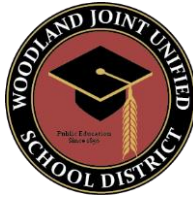


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Tom Pritchard, Superintendent

October 2, 2020

Dear Students, Staff, and Families,

WJUSD is closely monitoring our current status regarding the spread of COVID-19 in Yolo County. On Tuesday, September 29, 2020, the state's [California Blueprint Data Chart](#) showed Yolo County has qualified to move from the widespread purple tier to the substantial red tier. The tiered system is part of California's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) enacted by the California Department of Public Health in late August. Yolo County Office of Education has provided additional clarification on Tuesday's announcement by the State of California as follows:

- The move from the widespread purple tier to substantial red tier does **not** allow for the immediate reopening of schools.
- Should Yolo County remain in the substantial red tier for 14 days, schools would have the option to return to in-person instruction **on a limited basis** within the guidelines of the California Department of Public Health.
- At this time, no public school districts in Yolo County have a planned reopen date.

In order for schools to consider reopening for in-person instruction without a waiver, all Yolo County public schools would be required to continue meeting the red tier criteria for two additional consecutive weeks beyond the County's requirement.

Safety precautions and training for students, staff, and families must be in place prior to schools reopening. In working closely with the Yolo County Office of Education and Yolo County Public Health, we will mandate the wearing of face masks unless an individual has been exempted for health reasons, require daily screening for symptoms of illness, maintain 6 feet of social distance in all spaces to the greatest extent possible, minimize the potential of mixing groups before, during and after school, and follow hygiene practices as well as other communicable disease prevention measures.

Updated plans will be presented to the Board of Education for review and discussion, which will help us determine a realistic timeline for moving forward to the appropriate phase of reopening. After receiving the Board's direction, District and school officials will be meeting with our labor partners.

We have been working on the next phases of our reopening plan since school started. But much work lies ahead and supporting our students with the greatest need is a priority. As we continue with our transition, regular updates will be provided and all correspondence will be made accessible on the District's web page at our Return to School Resource Center <https://www.wjUSD.org/Return-to-School-Resource-Center/index.html>

Thank you for your ongoing support of the District.

Sincerely,



Tom Pritchard