

Returning to In-Person Learning

BUSD Board of Education

January 20, 2021

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This Evening's Meeting

1. Current Public Health Conditions
2. California's "Reopening In-Person Instruction" Framework
3. Revised Estimated Reopening Timeline
4. Hybrid Learning Update
5. Discussion

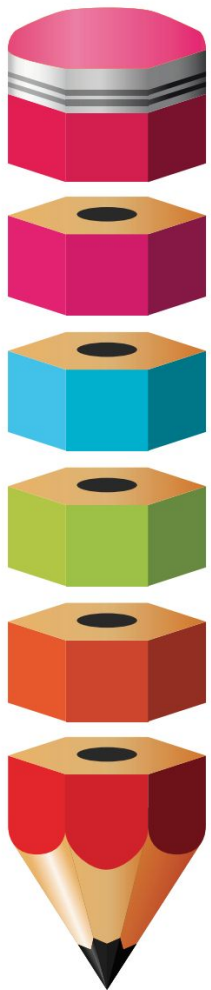


Guiding Values

- 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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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



Alameda County COVID-19 Tier Metrics

Current Tier
Status

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Understanding our County's Status

Every county is assigned a tier by the State of California according to its Blueprint for a Safer Economy. The state reviews data weekly and County Tier assignments may occur any day of the week and may occur more than once a week when CDPH determines immediate action is needed.

Counties may be moved back more than one tier if CDPH determines a need for intensive intervention. Key considerations include the rate of increase in new cases and/or test positivity, public health capacity, and other epidemiological factors. Counties may move with one week of worsening metrics (as opposed to the usual two weeks during times of stability). The most recent reliable data will be used to complete the assessment. [Click to learn more about tier assignments and metric details.](#)

Adjusted Cases per Day
per 100,000

41.7

Unadjusted: **46.6**

This is the number of new cases of COVID-19 reported in Alameda County per day per 100,000 residents, averaged over 7 days. The number is calculated using a 4-day delay to ensure enough time for accurate reporting.

The State adjusts the case rate by a corrective factor that compares testing in each county to the statewide testing average. Testing beyond the statewide average adjusts a county's case rate downward. The unadjusted case rate for Alameda County is also posted here. [Click to learn more about tier assignments and metric details.](#)

	Tier 1 Widespread	Tier 2 Substantial	Tier 3 Moderate	Tier 4 Minimal
Adjusted Cases per Day per 100,000	>7	4 to 7	1 to 3.9	<1
Overall Test Positivity Rate	>8%	5% to 8%	2% to 4.9%	<2%
Lowest HPI Quartile Test Positivity Rate	>8%	5.3 to 8*	2.2 to 5.2%	<2.2%

Overall Test Positivity
Rate

9.7%

This is a percentage of tests that were positive among all tests conducted in Alameda County residents over a 7-day period. The number is calculated using a 4-day delay to ensure enough time for accurate reporting. [Click to learn more](#)

Lowest HPI Quartile Test
Positivity Rate

13.3%

This is the percentage of tests that were positive among all tests conducted in residents of the least advantaged census tracts in Alameda County over a 7-day period. The State uses the [Healthy Places Index \(HPI\)](#) to identify these census tracts. The HPI is a composite measure of different indicators that reflect geographic socioeconomic disadvantage. In general, the neighborhoods with the lowest quartile HPI scores also have the highest

California's "Safe Schools for All" Plan

New Website Launch: January 14, 2021



California launched a new website for school reopening on Thursday, January 14.

schools.covid19.ca.gov/

New consolidated guidance for school reopening is also available

**COVID-19 and
Reopening In-Person
Instruction Framework
& Public Health
Guidance for K-12
Schools in California,
2020-2021 School Year**

January 14, 2021



New School Reopening Plans

- (1) All schools must complete and post to their website homepages a COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP)
- (2) Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards require a written plan called the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)
- (3) The COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist requires that the LEA provide evidence of consultation with labor, parent, and community organizations. The LEA must sign an attestation confirming the names and dates that the organizations were consulted. If school staff are not represented by a labor organization, then the applicant must describe the process by which it consulted with school staff.

Revised Reopening Thresholds

Red, Orange, and Yellow Tiers. Consistent with the July 17 Framework, schools may reopen at all grades if they are located in counties in the Red, Orange or Yellow Tiers under the Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

Purple Tier. Schools may not reopen for grades 7-12 if the county is in Purple Tier.

K-6 schools in counties in Purple Tier with $CR > 25$: Schools serving students in grades K-6 may not reopen for in-person instruction in counties with adjusted CR above 25 cases per 100,000 population per day.

In-Person Instruction Grants

“The sum of two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) from the General Fund is hereby appropriated ... for In-Person Instruction Grants...”

By February 1, 2021, submit

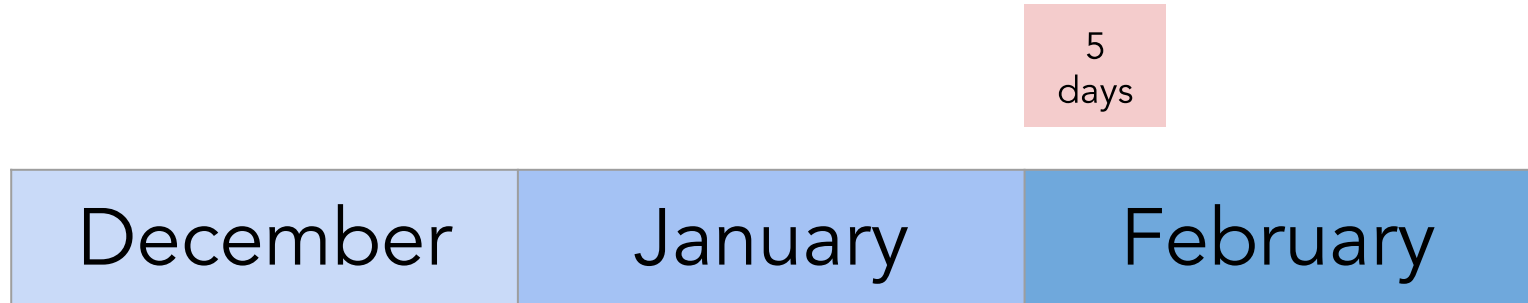
- COVID-19 School Safety Plan (CSP)
- OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)
- COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist
- Ratified certificated and classified collective bargaining agreement
- Ongoing asymptomatic testing of staff and pupils consistent with the state-supported cadences set forth in the COVID-19 industry sector guidance for schools and school-based programs issued by the California Department of Public Health.

REVISED: Estimating the Reopening Timeline

The Governor's new plan adjusts two aspects of the school reopening timeline:

The new threshold for elementary reopening is now 25 cases/100,000 residents (adjusted rate)

There is a five day "wait time" between this new transmission rate and permission for school reopening



**This timeline is only an estimate. Case rates and test positivity data continue to climb, and we do not know that case rates will drop below 25 by February 1, as illustrated in this slide.*



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** ✓

Needed to Reopen:

“Consultation” with labor partners

Needed to Apply for In-Person Instruction Grant:

Agreements with labor partners

Student COVID-19 testing

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.

Hybrid Learning Update

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There are still differences between BFT and BUSD on several significant issues.

	Berkeley Federation of Teachers	Berkeley Unified School District
Staffing In-Person Instruction	Volunteer teachers only	All staff, except those with district-approved accommodations to work from home
COVID Testing for Students	Mandatory for all students as a condition of reopening schools	Not required by the state, so student testing should not be a condition of reopening schools. The district approved a student testing contract on January 20.
Reopening Threshold	Orange Tier, if in-person teaching is voluntary	Red Tier, as described by the state

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School and Classroom Closure Threshold	If 5% of classroom or school tests positive, then the classroom or school will be closed for the quarantine period	In consultation with local health officials
Work from Home Accommodations	All staff who present documentation of high risk (or live with someone at high risk) can work from home	Approved by BUSD in keeping with the ADA's interactive process and with the CDC's description of higher risk conditions
Supervision of Morning Student Screening	Volunteers only	Non-classroom teachers and staff (with a stipend)
Period for Phasing In Elementary Schools to In-Person	Four Weeks	Three Weeks (new)

Discussion

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