

# County Superintendent Update COVID-19 Response

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# Topics for Update

- New CA Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance
- COVID-19 Testing: for Staff and Student
- Vaccine Update
- Questions



# January 14, 2021 CDPH Guidance

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

# CDPH

## Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework

- Recognizing that re-opening for in-person instruction takes time to routinize and improve safety...
- K-6 schools in Purple Tier counties may reopen for in-person instruction once the county's **adjusted** case rate has been **less** than 25/per 100K population/per day for at least 5 consecutive days

# CDPH Framework Testing Strategies

- Testing approaches range from **no** additional asymptomatic testing, to testing a **sample** of staff and students **monthly**, to testing **all** students and staff **every other week**
- Masking / cohorting alone can decrease infections **more** than weekly testing of students and school staff
- Taken together, a range of potential testing approaches can be considered as part of a **comprehensive** safety strategy

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## Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework

### Testing Cadence

- Deep Purple (CR  $\geq$  25): Once weekly
- Purple: Twice monthly
- Red: Twice monthly
- Yellow: Response testing



# Testing: San Mateo County

- **Curative Labs**- PCR tests for staff
  - Full service: billing; shipping; data reporting
- **Valencia Labs**- PCR tests for staff and students
  - Evolving: billing and student testing
- **Rapid Results Antigen Testing** Pilot
  - Three counties across the state:  
Los Angeles, Merced, San Mateo
  - Eight week pilot
  - Intention is to scale up

# Vaccine Update

- Education community has been placed in Priority 1B Tier One
- Education community includes
  - Early Learning
  - TK-12
  - Higher Education
- County and District Superintendents working on assisting an efficient process
- Will still require masking behavior and surveillance testing



# Vaccine Update

- Vaccine is being supplied to counties primarily through large health organizations
- Kaiser, Sutter/PAMF, Dignity
- SMC Health - underserved communities and individuals
- 65–74 year-olds added to priority 1A
- Vaccine supply is severely limited
- Timing likely February or March

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