



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Santa Clara County
Office of Education

Weekly Round-Up

COVID-19
September 23, 2020

Equity - Diversity - Inclusion - Partnership

Message from the County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dewan

Greetings everyone,

Our community's resilience through these times, which have had a tremendous impact on our physical and mental health and well-being, is nothing short of inspirational. Some of these disasters which have caused many to struggle are out of our control, but we can find some comfort in being prepared. This past month's wildfires are a solemn reminder of the importance of having an emergency stay-safe [plan](#). However, being prepared is a concept that applies no matter the time of year. September is National Preparedness Month, an annual reminder that brings awareness and attention to the importance of disaster planning. I strongly encourage everyone to take a proactive approach and prepare now to ensure the safety of their families and communities.



As our community continues to respond to COVID-19, there is no better time to be diligent in preparing for any emergency. Although our first responders are doing a tremendous job keeping us safe and out of harm's way, we as a community must take personal accountability and contribute to our safety by making adequate preparations. A great starting point is by signing up for [emergency alerts](#) or visiting the county's [Emergency Management Disaster Ready Guide](#), which offers a plethora of information on preparing for any type of disaster. If you already have a safety plan, this is also an opportunity to take inventory of your emergency kits and update them. We cannot predict when a

disaster or crisis may occur; however, we can commit to preparing for one, and being prepared is the best way to stay safe.

Lastly, as we move forward through each day, I encourage you to prioritize your personal well-being and safety and reach out if or when support is needed. We are stronger together.

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

Resources for Schools and Districts



INTEGRATE
THE WORLD OF ONLINE LEARNING INTO
YOUR TEACHING PRACTICE

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.

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!***](#)

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

Discover tips and strategies for facilitating 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](#).



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. 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. 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. Find out more [here](#).



Public Health Updates

Mandatory Directive for Schools

On July 17, 2020, the State Health Officer ordered the closure of all in-person instruction at schools in counties on the State's monitoring list (including Santa Clara County), except for elementary schools that obtain a waiver from the local health officer. On August 25, 2020, the State released additional guidance allowing schools to bring small cohorts of students on campus for supervision, limited instruction, targeted support services, and facilitation of distance learning. On August 28, 2020, the State released a new framework for restrictions on certain activities, including in-person operations at schools.

See the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy at:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19CountyMonitoringOverview.aspx>.

Under this new 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.

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 at [click here.](#)

Santa Clara County is at

Red Risk Level

Allowed indoors:

- > 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
- > Malls can increase capacity to 50% (opened at 25% in Purple)

Not currently allowed to resume operation under the County Order:

- > Movie theaters
- > Indoor dining
- > Indoor gatherings

Counties can move to a less restrictive level as COVID transmission goes down and testing goes up. Stay diligent about keeping your distance, wearing your mask, getting tested, and following all protocols and directives.

Our website has detailed information:

sccgov.org/cv19order

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. 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](#).

Santa Clara County
**PUBLIC
HEALTH**

- [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



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



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](#)

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Reach Out and Restore Hope

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and during these challenging times some may be experiencing feelings of anxiety, frustration and sadness, and these feelings may become overwhelming. If you or someone that you know is experiencing these thoughts learn how to find assistance and restore hope. Please contact [Santa Clara County Suicide](#) and Crisis hotline, at 24/7 toll-free **1-855-278-4204** or text **HELLO** to **741741**.



September is National Suicide Prevention Month

The Santa Clara County Suicide & Crisis
Hotline (SACS) is a 24-hour, toll-free
confidential suicide prevention hotline.

CRISIS TEXT LINE

Text HELLO to 741741
Free, 24/7, Confidential

5 Action Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain



Ask

"Are you thinking
about suicide?"

Keep Them Safe

Reduce access to lethal items or places

Be There

Listen carefully and
acknowledge their feelings

Help Them Connect

The National Suicide Prevention
Lifeline Number
1-800-273-8355

Stay Connected

Follow up and stay in touch
after a crisis

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.

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

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

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 **Sept. 30, 2020**.

Visit the 2020census.gov or call **844-330-2020**, today and be counted.

Be Heard By 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**
- [Register to vote](#) online by **Oct 19, 2020**
- Vote Centers open **Oct 31, 2020**
- **Election day Nov 3, 2020**



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.



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



**Santa Clara County Board of Education
Honors September as National Hispanic Heritage Month.**
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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