



Salida Union School District

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To Parents/Guardians, Community Members and Staff:

On August 20, Public Health Officer Dr. Julie Vaishampayan shared projections that the 14-day COVID-19 case infection rate could drop below 200 cases per 100,000 people within the next week. Once the rate drops below 200 cases per 100,000 people, school waiver applications may be submitted to Stanislaus County Public Health Department for consideration and approval.

The process schools will follow when requesting a waiver includes input from parents, staff, and bargaining units. Once the waiver plan is submitted to Stanislaus County Public Health, it could take up to 30 days before a school would open for in-person instruction. For Salida Union School District, **this waiver is applicable for grades TK through 5th only.**

In an abundance of caution, Schools may opt to wait until Stanislaus County is off the state monitoring list and below the 100/100,000 14-day case rate, in which case a waiver would not be necessary to reopen TK-6th grade elementary schools.

In anticipation of qualifying for the waiver, Salida Union School District's reopening plan, must address the following items:

- Date of proposed reopening.
- Grades/Number of students proposed for phase-in operations of in person instruction.
- Confirmation that the superintendent has consulted with all parent and labor organizations at each school site for which an application is being submitted.
- Cleaning and disinfection procedures.
- How students will be kept in small, stable groups with fixed membership that stay together for all activities and minimize/avoid contact with other groups or individuals who are not part of the cohort.
- How movement of students, staff and parents will be managed to avoid close contact and/or mixing of cohorts.
- Policies for the enforcement of face coverings and other essential protective gear.
- Procedures for screening students and staff for symptoms of COVID-19 and how students or staff with symptoms will be separated from others.

- The availability of handwashing stations and hand sanitizer including how the promotion of their use will be incorporated into daily routines.
- Healthy Hygiene Practices: the availability of handwashing stations and hand sanitizer and how their use will be promoted and incorporated into routines.
- Identification and Tracing of Contacts: Actions that staff will take when there is a confirmed case. Confirm that the school(s) has designated staff persons to support contact tracing, such as creation and submission of lists of exposed students and staff to the local health department and notification of exposed persons. Each school must designate a person for the local health department to contact about COVID-19.
- Physical Distancing: How space and routines will be arranged to allow for physical distancing of students and staff.
- Staff Training and Family Education: How staff will be trained, and families will be educated, on the application and enforcement of the plan.
- Testing of Students and Staff: How school officials will ensure that students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be rapidly tested and what instructions they will be given while waiting for test results. Describe how staff will be tested periodically to detect asymptomatic infections.
- Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning: The criteria the superintendent will use to determine when to physically close the school and prohibit in-person instruction.
- Communication Plans: How the superintendent will communicate with students, staff, and parents about cases and exposures at the school, consistent with privacy requirements such as FERPA and HIPAA. Please specifically refer to 34 CFR § 99.3.
- Confirmation that elementary school reopening plans have been published on the school and Stanislaus County Office of Education websites.

While we understand students learn best in person, the health and well-being of our staff, students, and community members is of utmost importance. As such, we will take a slow and cautious approach as we begin to re-open our schools for in-person learning.

Sincerely,



Twila Tosh
Superintendent