



Santa Clara County
Office of Education

Weekly Round-Up

COVID-19
December 11, 2020

Equity - Diversity - Inclusion - Partnership

Message from the County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dewan

Greetings everyone,

The holiday season is now in full swing. It is a great time to reflect and think of creative ways to build new traditions and celebrate safely. While we organize our holiday plans, we must still remember the critical importance of following health and safety protocols as defined by the new public health order. On December 3rd, Governor Newsom announced a Regional [Stay-at-Home-Order](#) which states that all sectors other than retail and essential operations shall be closed in regions of the State where less than 15% of ICU beds are available. In an urgent action driven by a need for stricter measures to stop the spread of the virus, the Health Officers for the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and Santa Clara, as well as the City of Berkeley, [jointly announced](#) that they are proactively implementing the State's Regional-Stay-at-Home-Order. The Regional-Stay-at-Home-Order for Santa Clara County took effect on Sunday, December 6th. The new restrictions will remain in effect until January 4th, 2021.



It is crucial that we each do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19 and adhere to all [safety protocols](#). If you must leave your home for essential items during the regional stay-at-home-order, remember to practice physical distancing of more than 6 feet, avoid crowds and/or gatherings with those outside of your household, wear a proper face mask, and wash your hands frequently. Please take time to review these public safety [videos](#); it is important for everyone to be ambassadors

of safety and share this vital information with family, friends, and the community.

Resilience and strength have been hallmarks of 2020, and they have contributed to the community's perseverance, especially during times when it has been extremely challenging. Strength and resilience are also reflected in celebrations throughout the month such as Hanukkah, the eight-day winter celebration of lights in which the Jewish community commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian Greek army, and the restoration of the Menorah. December 10th was the first night of Hanukkah this year.

Please continue to practice all of the COVID-19 risk-reduction strategies throughout this season. We are stronger together.

Be well,

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

Public Health Updates

Stronger Together PSA Series

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) [Stronger Together public service announcements \(PSAs\) series](#) is available for your viewing. The videos, and their useful information, highlight actions everyone can take to prevent possible spread of the virus.

Check out the latest video [Get Your Flu Shot](#); it's a timely addition as winter approaches.





COVID-19 Testing, Safe, Quick, and Easy!

As winter quickly approaches, there is no time like the present to get tested for COVID-19.

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department (PHD) recommends that educators and other school staff who are working on-site, and have frequent interactions with students or the public, take a COVID-19 test and have the results prior to returning to the site. Educators and other school staff are also encouraged to participate in routine testing at a cadence of at least once a month. Testing can be accessed through one's healthcare facilities - for more information click [here](#). Symptom-free essential workers who are unable to receive testing from their healthcare provider can inform the PHD by visiting [sccCOVIDconcerns.org](https://www.sccphd.org/sccCOVIDconcerns.org).

The PHD offers free testing in each city in Santa Clara County one to two weekdays per month. The 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.sccphd.org/SCCFreeTest.org).

This post was reviewed by the PHD Emergency Operations Center.

Don't Miss Out! Get Your Shot This Saturday

Saturday, December 12, is the last day the flu clinic will be open. Please make sure to stop by and get a flu shot. Shots are available for everyone 3 years and older. Children between six (6) months and three (3) years old should get the flu vaccine and other scheduled vaccinations through a health care provider. Children age 3 -17 must be accompanied by a guardian.

For more information and other locations for free flu shots: English [sccphd.org/flu](https://www.sccphd.org/flu), Spanish [sccphd.org/flu-es](https://www.sccphd.org/flu-es), Vietnamese [sccphd.org/flu-vi](https://www.sccphd.org/flu-vi), or telephone 2-1-1.



This post was provided by the PHD Emergency Operations Center

Resources for Schools and Districts

The ArtsEdConnect Program

SVCreates ArtsEdConnect 2020 grants are now accepting applications. Santa Clara County educators can apply for the ArtsEdConnect program grants to support and encourage arts education in schools.

Grants can be used for arts-related materials for education, including but not limited to performances, virtual museum visits, and artist interactions.

The application deadline is January 4, 2021. Grant recipients can use funding through December 2021.

To apply click [here](#).



Educators Wellbeing Webinar Series: Strengthening our Resilience and Up Leveling our Wellbeing in the Face of Adversity

Attention educators: Learn by engaging in exercises from the fields of Positive Psychology, Applied Mindfulness, and Emotional Intelligence. The interactive [sessions](#) will promote learning, growth, and fun for all.

For more information click [here](#).

Please note a fee is associated for this program.

Stronger Together

Be sure to visit the SCCOE's, [Stronger Together website](#) for the latest information as it becomes available for districts, school sites, and the greater community.

Districts are encouraged to check out the latest resource posted; its purpose is to [guide](#) in planning for in-person instruction.

Stronger Together

Resources for Families

December is National Human Rights Month

In 1948, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was proclaimed as a common standard of achievement for all people and all nations, serving as a landmark document in the history of human rights. It has even been translated into over [500 languages!](#)

It's a great time to engage in conversations, as a family, about National Human Rights Month. Here are some user-friendly [tools](#) to use as a family activity!



Healthy and Safe Celebrations - COVID-19 Style

Looking for something to post, to remind friends and neighbors to celebrate safely, during the holidays? Feel free to download the graphic shown here! Click the link below the picture.



[Click to download "Holiday Physical Distancing"](#)

Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

It is crucial for everyone to do their part in reducing the spread of COVID-19 and continue to practice physical distancing, wearing proper [face coverings](#), and to frequently wash hands.



Please note our Ridder Park office will be closed on the following dates:

December 24, 25, and 31
January 1, 2021

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.



[Subscribe](#) to the SCCOE Weekly COVID-19 Roundup.

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

To learn why you received this and how to remove yourself from the list, see [Privacy Policy](#)
[Review/edit information about you](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

Generated by



[Learn more](#)