

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH



Santa Clara County
Office of Education

Weekly Round-Up

COVID-19
October 7, 2020

Equity - Diversity - Inclusion - Partnership

Message from the County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dewan

Greetings everyone,

One of our goals at the SCCOE is to encourage schools and communities to work together to stop all forms of bullying. October is National Bullying Prevention Month. The intent of this recognition is the prevention of bullying behavior through kindness, respect, acceptance, and inclusion, all of which parallel SCCOE's values and principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership. The SCCOE is committed to supporting districts and schools in this effort, which includes partnering with county organizations, like the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, Santa Clara County Office of LGBTQ Affairs, and the County of Santa Clara Behavioral Health Services, to provide resources that can help districts and schools create safe environments for all students to thrive. Another example of this commitment is the work of the SCCOE Safe and Healthy Schools Department to prevent violence and bullying, which includes assessing the implementation of bullying prevention efforts and creating and implementing positive behavior interventions and supports (PBIS) throughout the county. As a regional [Technical Assistance Center](#), the SCCOE PBIS team develops strategies to reduce bullying behavior. The process may look different across communities and across elementary, middle, and high schools, but the overall goal is the same – to reduce bullying behavior.



The beginning of October marks the final quarter of a year, unlike any other. Many still struggle through challenges as a result of the pandemic. We are hopeful and remain ever watchful. Please continue to practice COVID-19 risk-reduction

protocols throughout this season, and look out for one another because that is how we continue to stay stronger together.

Be well,
Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

Resources for Schools and Districts

Wearing Face Coverings Properly

As worksites begin to welcome back some employees, it is crucial that everyone remember to wear a mask at all times. In addition, understanding and modeling how to wear a mask helps to protect you and others with whom you work. You're encouraged to click the link below and print out the example of correctly. Place the printout in your workspace, and allow it to serve as a constant reminder of how to wear your mask properly at all times.



Continuing Education with National University

Continuing education enhances personal skills, which can contribute to our overall well-being. Our partner, National University, has announced that staff members in Santa Clara County school districts will now receive a 15% tuition reduction scholarship which is applicable to over 75-degree programs at the university, including Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, and credential options.

Questions regarding programs and scholarships will be addressed this week during information sessions held on October 6, 7, and 8, at 4pm. Registration details and additional information can be accessed via the following [link](#).



Further Your Career With A State-Recognized Certificate of Achievement in Online & Blended Instruction In Just 6 Months!

The Krause Center for Innovation offers a unique and flexible professional learning experience for K-12 educators looking to formalize their field expertise.

This is an excellent program for educators that are looking to:

- Build crucial and timely skills that support “right now” and prepare for the future.
- Develop key leadership skills (especially teacher-leaders).
- Join a cohort that will journey together while shifting culture, not just instruction.
- Gain recognition and career growth opportunities.
- Earn 15 continuing education quarter units for career growth.

SCCOE Classy Toasters Toastmaster International Club

Make professional development fun while transforming into a better communicator, leader, and facilitator by joining SCCOE Classy Toasters, a Toastmaster International Club.

Classy Toasters can assist with:

- Techniques to manage your nerves when speaking in public or responding in meetings.
- Time management for presentations and get more familiar with online (Zoom) or in-person meeting facilitation.
- Developing a speech that will present as relevant and compelling
- Skills for leadership roles.

For more information on joining, please visit a free online [open house](#) on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.



The Stronger Together - Recovery and Reopening Guide represents preliminary guidance and considerations from the Santa Clara County Office of Education in partnership with Santa Clara County Public Health Department and is provided to inform local decision making processes. As more is learned, the guidance in this document will be updated with the latest recommendations. To find out more please visit the Stronger Together [web page](#).

Public Health Updates

Celebrating Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos Safely

Several Bay Area health officials released a joint statement on Monday, September 28, 2020. Their collective voice, while reiterating the [local](#) and State Health Officer Orders are still in effect, strongly recommends alternative festivities in lieu of traditional activities. Rather than trick-or-treating or the costume parties, consider focusing on decorating, limiting activities to the people with whom you do not reside, and opt for virtual costume parties.

**CREATE HALLOWEEN
MAGIC AT HOME**

- Use video chat to show off costumes or host an outdoor costume parade (but stay 6 feet apart & wear cloth face coverings).
- Have a spooky movie night in costumes.



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Mandatory Directive for Schools

On August 28, 2020, the State Health Officer released a new framework for restrictions on certain activities, including in-person operations at schools. Under the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) framework, schools in counties in Tier 1 remain closed, except for elementary schools that obtain a waiver from the local health officer. When a county enters Tier 2, all schools in that county may resume in-person instruction 14 days later. This directive supplements the State

requirements for schools and describes the process for schools to resume in-person instruction in Santa Clara County.

Information provided by the Emergency Operations Center. For more information, contact schools@eoc.sccgov.org.

Santa Clara County Downgrades to Red Tier

Santa Clara County is at the Red Risk Level under the State's new COVID-19 reopening framework. That means certain activities can resume, and certain businesses can reopen indoor operations at reduced capacity. Some indoor businesses and activities are still too high risk to allow at this time, however, and the local order and directives ensure that people who live in the county are protected from these risks. For example, movie theaters, indoor gatherings, and indoor dining are not yet permitted to reopen under Santa Clara County's Order. Remember to follow the more restrictive set of rules. Continue to keep your distance, wear your mask, and get tested.

More details are [here](#).

The infographic is titled "Santa Clara County is at Red Risk Level". It is divided into two main sections: "Allowed indoors:" and "Not currently allowed to resume operation under the County Order:". The "Allowed indoors:" section lists: Nail salons, Body waxing salons, Tattoo and piercing parlors, K-12 Schools (after being 14 days in Red), Museums, zoos and aquariums at 25% capacity, Gyms and fitness centers at 10% capacity, and Malls can increase capacity to 50% (opened at 25% in Purple). The "Not currently allowed..." section lists: Movie theaters and Indoor dining. At the bottom, it says "Our website has detailed information: sccgov.org/cv19order" and includes icons for a mask, 6 ft distance, and a test.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidance

Please click [here](#) for valuable information and guidance about face coverings from the Santa Clara County Health Department.

- [CDC guidance: COVID-19 Symptoms](#)
- [CDC guidance: COVID-19 Protection](#)
- [CDC guidance: FAQ's](#)

Santa Clara County Health Department

The Santa Clara County Health Department released a new [A Parent's Guide to](#)

[the Reopening of Santa Clara County K-12 Schools](#) on September 21, 2020. The document, which is available in Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese, supports parents and other caregivers as they make decisions about students' return to school campuses for in-person instruction. For more information, visit the [Santa Clara County Public Health Department](#).

Free COVID-19 Testing Sites



The Public Health Department continues to help more people get tested for COVID-19. Those without health insurance or those who do not provide insurance information can still get a test at those sites. For people without COVID-19 symptoms, the County currently offers indoor and drive-thru sites. People with symptoms are directed to drive-thru sites to reduce the chance of getting others sick.

To find a location near you click [here](#).

To coordinate transportation contact:

- VTA Route Planning: (408) 321-2300
- Paratransit: (408) 321-2381

Resources for Families

CalHOPE Behavioral Resources

The pandemic has brought attention to issues associated with children's sensitivity to stress. A key ingredient to successfully managing stress is a healthy caregiver. The following resources are available to support students and families:

- The **Playbook for Stress Relief for Caregivers and Kids** during COVID-19, can be accessed from the covid19.ca.gov [website](#).
- The **Together for Wellness** [website](#), features evidence-based tools to help parents and children manage stress, and resources to support families.
- The **CalHOPE Warm Line (833-317-4623)** has peer counselors ready to listen, problem-solve, and connect people to resources. This is not a crisis line, but counselors with lived experience and are ready to help people

deal with challenges. Counselors can directly connect to clinical services if more immediate and urgent assistance is needed.



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FIRST 5 Santa Clara and the Santa Clara County Office of Education

Dear Parents/Caregivers: FIRST 5 Santa Clara and the Santa Clara County Office of Education would like to understand the experiences of families with children entering kindergarten or transitional kindergarten (TK) in fall 2020. If you have an entering kindergarten/TK student, we invite you to complete this brief confidential survey by October 23 to be entered into a raffle to win a \$100 Amazon gift card!



English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SantaClaraPIF20-21>
Español: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SP-SantaClaraPIF20-21>
Tiếng Việt: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VIET-SantaClaraPIF>



[Santa Clara County Office of Education Emergency Advisory Page](#)

Child Care Resource and Referral

As of July 1st the Santa Clara County Office of Education is the new Child Care Resource and Referral for Santa Clara County. The Resource and Referral Program seeks to connect families with child care and provides information about the many child care options available in our county.

Visit our county's new child care portal to enroll in safe, licensed child care near you! You can also contact the Resource and Referral Program directly.

Portal: www.childcarescc.org
Phone: 669-212-KIDS

Email: childcarescc@sccoe.org

Steps to Success

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**STEPS TO
SUCCESS**
Enroll. Attend. Learn.

Parents are encouraged to visit the Steps to Success [website](#) where they can learn about the importance of attendance and early learning.

Visit the Early Learning Enrollment Resource website to:

- Learn about early learning options in Santa Clara County
- Find health and community resources for enrollment
- Learn about the difference between preschool, TK, and K
- And find links to all district enrollment websites

Be Heard On November 3, 2020!

Due to the pandemic, you may have concerns regarding the November 3rd election. Registering to vote and casting your vote may appear a bit overwhelming. However, during this upcoming election it is actually easier to do both. If you have not yet registered to vote or would like to verify the status of your registration, please visit the [California Voter Registration](#). Please note the **deadline to register to vote is Oct 19, 2020**, 15 days before **Election Day on Nov 3, 2020**. Anyone who is registered to vote will receive a ballot mailed to them automatically. Completed ballots can be returned in the free postage-paid envelope that is provided or can be placed in one of 98 conveniently located drop-boxes throughout the county.

[The Registrar of Voters Office](#) will also be open for early voting beginning on October 5, 2020 through Election Day. Voters who prefer to vote in person can still do so at any of the more than 100 Vote Centers that will be open throughout Santa Clara County starting October 31, 2020.

Adhering to COVID-19 protocols, the Vote Centers will offer sanitary, in-person options for a full spectrum of services including language and accessibility assistance. For more information visit sccvote.org/voterschoice or call **866-430-VOTE (8683)**. A few dates to keep in mind:

- Early voting starts at [The Registrar of Voters Office](#) **Oct 5, 2020**
- Vote Centers open **Oct 31, 2020**
- **Election day Nov 3, 2020**



Uplift Family Services

The [Uplift Family Services' Mobile Crisis Team](#) provides 24-hour intervention to children and teens in the community who are in acute psychological crisis. To access the 24-hour/7 days a week crisis line call **1-408-379-9085** or call toll-free **1-877-41-CRISIS** (412-7474).



Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

The **Families First Coronavirus Response Act** (FFCRA) is part of the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For information and FAQ's about FFCRA please use the links provided. [Information](#) and [FAQ's](#)

Announcements



SCCOE Launches a Navigational Tool for Equitable Schools with the Ways 2 Equity Playbook

To view the news release, click [here](#).

About the Santa Clara County Office of Education

Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency that provides instructional, business, and technology services to the 31 school districts of Santa Clara County. The County Office of Education directly serves students through special education programs, alternative schools, Head Start and State Preschool programs, migrant education, and Opportunity Youth Academy. The SCCOE also provides academic and fiscal oversight and monitoring to districts in addition to the 22 Santa Clara County Board of Education authorized charter schools.



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