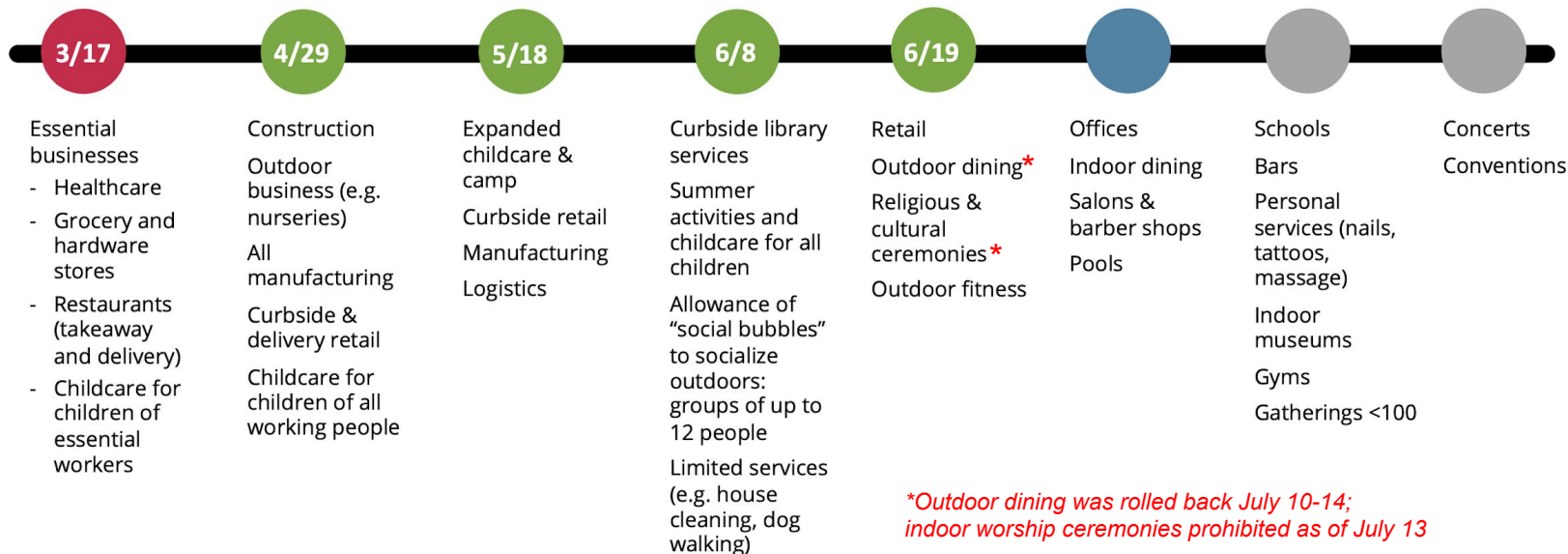
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City of Berkeley reopening roadmap

Movement from stage to stage is contingent upon local COVID-19 indicators.



Next steps paused



Last updated June 19, 2020

BUSD Work this Summer

Preparations for Fall

BUSD Summer Work

Facilities Modifications

- Plexiglass partitions in school offices
- Hand-washing stations
- Air filtration units
- Essential Personnel Equipment
- Early Childhood modifications to bathrooms, offices, laundry

BUSD Summer Work

Health Practices

- Ongoing consultation with local health officials, including:
 - Physical Distancing, Face Coverings, Student Cohorts
 - Hygiene Practices
 - Lunch programs
 - Bus transportation
 - Screening, contact tracing, and quarantining procedures
- University research institutions as potential partners for ramping up testing

Programming

- Child Care
- Expanded daytime supervision and after-school
- Mental Health Services
- Family Outreach

BUSD Summer Work

Human Resources

- Staff Accommodation Procedures
- Risk Reduction Trainings
- New Job Duties and Hours

Over \$10,000,000 in new expenses related to COVID-19, including

- Facilities
- Equity Fund
- Mental Health
- Cleaning Supplies and Essential Protective Equipment
- Professional Development

Recommendation to the Board of Education

Begin our School Year in Distance Learning

Elementary and middle schools will stay in distance learning for the first eight weeks of instruction, until October 9th. By September 15, we should be able to reassess and announce our capacity and timeline for the next steps to transition to on-campus teaching - if it is possible to do so in compliance with health guidance.

High school students will also stay in distance learning, most likely until the December break, supplemented by afterschool activities as described below. We will assess the feasibility of transitioning to campus learning sooner, at the quarter break, but recognize that the logistical issues for high school may compel us to wait until the semester break.

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Begin our School Year in Distance Learning

Phased, prioritized reopening of key programs as soon as we can implement required risk reduction practices

- Early Childhood Education (preschool) programs at Franklin, Hopkins, and King CDC
- Services for students with IEPs (for services that can't be provided online)
- Elementary after-school programs
- Middle and high school after-school activities, including some sports practices, physical conditioning, clubs, science labs, advisories, and more
- Elementary "Ed Camps" (a potential new school-day program that we are developing to support essential workers)
- Student support and intervention programs

Next Steps

Decision to Reopen with Distance Learning	July 15
Town Hall for Families of Students with Disabilities	July 28
Approval of Distance Learning Models	July 29
Beginning of Voluntary, Paid Teacher Professional Development	August 3
Town Hall in English	August 3
Town Hall in Spanish	August 6
Affinity-Based Town Hall for African American Families	August 11
Teacher Professional Development Day	August 13
Start of New School Year	August 17

Action Item

Begin our School Year in Distance Learning

1. Elementary and middle schools will stay in distance learning for the first eight weeks of instruction, until October 9th.
2. High school students will also stay in distance learning, most likely until the December break. The Board of Education will assess the feasibility of transitioning to campus learning sooner, at the quarter break.
3. BUSD will begin a phased, prioritized reopening of key programs as soon as the district can implement required risk reduction practices, and contingent on the amendment of current Shelter-in-Place orders and health conditions