

Returning to In-Person Learning

BUSD Board of Education

December 16, 2020

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This Evening's Meeting

1. Update on Local COVID-19 Health Conditions
2. Status of BUSD Preparations
3. Hybrid Learning Update
4. Discussion



Guiding Values

- Health of students, families and staff
- Social-emotional well-being
- Equity of opportunity and support
- Quality education
- Communication and consultation with families and staff

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California's Tier system
County data determines restrictions on activities such as school openings;
City of Berkeley's Health Officer provides additional guidance.



Summer: Limited childcare and camps openings permitted;
September 11: Waiver process announced for elementary schools

September 22: Additional guidance for cohorts / small groups

October 6: Conditional reopening for Elementary schools "after October 13"
Conditional reopening for Middle schools "after November 9"
No local public school districts able to meet the requirements

November 9: BUSD opens cohorts at 3 elementaries for targeted support
November 16: Alameda County returns to Purple Tier
December 7: Alameda County invokes Stay-at-Home orders

BUSD COVID-19 Confirmed Case Dashboard: A Closer Look

[Link](#)

Elementary Schools

School/Site	Mar-Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020
Berkeley Arts Magnet			1
Cragmont			
Emerson			1
Jefferson			
John Muir			
Malcolm X	1	2	
Oxford at West Campus	1		
Rosa Parks			
Sylvia Mendez			
Thousand Oaks		1	
Washington			

Middle Schools

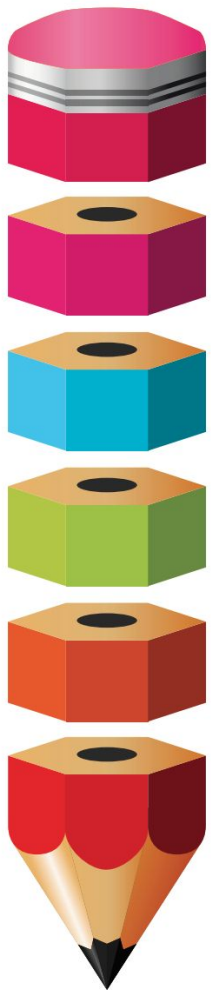
School/Site	Mar-Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020
Longfellow			
Martin Luther King Jr.		2	
Willard			

High Schools

School/Site	Mar-Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020
Berkeley High School			
Berkeley Technology Academy			

District Facilities

School/Site	Mar-Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020
District Office & VAPA			1
Plant Ops			
Transportation			



PRE-K & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMPUS SAFETY PLAN
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

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VERSION 1, OCTOBER 23, 2020

Website Resources for BUSD Staff and Families

www.berkeleyschools.net/campus-reopening

Reopening Dashboards

Pre-K and Elementary
Middle Schools (new)
BHS and BTA (new)

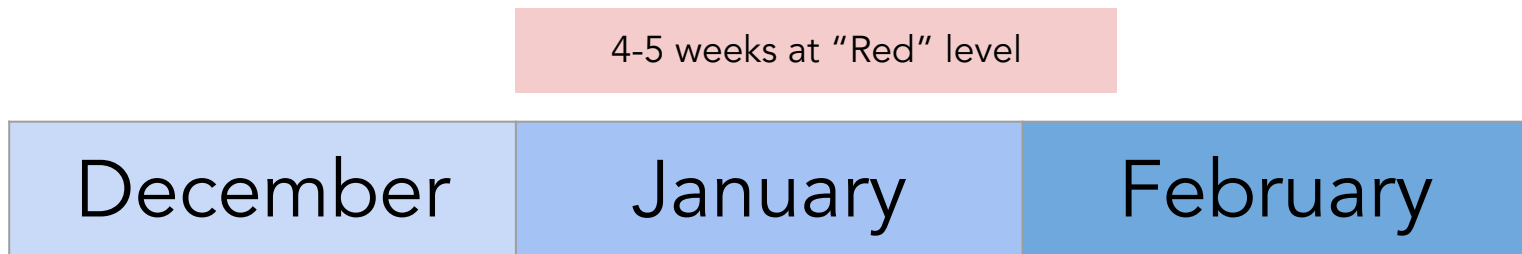
COVID-19 ON-SITE CASE DASHBOARD

Understanding the Reopening Timeline

Currently, there is a 4-5 week delay between transmission and test positivity rates and the permission to reopen schools.

2-3 weeks of "Red Level" data are required prior to the redesignation of the County to the Red level.

An additional 2 weeks of steady or declining transmission and test positivity data are required in order for schools to reopen.



January 13: Board's Target Reopening Date for Pre-K and Grades TK-2.

Status of BUSD Preparations

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REOPENING READINESS

BUSD COVID-19 RISK REDUCTION DASHBOARD

UPDATED: DECEMBER 14, 2020

ALAMEDA COUNTY COVID TIER: PURPLE – WIDESPREAD

FACILITIES

Cleaning and Disinfection Supplies, Training, and Protocols **Completed** ✓
Hand Sanitizer **Completed** ✓
Merv-17 Portable Air Purifier Units (classroom) **Completed** ✓
Signage for Health Protocols **Completed** ✓
Plexiglass Barriers for Front Offices **Completed** ✓
Spacing and Directional Markers **Completed** ✓
Touchless Faucets for Elementary Classrooms **Completed** ✓

HEALTH PRACTICES

Daily Health Screener Application **Completed** ✓
District Nurse COVID-19 Liaisons **Completed** ✓
Face Coverings for Students and Staff **Completed** ✓
Reporting and Contact Tracing Protocols **Completed** ✓

SCHOOL CAMPUS LOGISTICS

Arrival and Departure Procedures **Completed** ✓
Bus Transportation Planning **Completed** ✓
Injury and Illness Prevention Program Update **Completed** ✓
Meals and Recess Plans **Completed** ✓
School Safety Plan Updates **Completed** ✓

STAFF

COVID-19 Staff Training **Completed** ✓
Employee Accommodations Process **Ongoing**
Hybrid Learning Model (Schedule, Logistics, Labor Agreement) **Ongoing**
Substitute Staffing for Accommodated Employees **Ongoing**
COVID-19 Testing Protocol for Employees **Completed** ✓

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

COVID-19 School Campus Safety Plan (for families) **Completed** ✓
COVID-19 Student Education Resources **Completed** ✓
On-Campus Learning Family Agreement **Completed** ✓
Student Enrollment Survey **In Development** | TBD

AGENCY APPROVALS

ACOE-Approved Elementary Reopening Plan **In development** | Prior to 01.13.2020
COB School Site Inspection | **TBD**
COB Site Specific Plan **Completed** ✓

Percentages indicate the progress made toward completion of these tasks. Dates are estimates.

COVID-19 Testing

Employee COVID-19 Testing

Last week, BUSD tested 489 employees in six different test location, using our own staff and appointment system.

We have identified a new full-time COVID-19 test coordinator.

We are planning for a third round of employee COVID-19 testing beginning on January 4.

Student COVID-19 Testing

Staff continue to make contact with possible testing companies, and significant barriers must still be overcome. These could include:

- Gaining parental consent for testing
- Collecting parents' insurance information for billing
- Managing reimbursements for uninsured or undocumented families
- Developing testing logistics for 10,000 students.
- Staffing a rotating set of test locations

Hybrid Learning Update

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Hybrid Learning Update

BUSD's PreK Proposal:

Reopen Pre-K programs at 50% capacity for full and half-day programs, while maintaining distance learning for families who choose it.

BUSD's Elementary Proposal:

Reopen TK-5 in a "hybrid" model, with distance learning in the morning and in-person instruction in the afternoon and after-school program. We are also trying to create additional in-person time for small groups of students within the hybrid schedule.

BUSD's proposal builds from the comprehensive agreement on Health and Safety that all our unions have signed.

It relies on State and County standards for reopening schools.

For BUSD, student COVID-19 testing is a shared goal, but reopening is not contingent on the development of a student testing program, for which there is no state funding or support.

None of this is final. The bargaining process allows for ideas to be exchanged, and for ideas to change.

Discussion

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