



Santa Clara County  
Office of Education

## Weekly Round-Up

COVID-19  
October 14, 2020

Equity - Diversity - Inclusion - Partnership

# School Administrator Appreciation Week

### Message from the County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dewan

Greetings everyone,

I'd like to begin by acknowledging the celebration of Indigenous People's Day, Monday, October 12th. On this day and always, we recognize the strength and resilience of indigenous people and honor their heritage, legacy, culture, leadership, and ongoing contributions to Santa Clara County, California, throughout the Americas, and the world.

There are many adults who can positively influence a child's life as they grow up, including school administrators, school principals, and others. October 11th - 17th is School Administrator Appreciation Week. We recognize the important work that administrators do daily and acknowledge how they have responded to their communities' needs during this pandemic. Thank you to our county's school administration staff for your efforts and collaboration to create conditions at school sites and classrooms that ensure all staff and students feel safe and succeed.



I would also like to honor and acknowledge National Coming Out Day that took place on October 11th. This day is designated to raise awareness, promote inclusion, support individuals within the LGBTQ+ community, and completely denounce homophobia. Coming Out Day honors the courage of individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ to safely come out to their family and friends. The Santa

Clara County Office of Education is committed to creating a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students and staff. We are now an OUT for Safe Schools™ organization! OUT for Safe Schools is a national campaign that encourages school district and school staff to publicly identify as supportive LGBTQ+ allies. Coming out as an ally lets youth and adults know that “safe spaces” exist everywhere, not just the classroom. To provide guidance and resources for creating inclusive schools, we have created the SCCOE Information Resource Guide: Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth.

Please continue to maintain a steadfast commitment to practicing the risk reduction strategies that help keep us all safe and healthy. Remember to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, properly wear a face-covering when in public, and maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from others who are not in your household. Let’s work together to minimize the spread of influenza and COVID-19 throughout our community.

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

## Resources for Schools and Districts

### Serving English Learners with Disabilities

English Learners with Disabilities Community of Practice is a virtual series that will draw upon newly released resources and information from the CDE, CCEE, and SELPA to address the most pressing needs for serving English Learners with Disabilities.

Register [here](#).

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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

### Blueprint for a Safer Economy

On **October 14**, Santa Clara County became eligible to transition to the orange or moderate county risk level of the state's *Blueprint for a Safer Economy* framework. This allows some indoor business operations to open with modifications. A [local Santa Clara County Public Health Order](#) overlays the state's requirements at the moderate county risk level. [Click here](#) for specific details.

Santa Clara County is now in the  
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### COVID-19 Testing Guidance

At this time, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department (SCCPHD) recommends for testing of educators and other school staff that are working on-site and have frequent interactions with students or the public, are for them to take a COVID-19 test and have the results prior to returning to the site, and participate in surveillance testing at least once a month. Educators and other school staff should first attempt to access baseline and surveillance testing through their healthcare facilities. Symptom-free essential workers that are unable to receive testing from their healthcare facilities can inform the SCCPHD by going to [sccCOVIDconcerns.org](https://www.sccCOVIDconcerns.org) and providing information about their experience.

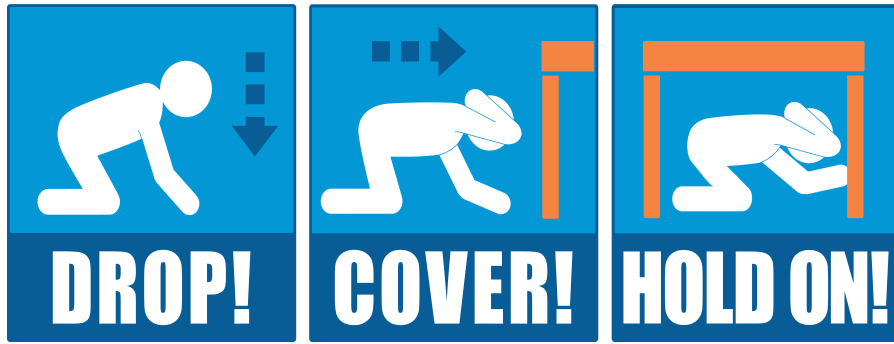
Alternatively, SCCPHD offers free testing in each city in the county one to two weekdays a month. These sites are appointment-based, allowing for a fast testing experience. The County Fairgrounds site offers large capacity appointment-based drive-through testing and is open on Saturdays. Details for each testing site and upcoming testing dates can be found at [SCCFreeTest.org](https://www.SCCFreeTest.org).

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### The Great California Shake-Out Drill

On **Thursday, October 15th**, at 10:15 a.m., join millions of Californians and the world for the *Shake-Out*. This event prepares us to respond in the event of an earthquake, as well as gain additional insights on preparedness.

Information on [drop, cover, and hold](#) can be found [here](#).



## 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 that [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 costume parties, consider focusing on decorating, limiting activities to the people with whom you do not reside, and opting 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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## 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](#).

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## Flu Shot Clinic

The **Santa Clara County Public Health Department** recommends that every person aged 6 months and older needs the flu vaccine, every year. This is especially important this year, with COVID-19 also circulating widely in Santa Clara County.

The county will provide free flu shots at the **Santa Clara County Fairgrounds** in San Jose and will continue every Saturday through mid-December. An appointment is not needed. For more information click [here](#).

**Santa Clara County Fairgrounds** - Car entrance: Gate D  
2542 Monterey Road, San Jose, CA 95111  
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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## COVID-19 Testing



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

### Voter's Guide on Children's Issues

It's crucial everyone understand how funding and policy decisions impact children's lives in our county. In partnership with the [Local Early Education](#)

[Planning Council](#), [Kids in Common](#), and [Strong Start of Santa Clara County](#), the County Office of Education has launched an online Voter's Guide on Children's Issues at [sccvoteforkids.org](http://sccvoteforkids.org). For this guide, each candidate running for selected local, state, or federal offices in Santa Clara County was asked to answer five questions about their priorities for children. Candidates were given several weeks to respond to the survey; the responses are in their words and are unedited.



*\*The Voter's Guide is informational only, and no endorsement of any candidate is intended.\**

## Silicon Valley Turkey Trot Race 2020

Are you looking for ways to support the community while staying healthy during the upcoming holiday season? A great way to do both is by joining a long-time Thanksgiving tradition in San Jose, the [Silicon Valley Turkey Trot](#) race. A fun run, or foot race, the Turkey Trot is held each year and encourages activity before indulging in Thanksgiving Day feasts. Even with the race's slightly different look, the mission is the same and it will continue to raise funds to support Silicon Valley families in need. To register, click [here](#).



## 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](http://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



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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>

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### 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 October 19, 2020**, 15 days before **Election Day on November 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](http://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](#) **October 5, 2020**
- Vote Centers open **October 31, 2020**
- **Election day November 3, 2020**



## Announcements



Please note, we 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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