



Santa Clara County
Office of Education

Weekly Round-Up

COVID-19
September 3, 2020

Equity - Diversity - Inclusion - Partnership

Message from the County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dewan

Greetings everyone,

2020 has been an unprecedented year. Just last week, we endured multiple challenges including surviving wildfires, evacuations, a sweltering heatwave coupled with unhealthy air quality, all in the midst of a pandemic. We have been through a lot together, but we are moving forward with resilience. The devastation brought about from the wildfires has been substantial and record-breaking in California history. However, our firefighters have done a tremendous job in working to prevent even more destruction.



We are ever grateful to them and all front-line workers for continuing to keep our county and surrounding communities safe. I also want to acknowledge and thank our county emergency teams for swiftly jumping into action and supporting our firefighters, and I commend their unwavering dedication. They model for us how working together can make an important impact on the lives of many. To follow their example, please keep in mind that part of staying safe is being prepared. Our **Emergency Alert Advisory page** provides the latest updates regarding safety information and resources. Keep safety a priority and reach out if or when support is needed. We have many resources to provide assistance and guidance. Continue to be an advocate for the community and encourage families, parents, and students to prioritize their well-being and to reach out when they need help as well. Working together and being there for one another is how we will continue to stay stronger together.

Be well,

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan
County Superintendent of Schools

Resources for Schools and Districts

Santa Clara County Office of Education COVID-19 Testing for Educators

COVID-19 testing will not be hosted at the Santa Clara County Office of Education this week.



Empower Homebuyers – First Time Homebuyer Program

Thursday, September 10th, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m

Santa Clara County Office of Education is proud to host a free homeownership webinar about the Empower Homebuyers SCC program with the County of Santa Clara and Housing Trust Silicon Valley!

Learn about this down payment assistance program and how it can help you become a first-time homebuyer in Santa Clara County. Funded by the 2016 Measure A Affordable Housing Bond, the program provides down payment assistance loans up to 17% of the purchase price. The program is available for households who have low to moderate incomes. Information regarding this program can be found [here](#), and you must [register](#) in advance to attend.



Mark your calendars the 7th Annual Inclusion Collaborative (VIRTUAL) State Conference.



The conference will take place September 23rd-24th. If you are interested in attending, or for more information on the event, click [here](#).

The Power of Blended Learning from the SCCOE

The SCCOE offers a variety of online courses for educators that support learning in the current environment through the use of technology and innovative best practices. We are pleased to release [***The Power of Blended Learning!***](#) This course highlights the considerations classroom teachers should address when preparing for a blended learning environment. When best practices are adhered to, blended learning provides students greater personalization in



their learning. Whether addressing learning during a health crisis or natural disaster or looking for strategies that best serve student learning at any time, this course will guide you through the pedagogy and applications that engage your students in content and skills.

The course is free and self-paced, approximately eight hours in length, and includes resources you can use to extend your learning. It qualifies for one unit of graduate credit from University of Pacific at \$80.

If you are interested in experiencing *The Power of Blended Learning* in e-book format (not as a course), access it at bit.ly/blendedsccoe

SCCOE Learning Resource Portal

Everything for teachers in one place. Learn tips and tricks for setting up virtual classrooms, access lesson resources, and take advantage of free professional learning. The resources found on the portal have been created, curated, or reviewed by the Professional Learning & Instructional Support teams at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Please check back often on the site as these resources are updated regularly. View the site [here](#).



SCCOE Stronger Together:

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](#).

California Collaborative for Educational Excellence-CCEE

Distance Learning Resources

Free online modules to support the transition to distance learning. Presented by experienced e-learning educators, the Distance Learning Strategies series introduces topics for administrative teams preparing to design and implement distance learning plans to meet local needs to support teachers and expedite student access to online instruction. Each module is 60 minutes and introduces a distance learning topic and effective strategies for implementation. Click [here](#) to access these great resources.



Continuity of Learning Playbooks

The two playbooks were created to assist LEA leaders planning for teaching and learning in this new COVID-19 context: the Distance Learning Playbook and the Hybrid Learning Playbook. Each suggests nine areas of focus to guide planning: setting goals, creating schedules, communicating with families, assessing student needs, supporting social-emotional learning, building capacity, supporting English language learners, supporting students with special needs, and leveraging

ancillary programs. Both offer practical, easy-to-understand resources, tools, and tips for leadership teams to consider adopting. As equity should underline everything we do as educators, we offer equity considerations throughout. Click [here](#) for the playbooks.

#ComeBack California

ComeBack California is a campaign designed by CCEE to spotlight local educational agencies' (LEAs) collaborative approaches to getting California's students back to school. It focuses on sharing tools, resources, and practices to leverage partnerships and facilitate dialogue among LEAs to support each other during the pandemic. Find out more [here](#).



Resources for Addressing Racial Inequity

[Creating the Space to Talk About Race in Your School](#)

This four page article from the National Education Association Ed Justice gives 10 ways you can create the space to talk about racism in your school. Creating the space is the first step to making changes.



Black Lives Matter at School

The national Black Lives Matter At School coalition's created a Curriculum Resource guide related to the 13 principles of Black Lives Matter. The resource guide is free, and has downloadable lessons to challenge racism, oppression and build happy and healthy classrooms. Click [here](#) for the guide.

Talking to Young Children about Race and Racism

Resources, tips, and tools to foster meaningful conversations about race, racism, and being anti-racist from PBS. To learn more click [here](#).

21 Anti-Racism [videos](#) to share with children from We are Teachers.



Public Health Updates

Gov. Newsom Unveils Statewide Blueprint for a Safer Economy

[The Statewide Blueprint](#) builds on lessons learned from the first six months of the disease – and the new scientific understanding that has been collected – to create a new system for regulating movement and COVID-19 transmissions. It includes:

- At least 21 days to expand activities beyond the initial tier to ensure California better limits the spread of the virus;
- Mandatory metrics – case rates and test positivity – to measure how widespread COVID-19 is in each county and guide what is allowed;
- A uniform state framework, with four categories instead of 58 different sets of rules;
- A more nuanced way of allowing activity: Instead of open vs. closed, sectors can be partially opened and progressively add to their operations as disease transmission decreases; and
- A new process for tightening back up again quickly when conditions worsen. Based on how prevalent COVID-19 is in each county and the extent of community spread. That color will indicate how sectors can operate.

Based on the extent of the community spread of COVID-19 in each county, a corresponding color indicates how sectors can operate.

WIDESPREAD	Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed
SUBSTANTIAL	Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed
MODERATE	Some indoor business operations are open with modifications
MINIMAL	Most indoor business operations are open with modifications



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidance

Emerging evidence suggests a significant number of people may be infected with COVID-19 who are asymptomatic and capable of spreading the virus to others. People are now considered to be infectious 48 hours before the start of their symptoms until their isolation period ends. This makes social distancing and frequent hand washing even more critical.

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

Please [click on this link](#) for more valuable information and guidance about face coverings from the Santa Clara County Health Department. An emergency care doctor explains when to wear a face mask, and how to do it the right way. Watch the video [here](#)

Santa Clara County Health Department

The Santa Clara County Health Department's risk reduction order took effect on Monday, July 13. To find out more click [here](#).



- [School Guidance](#)
- Santa Clara County Health Department: [FAQs](#)
- Santa Clara County Health Department: [COVID 19-Dashboard](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)
- Guidance for all Businesses [here](#)
- Tips for keeping customers and employees safe [here](#).

Free COVID-19 Testing Sites



With more than 50 sites open across Santa Clara County, 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](#).

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Parking Lot A (across from the blue arch)

Drive-thru, bike, and walk-up appointments

Across the street from the Fairgrounds main entrance,

344 Tully Road, San José, CA 95111

Appointments Tuesday-Friday, Sept. 1st-4th, 12 - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 5th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Cupertino Senior Center

21251 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014

By appointment only for Sept. 2nd, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Orchard City Banquet Hall

1 W. Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA 95008

By appointment only for Sept. 3rd, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Los Altos Hills Council Chambers,

26379 W. Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

By appointment only for Sept. 4th, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pop-up Testing Sites in San José and Gilroy

Overfelt High School (Gymnasium)

1835 Cunningham Ave
San Jose, CA 95122
Tuesday-Friday, Sept. 1st- 4th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

South County Annex (formerly Antonio Del Buono Elementary)

9300 Wren Avenue
Gilroy, CA 95020
Tuesday-Friday, Sept. 1st- 4th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Social Distancing Protocols

All Essential Businesses are required to prepare, post, and implement a [Social Distancing Protocols](#) at each of their facilities at which they are maintaining operations. Please read the complete order from the Santa Clara County Health Department. To help protect yourself if you are out in public, remain a minimum of six feet in distance from others, use face coverings properly, and wash your hands as frequently as possible.

Resources for Families



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

AlertSCC

Information is power! Now, more than ever, accurate information is critical during an emergency. Do not wait-- sign up for [AlertSCC](#) at www.AlertSCC.org. The system will provide emergency alerts, including evacuation notices, and status updates on your cell phone, landline, or email. Circumstances can change quickly during disasters, as shown by the current wildfires – sign up today!

Participating is Easy, Confidential and Extremely Important

The Census is upon us, and requires every single person living in the United States to be counted once per decade. Participating in the Census ensures fair government representation, and the data collected will determine how billions in federal funds will be allocated among vital programs such as healthcare, education, and disaster recovery initiatives.

The deadline to respond to the **2020 Census** is **Oct. 31, 2020**, visit 2020census.gov page today and be counted or by [phone](#) (844-330-2020).



Be Heard by November 3, 2020!

The Voter's Choice Act emphasizes convenience for the modern voter. Everyone will get a ballot mailed to them automatically, which they can return in the free postage-paid envelope provided. (Sending by mail is by far the most popular way to vote.) Any voter can also place their completed ballot in one of 98 conveniently located drop-boxes. *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.

Remember: Everyday is Election Day between October 5, 2020 and November 3, 2020.

The Vote Centers will offer sanitary, in-person options for a full spectrum of services, from language and accessibility assistance to voting in person. There are electronic poll books to keep track of who has voted, and even voter registration updates all the way up through Election Day. Take advantage of the extra time and convenience of receiving your ballot 29 days before the election with a free postage paid return envelope no stamp, no problem! Vote safe, vote from home.

Visit sccvote.org/voterschoice or call 866-430-VOTE (8683) for more info.



OUT for Safe Schools™ Campaign

Created to encourage school staff to publicly identify as supportive LGBTQ allies on campus, the [OUT for Safe Schools™ Campaign](#) lets students know that “safe spaces” are throughout the entire school campus, and that processes are in place for distance learning.

In its endeavor to create a culture of inclusion while countering bullying, harassment, social isolation, and bigotry that dramatically increase risk factors for LGBTQ persons, the SCCOE is offering to support school districts in meeting the needs of LGBTQ youth.

The SCCOE is offering supports and programs to assist schools in the following areas:

Law and Policy

- Federal, state and school district level laws and policies that support LGBTQ youth, families/caregivers, and the Santa Clara County community.

LGBTQ-Inclusive Schools

- Developing LGBTQ-inclusive learning spaces, including LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum, and providing supports that show how to be able to better answer questions from the community related to LGBTQ topics.
- Understanding how to support gender expansive and transgender students.

Bias-Based Bullying Prevention

- Fostering ally behavior among youth, staff and other adults.
- Learning and practicing essential intervention steps.

For more information and access to the **OUT for Safe Schools** information guide please click [here](#).

Great Plates Delivered

The “Great Plates Delivered” program connects older adults across California to meal delivery services. Santa Clara County seniors and other adults at high risk from COVID-19 can access the program at mysourcewise.com or by calling 408-350-3230 (option 1). For more information visit siliconvalleystrong.org



Who is eligible for GPD?

Participant Eligibility Requirements (coordinated by Sourcewise):

- Must be 65 or older or high-risk. High-risk includes those who are COVID-19 positive, COVID-19 exposed as documented by a public health official or medical professional or individuals with an underlying condition
- Must live alone or with one (1) program-eligible adult; must not be currently receiving assistance from other federal nutrition assistance programs
- Receive no more than \$74,940 in income for a household of one (1) and \$101,460 for a household of two (2), this equates to 600% of the federal poverty limit
- Must affirm an inability to prepare or obtain meals



California Parent and Youth Helpline

The California Parent and Youth Helpline provides support and resource referrals to parent and youth during the current COVID-19 pandemic, 7-days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call or text **1-855-4APARENT** (855-427-2736) for services

in English, Spanish and other languages. For more information, please visit: <https://caparentyouthhelpline.org/>

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](#)

Community Meal Resources

There are a variety of resources available to the community throughout Santa Clara County. Please visit the SCCOE [webpage](#) to see local districts' meal distribution, as well as the City of San Jose's Silicon Valley Strong [page](#) that has a map of meal availability across the county.



Announcements



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Please note, we currently do not have any announcements at this time. Check back next week. Thank you.

[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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