Hello everyone,

Last week the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department announced criteria for lifting COVID-19 indoor mask requirements. While our county continues to see an increase in vaccination rates, three metrics established by Bay Area Health Officers must be met before mask requirements are lifted. More information can be found in the press release. Mask requirements remain in effect.

The SCCOE and all Santa Clara County schools will continue to follow state guidance and wear face-coverings in all indoor settings. California's masking guidelines in K-12 schools would not be affected by changes to local health orders.

The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department is currently offering Pfizer BioNTech single dose COVID-19 booster for those over the age of 65, individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe disease, and individuals 18 through 64 years of age whose frequent institutional or occupational exposure puts them at higher risk. Please visit sccfreevax.org to make an appointment.

National School Lunch Week is a weeklong celebration when staff, students, and families can celebrate in their cafeterias, schools, and districts. The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) serves nearly 30 million children every school day, and this year’s 2021 NSLW theme WILD About School Lunch invites creative and fun new menu items to appeal to all ages.
This week is also a time to express gratitude for the AB 130, Universal Meals. Beginning in 2022-23 and upon a budget appropriation, public schools will be required to offer breakfast and lunch to all students who request it, regardless of a student’s ability to pay. School meals are healthy and delicious and are an important source of nutritional meals for children. The School Nutrition Association has a robust selection of resources for schools and families, including downloadable coloring pages featuring jungle animals and activity sheets.

Be well,

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

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**Community News and Resources**

Mark your calendars! History park will be transformed into a haunted, family-friendly Halloween Party Oct 15-29. You’ll find crafts for the kids, a pumpkin patch, and food trucks. Bring the whole family or your boo-thang as a date night. You won’t want to miss it! [Tickets Available by clicking this spook-tacular link!](#)
The best way to preserve your family history is to write it down. If you aren’t sure where to get started, this blog has some great tips. Find writing prompts and books that can provide ideas and techniques for writing your family’s story (https://bit.ly/38Oswi7).

If you need to do some research on your family, check out the Genealogy & Local History page on our website: https://sccld.org/resources/genealogy/

Find free access to resources like Ancestry Library, which contains hundreds of millions of records including the U.S. Census, military, vital, and immigration records. Also, try out their new eResource, DigitalReeL. Get online access to SCCLD’s microfilm collection of historical local newspapers, with some dating back to 1895.
If someone you know stops breathing, do you know what to do? Learn CPR - you can save a life! #SCCFD offers AHA Heartsaver® CPR/AED blended learning course (online learning and in-person skills testing) and includes:

- Adult, Child & Infant CPR
- How to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- How to assist someone who is choking
- And receive a 2-year Heartsaver® CPR/AED AHA course completion card with CPR mask and gloves kit

Register at sccfd.eventbrite.com
Info: bit.ly/3laS9iS

Don't miss Avenidas' 2nd Annual LGBTQ Conference and Celebration this Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This year's theme is "The Power of Acceptance" and features a keynote presentation on sexuality and aging, and workshops on financial challenges during COVID, supporting the next generation, how to become a resource family, and more!
The next three 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission meetings will encourage public input and allow time for the Commission to finalize its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The meeting on Thursday, Oct 13 encourages people and organizations in Districts 1 and 3 to let the Commission know about specific communities of interest that should be kept together when new district maps are drawn this year.

Join at [https://sccgov.org.zoom.us/j/96697824236](https://sccgov.org.zoom.us/j/96697824236) (recommended) or call 669.219.2599, meeting ID 96697824236# (participant ID not required).

Library Events

All SCCLD libraries are open and services are resuming after the long weekend. Take a look at this week’s events. Find our full calendar at sccld.org/events/.

District News and Resources

2021 Cilker Arts Conference

November 5 & 6, 2021

The 13th Annual Marion Cilker Conference for Arts in Education will take place 8:00 am – 1:00 pm on Friday, Nov 5 and Saturday, Nov 6.
This year, the conference features two days of professional development addressing the conditions of the new environment of learning and teaching, by curating sessions with a strong focus on integrated learning, inclusion, and culturally responsive teaching through the arts while continuing to feature standards-based workshops in the arts and arts integration. In the true spirit of the arts, our workshops continue to exemplify creativity, excellence, and cultural inclusivity.

This conference is co-sponsored by Lurie College of Education at San José State University and the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

For more information: sccoe.org/arts/Cilker

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Grants Available!

Check out the many grants available for educators!

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Get Ready to Shake Out.

2021 Great California ShakeOut!
Health & Wellness

COVID-19 testing for education sector employees and their family members.

Tuesdays and Fridays at Ridder Park
7:00 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.
or
12:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m

Education sector employees can drop in, with your patient ID, for an observed self-administered nasal swab LHI/ OptumServe test at Ridder Park.
For more information, visit https://sccoe.to/ffx.

COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE
10/12/2021

89.2% 12 and older with at least one vaccine dose
84.5% 12 and older who completed vaccination *
138 new cases (7-Day Rolling Average) **

* Completed vaccination is the number of county residents who either received a vaccine requiring a single dose or received the final dose of a vaccine requiring multiple doses.
** The 7-day rolling average of new cases is the average number of new cases each day in the past 7 days, excluding the most recent 7 days.

sccgov.org/cv19data

Students, now’s your chance to clobber misinformation and become a public health CHAMPION! Find out how at www.sccVaxUpVideo.org.
If I have been diagnosed with COVID-19, how soon can I get a COVID-19 vaccine?

You can get vaccinated any time after 10 days have passed since your diagnosis and you have recovered.

This applies to any COVID-19 vaccination, including boosters.

Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 can be vaccinated once they have recovered and at least 10 days have passed since their diagnosis. This applies to any COVID-19 vaccination, including boosters.

For more information, visit www.sccFreeVax.org.

Announcements

No Announcements this week.

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. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit www.sccoe.org.

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