

Update on COVID-19 Response in Schools

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County Superintendent/SMCSBA May 14 Agenda

County Superintendent Updates

- Advocacy for School Funding
- Pandemic Recovery Framework
- COVID-19 Partnership Fund

Heroes Act - Advocacy

Directing \$500 billion in vitally needed resources for State Fiscal Relief, and \$375 billion for Local Fiscal Relief. The Heroes Act currently includes about \$100 billion for schools.

Ask:

An additional \$175 billion in federal relief funds for distribution directly to local school systems in 2020-21 and 2021-22. This relief would reduce, not eliminate, cuts to teachers and other staff, cuts to educational programs, and cuts to supports for students.

Heroes Act – IDEA Advocacy

Provide an additional \$13 billion for the increased costs of serving special education students with IEPs during the COVID-19 crisis.

Heroes Act – COVID-19 Costs

- Create a \$2 billion fund within the E-Rate program to **reimburse schools** for increased costs related to connectivity and devices necessary for new learning environments.
- Provide \$3 billion in emergency relief funding to ensure that schools are **reimbursed for all meals** distributed to students and their families during this crisis.

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County Indicators

- Whether the total number of cases in the community is flat or decreasing
- Whether the number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 is flat or decreasing
- Whether there is an adequate supply of personal protective equipment for all healthcare workers
- Whether we are meeting the need for testing, especially for persons in vulnerable populations or those in high-risk settings or occupations

San Mateo County Health Data

April 3 – New cases – 78

April 19 – New cases – 40

May 1 – New cases – 40

May 11 – New cases - 25

Pandemic Recovery Framework

- Drafting and feedback
- Released to District Teams on Monday, May 18
- Will continue to update and revise with new information
- Will provide the anchor document that reflects LOCAL expectations and public health guidance

Pandemic Recovery Framework for Schools

- Produce a countywide framework that serves as the authoritative anchor guidance
- Being developed with close consultation from Dr. Morrow and County Counsel

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Districts and Schools

- **Monitor and respond to cases of COVID-19** within school communities through self quarantine and contact tracing protocols
- **Protect the health of students and staff** through consistent use of personal protective equipment and implementation of cleaning, hygiene, and physical distancing practices
- **Be prepared to transition between at-home and on-campus learning** supported through a continuum of instructional practices that best support the diverse needs of all students

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SMC Pandemic Recovery Framework for Schools

EQUITY

- Calls on school leaders, elected board members, and education professionals across all content areas to **begin their Return to School planning** by **identifying students with the most urgent learning needs and then building the Return to School Plan in a way that unequivocally meets these needs.**
- Use this pandemic recovery to **innovate how education is delivered** and to shape policies and procedures to explicitly support students who may have been previously underserved or have significant needs.

Physical Distancing: The Bubble Cohort Model

As of May 2020, the County Health Officer has determined that student groupings may be no larger than 12 students plus the teacher and associated instructional staff. A cohort of 12 students is referred to as a *Bubble Cohort*

- The size and restrictions of the *Bubble Cohort* may increase for the 2020-21 year. As of May 2020, the Bay Area Regional Health Officers are continuing to develop guidelines for the 2020-21 school year

First in nation, California State University to close campuses for in-person instruction this fall

Exceptions will be made for labs and nursing classes, but they will have restrictions.



San Mateo County Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities **Pandemic Recovery Plan**



COVID-19 Education Partnership

Applications Received

Awards Imminent

COVID-19 Education Partnership

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The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent shelter-in-place orders are having a significant impact on students and their families, affecting their ability to continue learning, access food, and manage stress. School districts require additional assistance as they work to provide needed distance learning, nutritional, mental health, and other support to students and their families.

The Silicon Valley Community Foundation, in partnership with the San Mateo County and Santa Clara County Offices of Education, has established the COVID-19 Education Partnership to expand the local capacity of school districts to address the extraordinary educational and mental health needs of students as efficiently as possible.

The Education Partnership will provide funding to school districts to help them address immediate challenges and long-term recovery efforts related to COVID-19, including:

COVID-19 Questions

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