



# Townhall

## Safely Bringing Students Back to Our Classrooms

**Thur. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM to 6:30 PM**  
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**February 25, 2021**

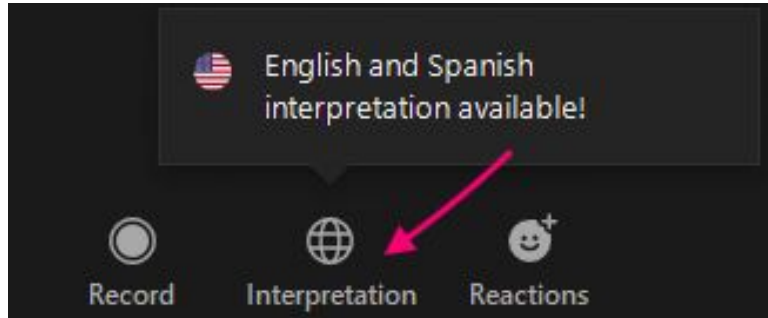
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- NOTICE: This meeting is being recorded** and will be made available on Santa Cruz COE's Youtube account tomorrow.

# Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Introductions
- III. Santa Cruz County COVID-19 Update
- IV. Implications for Schools
- V. Vaccinations for Educators
- VI. Update from Dominican Hospital & Dignity Health
- VII. School Protocols for COVID-19 Prevention and Safety
- VIII. Teaching & Learning Once Classrooms Re-Open
- IX. Recent Guidance from the CA Dept. of Public Health
- X. Q & A

# Introductions

- Mike Heffner, Bonny Doon Elementary School District
- Michelle McKinny, Happy Valley Elementary School District
- Lorie Chamberland, Live Oak Unified School District
- Diane Morgenstern, Mountain Elementary School District
- Eric Gross, Pacific Elementary School District
- Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Pajaro Valley Unified School District
- Kris Munro, Santa Cruz City School District
- Dr. Laurie Bruton, San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District
- Tanya Krause, Scotts Valley Unified School District
- Scott Turnbull, Soquel Union Elementary School District

## Overview of Current State of the Pandemic

- Growing optimism around our local response to COVID-19
- Continue on downward trends in all important numbers
  - **10.7 case rate**   **8.6 adjusted case rate**
  - **2.9 positivity rate**
  - **183 deaths**
  - **436 required hospitalization**
  - **14,599 total known cases** in SC County
  - **446 current active cases** in SC County
- Widespread Purple Tier

## Implications for Schools

- I. In-person instruction for small, stable groups for highest-need students have been in session since fall
- II. CA Blueprint for a Safer Economy allowed elementary schools to provide these services once our county's adjusted case rate dropped below 25 per 100,000

## Middle Schools and High Schools

- I. Santa Cruz County is in the Purple Tier with an adjusted rate of 8.6
- II. We need to drop below 7 to move to Red
- III. Once in the Red Tier, schools will be able to:
  - A. Begin to offer in-person instructional programs for Middle and High School Students.
  - B. Unclear when we will enter the red Tier



## Vaccination of Educators

- Vaccination of school personnel is a vital part of school plans to expand in-person services to students quickly
- **4500** teachers and other support staff have been vaccinated
- We hope to help vaccinate our entire education community including childcare providers, TK-12 public and private school personnel, and Cabrillo employees ASAP.



# Vaccination Updates from Special Guests



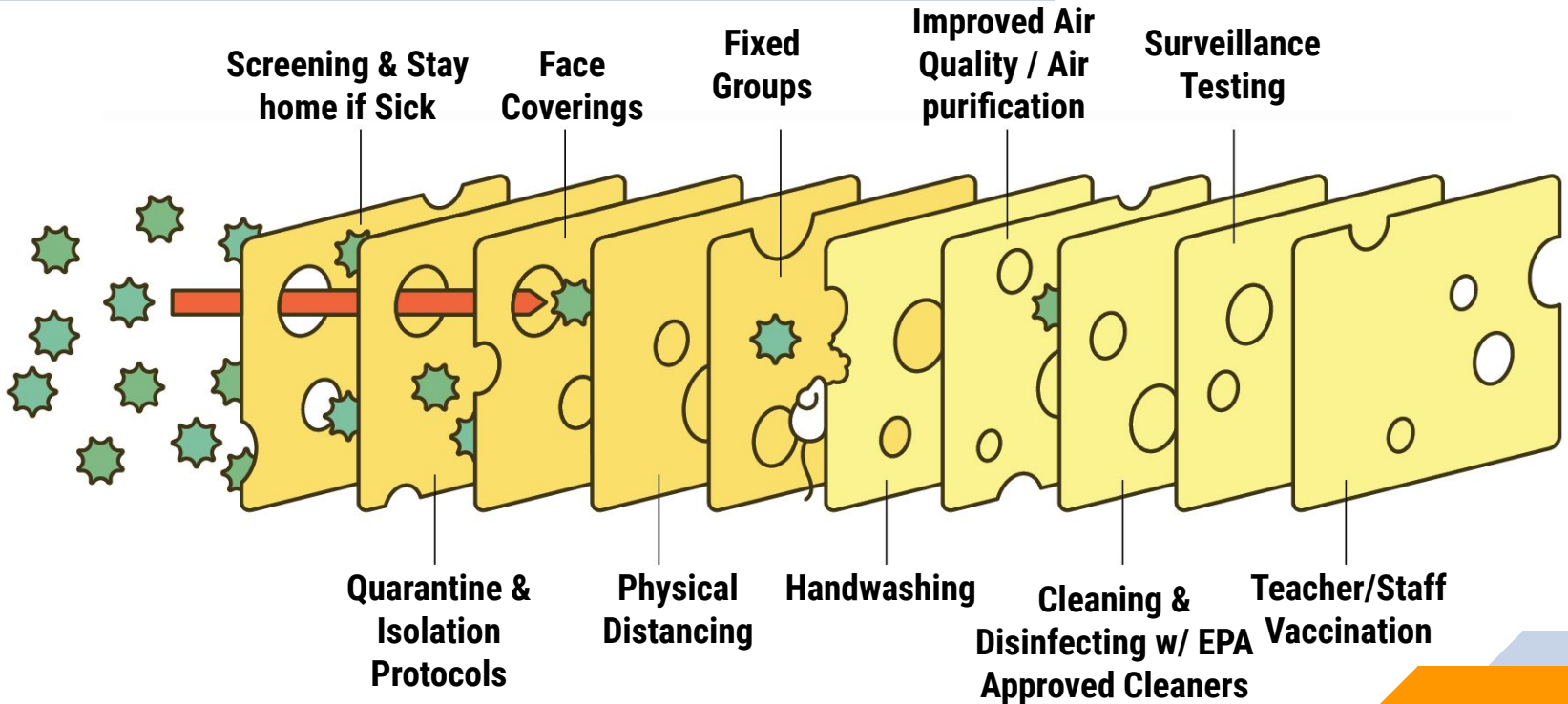
**Dignity Health™**  
Dominican Hospital

- Dr. Stephen Magee, Dignity Health
- Dr. Nanette Mickiewicz, President/CEO at Dominican Hospital

## Steps Taken to Keep Students and Staff Safe

- I. Schools have developed comprehensive strategies to minimize the risk of COVID-19
  
- II. Due to these strong readiness systems, few instances of COVID-19 transmission have been demonstrated from in-person services in session thus far

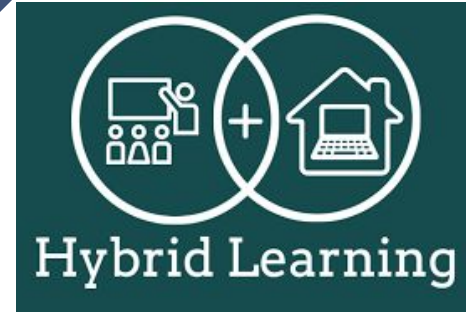
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## What Will School Safety Look Like?

- Our Shared Priority: Safely Open and Stay Open
- As more students return to the classroom, we will continue to adhere to CDPH safety regulations and best practices.
- Approximately half of our students will be present on any given day.
- We are taking a *layered* approach based on the latest public health guidelines: *COVID-19 screening, masks, shielding, distancing, handwashing, disinfecting, etc.* with details and protocols outlined by each School District.
  - ▷ Dates and schedules will be provided by each School District and vary according to key factors including size, capacity, grade span, and more.
  - ▷ Parents who wish their child to continue in Distance Learning will have that option; remote learning will be accessible in different ways by District.

## What Will School Teaching & Learning Look Like?



- Some in-person learning
  - ▷ Hybrid Schedules-6 foot distance
  - ▷ In class time and independent at-home assignments
- Continued distance learning
  - ▷ Some synchronous
  - ▷ Some a-synchronous
- Special Education

## What Could School Look Like?



**Meet with dedicated staff for  
temperature check**

## Current Timeline for Return by Grade Level

	<b>TK</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Bonny Doon ESD</b>	3/15	3/15	3/15	3/22	3/22	4/5	4/5	4/5
<b>Happy Valley ESD</b>		3/15	3/15	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5
<b>Live Oak SD</b>	3/22	3/22	3/22	4/12	4/12	4/14	4/14	
<b>Mountain ESD</b>	3/8	3/8	3/8	3/22	3/22	3/23	3/23	3/23
<b>Pacific ESD</b>		3/8	3/8	3/8	3/8	3/15	3/15	3/15
<b>Pajaro Valley USD</b>		4/5	4/5	4/19	4/19	5/1	5/1	
<b>Santa Cruz City Schools</b>	3/15	3/15	3/22	3/22	3/22	3/22	3/22	
<b>San Lorenzo Valley USD</b>	3/15	3/15	3/30	3/30	4/13	4/13	4/13	
<b>Soquel Union ESD</b>	3/15	3/15	3/15	4/6	4/6	4/12	4/12	
<b>Scotts Valley USD</b>	3/3	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/17	3/23	3/23	



# Sports Guidance

- Recently CDPH approved Youth Sports Guidance  
(High School Superintendents recently met to review)
- Low, Moderate, and High - Contact Sports
- Outdoor sports only in the Purple and Red Tiers
- General guidelines
- Spectators
  - Playing football (March 1st season starts)
  - Testing options (weekly antigen testing/saliva swab)
  - Weekly testing required for student athletes and coaches for high contact sports like football, rugby, and water polo



## Question & Answer

- Please enter your questions in the chat
- Direct specific questions to the respective school district
- We will answer as many questions as time permits