Hello everyone,

As summer comes to a close, thousands of Santa Clara County children begin kindergarten. It is important to prepare for this new, exciting adventure, and parent engagement can make a significant and positive difference for our kindergarten children. Getting off to a good start and having regular, consistent attendance in kindergarten sets a strong foundation for future learning.

As you look forward to the coming weeks, a few preparation tips can help families on their new journey.

- **Establish bedtime routines.** Resume the regular bedtime routines about a month before school starts to help ease the kindergarten transition. Talk to your child about why the change is necessary and how it will help their back-to-school transition.

- **Establish a morning routine.** Engaging in multiple new morning routine "dry runs" to help with time management. See how much time it will take. Whether juggling other household member's morning schedules, walking to the bus stop, or driving to the new school, school preparation almost always takes more time than you think. Be ready and expect the unexpected.

- **Plan for breakfast.** Making time for breakfast before or upon arrival at school is important. Be sure to adjust your morning schedule to account for the extra time for your child to enjoy breakfast.

Several books encourage family reading time while also preparing your child for the transition to school. The titles below are just a few of our favorites. For more about these titles, or other options, be sure to contact your local library.
• *A Place Called Kindergarten* by Jessica Harper
• *Countdown to Kindergarten* by Alison McGhee
• *David Goes to School* by David Shannon
• *Kindergarten Rocks!* by Katie Davis
• *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!* by Nancy Carlson
• *Preparate, kindergarten! Allavoy!* by Nancy Carlson
• *Off to Kindergarten* by Tony Johnston
• *School's First Day of School* by Adam Rex
• *Welcome to Kindergarten* by Anne Rockwell
• *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate and Ashley Wolf

Here are two videos for you to enjoy books auditorily:

• *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn, read by Dr. Bergeron
• *First Day Jitters* by Julie Danneberg, read by Amanda Bryans

With some advanced preparation, the transition to kindergarten can be very positive for children and parents.

Be well.

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

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**Health and Wellness**

**Masks are required indoors regardless of vaccination status**
(unless under 2 years old, medically unable, or hearing impaired)

**Face coverings are not required when:**

- in one’s own residence or with members of their household
- working in a closed room or office alone
- actively performing an activity that cannot be done while wearing a face covering (e.g., actively eating or drinking, swimming or showering in a fitness facility, or obtaining a medical or cosmetic service requiring removal of a face covering)

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Santa Clara County Weekly Vaccine Schedule

Week of August 1 - August 8 2021

Vaccines are free, easy, and safe. You do not need health insurance and all immigration statuses are eligible. Staff are onsite to support language needs and disability access.

Drop-in/no appointment needed at all of the following vaccine sites:

**San Jose**
- Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, Expo Hall
  - Tues-Wed: 7am-8pm
  - Sat-Mon: 8am-4:45pm
- San Jose State University
  - Wed/Fri: 12pm-7pm
  - One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95117
  - *at 525 College Ave, Milpitas, CA 95035
- McKee Elementary School
  - Thurs/Fri: 12pm-7pm
  - 429 McKee Avenue, San Jose, CA 95127
- Bellarmine College Prep
  - Thurs/Fri: 1pm-5pm
  - 960 W Hedding, San Jose, CA 95126
- El Camino Health First Street Clinic
  - Fri/Sat: 9am-4pm
  - 500 N 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95134
- Lourdes College Prep Academy
  - Fri/Sat: 12pm-7pm
  - 9215 Micklemore Way, San Jose, CA 95117
- Agilitude Academy
  - Sat/Fri: 1pm-5pm
  - 1345 Van Winkle Ln, San Jose, CA 95126
- Los Gatos
  - Mon-Thurs: 10am-4pm
  - 1301 S. Main St, Milpitas, CA 95035
  - Sun: 5pm-8pm
- Milpitas Community Center
  - Thurs/Fri: 12pm-7pm
  - 4507 College Ave, Milpitas, CA 95035
- Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
  - Expo Hall (enter through Gate D)
  - 2542 Monterey Highway, San Jose, CA 95111

**Mountain View**
- El Camino Health at Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos
  - Sat: 11am-2pm
  - 2442 Mission St, Mountain View, CA 94043
- Rengstorff Park Group Practice
  - Fri-Sat: 8am-5pm
  - 1101 S. Main St, Mountain View, CA 94040

**Santa Clara**
- Santa Clara First Baptist
  - Sun: 11:30am-1pm
  - 717 Front St, Santa Clara, CA 95053

**Sunnyvale**
- Sunnyvale Library
  - Tues-Sat: 10am-6pm
  - 410 N Waverly Rd, Sunnyvale, CA 94085
- Sunnyvale Night Clinic
  - Tues-Sat: 10am-6pm
  - 200 W Washington Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Get a Free COVID-19 Test

Tuesdays and Wednesdays:
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursdays to Mondays:
8:30 am - 3:45 pm

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For more information, call 2-1-1 or visit SCCfreetest.org

Get Tested
In Conversation with the County

COVID-19 & SCHOOLS

A virtual session with an update from experts and an opportunity to ask questions.

Wednesday August 4th at 2:30 pm

LIVE ON: Facebook: @sccpublichealth
YouTube: SCCPublicHealth

Submit your questions before the webinar by
- Email: COVID19@eoc.sccgov.org
- Facebook Messenger: @sccsaludpublica
- Text: 669-287-6422

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sccgov.org/coronavirus

Community News and Resources
Join the SCCOE’s Virtual Step into Teaching: Opportunities in Silicon Valley Public Schools Event to help learn and prepare for the joys of a teaching career.

- Discover what is needed to become a teacher
- Learn how to navigate the credentialing process
- Talk with representatives from local universities and teaching programs
- Learn about compensation, benefits, financial aid and retirement

To learn more, visit: [http://ow.ly/nJev50FxMlE](http://ow.ly/nJev50FxMlE)
Panel Discussion

Join the Santa Clara County Library District on Saturday, August 14 for an engaging panel discussion about women innovators. Register for this special virtual event: https://bit.ly/3y1eK6u.

VTA Citizens Advisory Committee

Do you have a passion for public transportation? You can use that passion on the Valley Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee! Learn how to join at https://www.vta.org/blog/help-shape-future-transportation
District News and Resources

MNMI Toolkit Webinar

Attend an informational webinar about this new "toolkit".

August 24 or 26, 2021
3:30 to 4:30 p.m. PT

* New Date & Time *

October 27, 2021
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

2021 Grosvenor Teacher Fellows Recognition

MNMI Toolkit Information

If interested in knowing more, complete the form at https://bit.ly/MNMItoolkit21
The Santa Clara County Office of Education programs are abiding by the guidance set forth by the CDPH K-12 School Guidance, which is aligned to the CDC K-12 School Guidance. For more information on the guidance, visit the CDPH website. All arts-related questions regarding district-specific plans, processes, and protocols should be directed to the district designee over the program.

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August 2021 Events Calendar

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