## **Covina-Valley Unified School District**

# **COVID-19 Update**

March 1, 2021

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### **Timeline**

March 16, 2020: All Schools Closed

District Administration, Nutrition Services, and MOFT Remain Working On-site

• May 2020: Site Administrators and Classified Staff Return with the Exception of Instructional Aides

• **June 2020:** Kids Korner Child Care Open In-Person

• August 2020: High School Students and Coaches Return to Campus for Athletic Conditioning

• August 2020: Majority of Instructional Aides Return to Work On Site

• **September 2020**: Small Group Cohorts and TK-2 on a Waiver May Return

• September 2020: Tech Pods Opened

• October 2020: Juniors and Seniors Take PSAT/SAT; Sports Participation Increases

• **December 1, 2020**: Small Group Cohorts Begin

• **December 14, 2020**: Return to Distance Learning for All Students

• **February 3, 2021**: Phase 1 Reopening of Athletic Conditioning and In-person Assessments and Services That

Cannot Be Done Virtually Resume

• **February 16, 2021:** Phase 2 Reopening of School Offices, Technology Pods, Childcare, and Fee-based Preschool

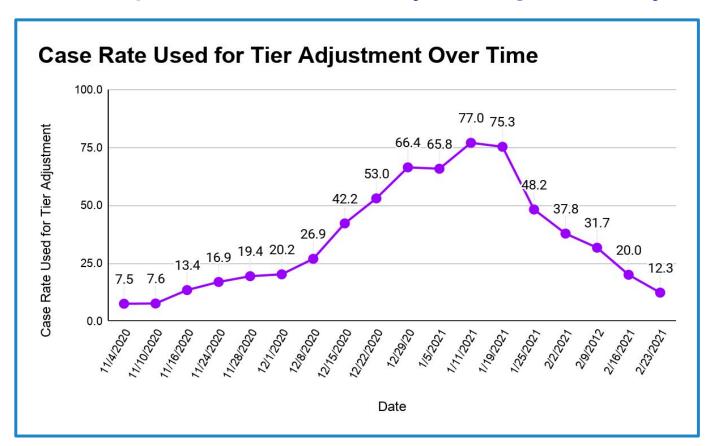
• March 1, 2021: Phase 3 and Phase 4 Reopening of Early Childhood Education and Special Education Preschool,

and Secondary Small Group Cohorts

### **C-VUSD Phased Reopening Plan**

- Phase 1 (February 3): Resume athletic participation, in-person assessments, and other related services
- Phase 2 (February 16): School offices reopen, resume technology pods, childcare, and fee-based preschool
- Phase 3: (March 1) Resume early childhood education and special education preschool
- Phase 4: (March 1) Resume small group cohorts Secondary
- Phase 5a: (March 22) Elementary hybrid instruction (TK-K)
- Phase 5b: (March 29) Elementary hybrid instruction (Grades 1-2)
- Phase 5c: (April 12) Elementary hybrid instruction (Grades 3-5)
- Phase 6: Secondary hybrid instruction (Red Tier)
- **Phase 7**: 100% return with health and safety protocols

### California Blueprint for a Safer Economy: Los Angeles County Data



### **Important Updates**

### Legislative Update

#### In-person Instruction Grants (funds apportioned based on the LEAs LCFF funding)

\$2 billion in-person instruction funding -- districts must offer in-person instruction by April 1, 2021

- If in purple with rates above 25/100,000 offer in-person to cohorts of vulnerable students K-12
- If in purple with rates below 25/100,000 offer in-person to cohorts and to TK-2
- If in red, offer in-person to cohorts plus TK to the highest elementary grade and begin offering to additional grade above elementary at local discretion.

No longer a requirement that to be eligible for the funding a district reach a new collective bargaining agreement.

COVID-19 testing frequency: To be eligible for funds, if in purple, must offer the frequency of asymptomatic testing recommended by the state (weekly for students and staff).

All LEAs must post the COVID-19 Safety Plan on website.

### **Important Updates**

### Legislative Update

#### The Expanded Learning Grants (\$4.6 billion)

Funds shall be expended only for any of the following purposes:

- Extended instructional learning time
- Providing summer school
- Any other action that increases the amount of instructional time or services

Accelerating progress to close learning gaps through any of the following:

- Tutoring or other one-on-one or small group learning
- Learning recovery programs
- Educator training for both certificated and classified staff in accelerated learning strategies

#### Pupil supports to address other barriers

- Health, counseling, or mental health services
- Access to school meal programs
- Before and after school programs

## **Understanding the Data - CDC**

#### **Los Angeles County Metrics**

- 16.5 New COVID-19 Cases Per 100K
- 12.3 Adjusted Case Rate for Tier Assignment
- 5.1% Positivity Rate
- 7.5% Health Equity Quartile Positivity Rate

#### CDC Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19

Indicator	Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days*	0-9	10-49	50-99	≥100
Percentage of NAATs that are positive during the past 7 days	<5.0%	5.0%-7.9%	8.0%-9.9%	≥10.0%

Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days\*
Total number of new cases per 100,000 persons within the last 7 days is calculated by adding the number of new cases in the county (or other community type) in the last 7 days divided by the population in the county (or other community type) and multiplying by 100,000.

Percentage of NAATs that are positive during the past 7 days
Percentage of positive diagnostic and screening NAATs during
the last 7 days is calculated by dividing the number of positive
tests in the county (or other administrative level) during the last 7
days by the total number of tests resulted over the last 7 days.

### **Understanding the Data - CADPH**

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County Risk Level	Adjusted case rate 7-day average of daily COVID-19 cases per 100K with 7-day lag, adjusted for number of tests performed	Positivity rate 7-day average of all COVID-19 tests performed that are positive	
WIDESPREAD Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed	More than 7.0 Daily new cases (per 100k)	More than 8.0% Positive tests	
SUBSTANTIAL Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed	4.0 – 7.0 Daily new cases (per 100k)	5.0 - 8.0% Positive tests	
MODERATE Some indoor business operations are open with modifications	1.0 – 3.9 Daily new cases (per 100k)	2.0 - 4.9% Daily new cases (per 100k)	
MINIMAL Most indoor business operations are open with modifications	Less than 1.0 Daily new cases (per 100k)	Less than 2.0% Daily new cases (per 100k)	

#### Adjusted case rate

Calculated as the case rate multiplied by a case rate adjustment factor that is based on the difference between the county testing volume (testing volume, tests per 100,000 per day, described below) and the median county testing volume calculated across all counties. The median testing volume thus forms an anchor for this adjustment and is recalculated every four weeks to prevent undue fluctuation while remaining sensitive to evolving testing trends. For counties with a testing volume above the median, the adjustment factor is less than 1, decreasing in a linear manner from 1.0 to 0.5 as testing volume increases from the anchor point to 2x that value. The adjustment factor remains at 0.5 if the county testing volume is greater than 2x the state median. For counties with a testing volume below the state median, the adjustment factor is greater than 1. increasing in a linear manner from 1.0 to 1.4 as county testing volume decreases from the state median to zero. The linear adjustment formula can be expressed mathematically as follows:

For counties testing above the state median:

1-(((county testing rate – state median testing rate)/state median testing rate)  $\dot{\ }$  0.5)

For counties testing below the state median:

1-(((county testing rate – state median testing rate) \* 0.4)

#### New COVID-19 Cases Per 100K

Calculated as the average (mean) daily number of COVID-19+ cases over 7 days (based on episode date), divided by the number of people living in the county/region/state. This number is then multiplied by 100,000.

## **Health and Safety Update**

### **Site Preparation**

- Increased signage
- Drop-off and pick-up planning
- Symptom check for employees and students
- Plexiglass dividers
- Face coverings and PPE
- Drinking fountains replaced with bottle fillers
- Marked pathways
- Physical distancing
- Disinfecting
- Handwashing and hand sanitizing stations

## **Important Updates**

### **Vaccinations/Testing**

- All employees are eligible -- Phase 1B
- Mercy Pharmacy vaccinations
  - 556 staff signed-up
  - First 150 C-VUSD vaccines beginning the week of March 1, 2021
- Kaiser begins vaccinations on for Phase 1B on March 2, 2021
- CA vaccine website: www.myturn.ca.gov
- Valencia Labs COVID-19 Testing

## **Permitted On-Site Programming**

- TK-6 in-person instruction
- Preschool and Adult Education
- Small group cohorts in-person instruction up to 25% of site enrollment
- Athletic competition: Low, moderate, and high contact sports (outdoor only)
- Daycare for school-aged children and/or childcare programs located in schools
- Specialized services
- College admission tests, including PSAT, ACT, and SAT exams
- Youth sports/Athletic conditioning
- In-person assistance for college applications

## **Athletics Update**

### **Effective February 26, 2021:**

- Outdoor, moderate-contact sports may resume all outdoor activities as soon as the County case rate is equal to or less than 14 cases per 100,000 people.
  - Outdoor, moderate-contact sports must develop and implement an informed consent process for participants and/or their parents/guardians.
- Outdoor, high-contact sports may resume all activities as soon as the County case rate is equal to or less than 14 cases per 100,000 people.
  - Outdoor, high-contact sports must develop and implement an informed consent process for participants and/or their parents/ guardians.
  - Football must implement a weekly testing policy, while in the purple tier.

## **Athletics Update**

#### **Permitted to Practice and Compete:**

- Cross Country
- Dance (no contact)
- Golf
- Swimming
- Tennis (singles)
- Track and Field
- Baseball
- Cheerleading
- Softball
- Tennis (doubles)
- Football
- Soccer
- Volleyball (outdoor)\*
- Basketball (outdoor)\*

#### **Not Permitted to Practice or Compete:**

- Dance (no contact indoor)
- Swimming (indoor)
- Track and Field (indoor)
- Cheerleading (indoor)
- Dance (intermittent contact indoor)
- Tennis (doubles indoor)
- Volleyball (indoor)
- Basketball (indoor)
- Soccer (indoor)
- Wrestling (indoor)

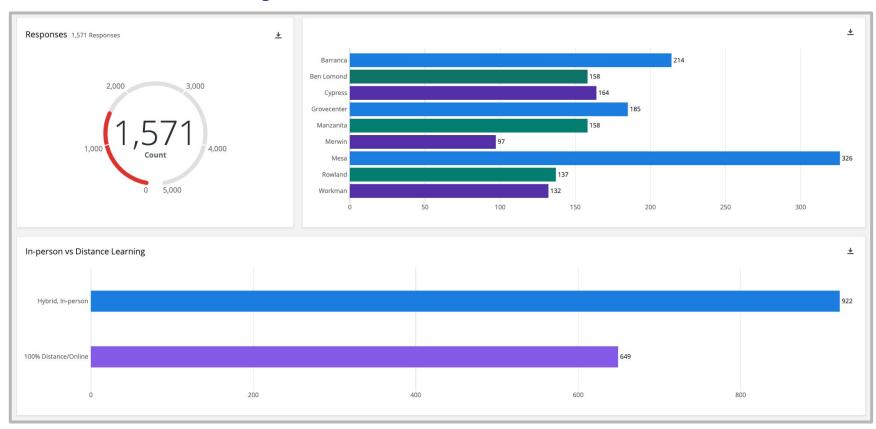
# **Athletics Update**

School	Participating Athletes
Covina High School	223
Northview High School	329
South Hills High School	584
Total	1,136

### **In-Person Students/On-Site Activities**

Program	Number of Students
Small Group Cohorts - Secondary	209
Technology Pods	516
Athletics	1,136
Childcare Programs	44
Total	1,905

# **Parent Survey**



## **Next Steps**

- Reopen in a phased approach when transmission rates, community-spread, and other health and safety metrics allow
- Survey parents, TK-5: deployed on February 28, 2021
  - Plan for hybrid return
- Graduation ceremonies
- Intensive interventions including summer school
- Review graduation requirements
- Long-term academic, social-emotional, and fiscal impacts

# Questions