

Return to School Board Update

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County
Los Angeles

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Southern California Region

Eligible to exit Regional Order effective 1/25/2021

Was placed on Regional Stay Home Order 12/6/2020 3:59 PM

COUNTY RISK LEVEL

Substantial*

Some non-essential indoor business operations are open with modifications

COUNTY METRICS

4.8 New COVID-19 cases per day per 100K

3.7 Adjusted case rate for tier assignment

1.8% Positivity rate (7-day average)

2.5% Health equity quartile positivity rate

3 weeks prior

3/2

Widespread

2 weeks prior

3/9

Substantial

1 week prior

3/16

Substantial

Current

3/23

Substantial

*See California Blueprint Data Chart for tier determination.

STATEWIDE METRICS

5.5 New COVID-19 positive cases per day per 100K

2.0% Positivity rate (7-day average)

30.0% ICU availability

Close



- Widespread
- Substantial
- Moderate
- Minimal

Last Updated 3/23/2021

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Is Orange Tier Possible?

Counties need to record two straight weeks of qualifying data to advance to a less restrictive tier and must remain in a tier for at least three weeks before moving again.

To move from the red to orange tier, a county must have an adjusted coronavirus case rate of 3.9 or fewer new cases per 100,000 people each day, a test positivity rate of less than 5% and a health equity metric of less than 5.3%.

According to [the latest data](#) released Tuesday, L.A. County checked both the health equity and positivity rate boxes, but its calculated case rate — 4.1 — was still a tad too high. The county remains two weeks away, at best, from potentially advancing.

CURRENT COUNTY CONDITIONS: ADJUSTED CASE RATES

DATE	10-day Case Rate	Adjusted Case Rates	Tier
3/23/2021	6223	3.7	Orange
3/16/2021	11049	4.1	Red
3/9/2021	15326	5.2	Red
3/2/2021	16740	7.2	Purple
2/23/2021	20846	12.3	Purple
2/16/2021	31556	20.0	Purple
2/09/2021	46531	31.7	Purple
2/02/2021	69036	38.7	Purple
1/26/2021	93567	48.2	Purple
1/19/2021	138975	75.3	Purple
1/12/2021	144797	77	Purple
1/05/2021	136671	65.8	Purple
12/29/2020	137463	66.4	Purple

CDC Updates Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools to Reflect New Evidence on Physical Distance in Classrooms

Press Release

Embargoed Until: Friday, March 19, 2021, 12 p.m. ET

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is updating K–12 school guidance to reflect the latest science on physical distance between students in classrooms. CDC now recommends that, with universal masking, **students should maintain a distance of at least 3 feet in classroom settings**. CDC has updated its operational strategy to say:

- **In elementary schools, CDC recommends all students remain at least 3 feet apart in classrooms where mask use is universal — regardless of whether community transmission is low, moderate, substantial, or high.**
- **In middle and high schools, CDC also recommends students should be at least 3 feet apart in classrooms where mask use is universal and in communities where transmission is low, moderate, or substantial.**



CDC Guidance

- CDC continues to recommend at least 6 feet of distance for the following:
 - Between adults in the school building and between adults and students.
 - In common areas, such as school lobbies and auditoriums.
 - When masks can't be worn, such as when eating.
 - During activities when increased exhalation occurs, such as singing, shouting, band practice, sports, or exercise. These activities should be moved outdoors or to large, well-ventilated spaces whenever possible.
 - In community settings outside of the classroom.



COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework & Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year

Published January 14, 2021

Classroom Space

- Maximize space between seating and desks. Distance teacher and other staff desks at least 6 feet away from student and other staff desks. Maintaining a minimum of 3 feet between student chairs is strongly recommended. A range of physical distancing recommendations have been made nationally and internationally, from 3 feet to 6 feet. Considerations for schools implementing a shorter physical distancing policy between students: focus on high mask adherence; ; maintain 6 feet of distancing as much as possible during times when students or staff are not masked (e.g., due to eating or drinking).



Updates as of 3/20/21

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Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools: Appendix T1

Updated on 3/22/21:

- **Adjusts minimum distance requirement** between student seating to 3 feet. Minimum distance between staff desks and student desks or other staff desks remains at 6 feet.

B. MEASURES TO ENSURE PHYSICAL DISTANCING BY STAFF, STUDENTS AND VISITORS

- Maximum number of **employees** permitted in facility to maximize physical distancing of at least 6 feet or with appropriate physical barriers where 6 feet of distancing is not possible
- Maximum number of **students** permitted in facility to ensure physical distancing of at least 3 feet between students and 6 feet between students and staff



Indoor Sports Update:

- Indoor youth and adult recreational sports activities, including training, conditioning, contact practice and competitions may return to competition and contact practice only if the team adheres to the additional requirements imposed on collegiate sports, as specified in the State's Institutions of Higher Education Guidance, dated September 30, 2020,
- Any indoor sports activities that are held pursuant to this exception must also be limited, including all sport participants, coaches/trainers, support staff, and observers, to 10% of indoor max occupancy of the facility, based on applicable building and zoning codes.

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Reopening Protocol for Youth and Adult
Recreational Sports Leagues: **Appendix S**
Effective Date: 12:01am on Saturday, March 20, 2021

Indoor Sports - Testing



Conduct Routine Testing:

Participants, coaches, and support staff must be tested regularly. This includes baseline testing and ongoing screening testing.

For high-risk contact sports (basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, rugby, soccer, squash, volleyball, water polo, and wrestling), competition between teams is permitted only if the team can provide COVID-19 testing and results of all athletes and support staff within 48 hours of each competition.

Indoor Sports - Site Specific Safety Plan

Return to Play Safety Plan

- The entity sponsoring the sports team (e.g., school, league, or team) must adopt and follow a “Return to Play” Safety Plan and file it along with a Site-Specific Safety Plan with LACDPH at least 14 days prior to restarting any indoor sports activities.
- District Submitted today, so indoor sports can resume on April 6, 2021.



Indoor Sports - Return to Play Safety Plan

- A description of the team's plan for meeting the routine testing requirements
- A plan for entry screening for all workers, team support staff, and participants prior to entering the facility, practice, and competition.
- A plan for reviewing test results and reporting positive results to LACDPH as required by this Protocol;
- A plan for complying with LACDPH contact tracing efforts
- A plan for ensuring that team participants are cohorted as much as possible
- A plan for ensuring that, when traveling to away games, the team must remain in the team cohort, with no mixing with the local teams or other members of the host community.
- A description of efforts that the team will make to comply with other aspects of this Protocol; and
- A plan for communicating team safety modifications to participants, their families, and the public as needed.



Indoor Sports - Site-Specific Safety Plan

- The entity sponsoring the sports team (e.g., school, league, or team) must establish a written, facility-specific COVID-19 prevention plan at every facility the team uses, perform a comprehensive risk assessment of all work and athletic areas, and designate a person at each facility to implement the plan.
- The entity sponsoring the sports team must designate a person responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns for athletics overall, and for each team or sport, as applicable.
- The entity sponsoring the sports team must train and communicate with workers, worker representative (as applicable) and participants on the plan and make the plan available to workers and their representatives; and
- The entity sponsoring the sports team must regularly evaluate the facility for compliance with the plan and document and correct deficiencies as identified.
- The HVAC system has been inspected by an HVAC Specialist within 30 days of reopening for indoor sports and is in good, working order; to the maximum extent possible, ventilation has been increased. Effective ventilation is one of the most important ways to control small aerosol transmission.



Band, Drumline, Choir, and Drama

Youth Sports Q&A

Updated March 22, 2021

Q: Are band, drumline, choir and drama approved as youth recreational activities that can be conducted now?

A: Yes, band, drumline, choir and drama are considered low contact youth recreational activities and should follow all relevant requirements and recommendations.



After School Child Care - ASPIRE Transition

- The ASPIRE partnership between DUSD and City of Downey will officially expire on 6/30/21.
- Currently, the city is continuing to provide a cohort of students with ongoing virtual ASPIRE support through the remainder of this school year.
- This creates a structural gap (e.g., no on-site childcare option) we need to fill for our families/children who plan on participating in our Hybrid Model upon their return.
- Therefore, we are strategically working on increasing our partnership with leaders at We Care and Sports For Learning to build an on-campus model that would support families upon our return to campus on 3/29/21 through the end of this school year 5/28/21.
- In addition, we plan on continuing our "Extended Learning Program" for employees through the end of this year as well. We have collected survey data that will help us determine site/s where this program offering will exist.
- YMCA will continue to provide on-campus support to approximately (72) students at Gallatin ES, Rio San Gabriel ES and Price ES.

Memorandum of Understanding- MOU's

- CA School Employees Association (CSEA) Unit 1- Hybrid Model MOU completed on March 5, 2021
- Downey Educators Association (DEA)- Hybrid Model MOU completed on March 18, 2021
- CA School Employee Association (CSEA) Unit 2- Hybrid Model MOU completed on March 19, 2021



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Questions

