



# San Ysidro

## School District

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

### District Highlights

Weeks of August 13 & August 16, 2021

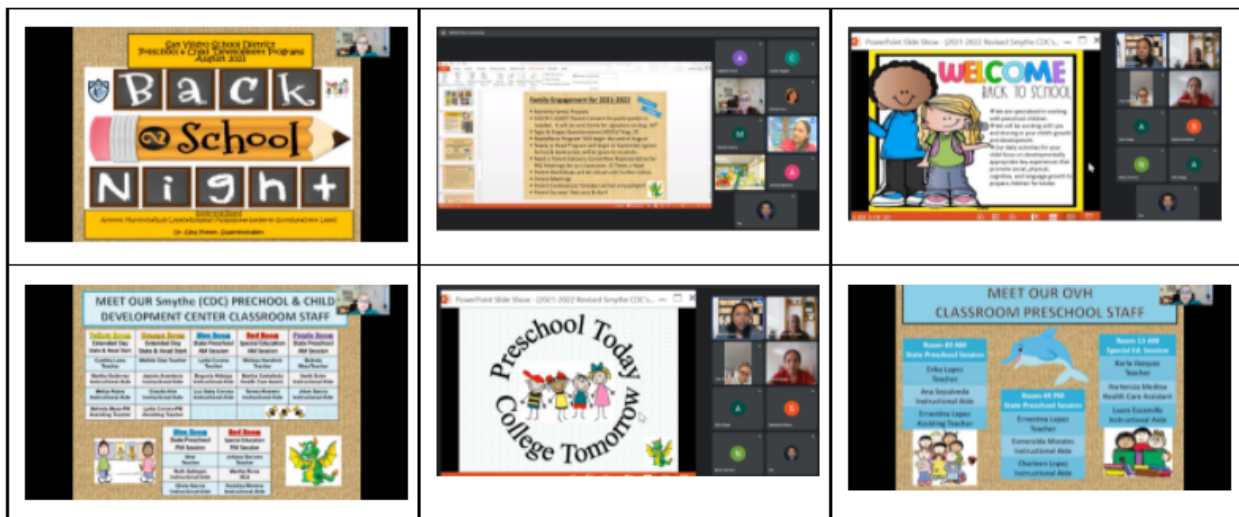


#### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER - VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

A huge congratulations and thank you to Director Lorena-Varela-Reed, her teachers and staff for all the hard work that went into this great virtual event. Director Varela-Reed met with parents via Zoom meetings to greet them and share information about the upcoming school year. Afterwards parents had an opportunity to virtually meet their child's teacher.

Please click on the link to watch Director Varela-Reed's presentation:

<https://youtu.be/ZvHQ2vyGfAM>

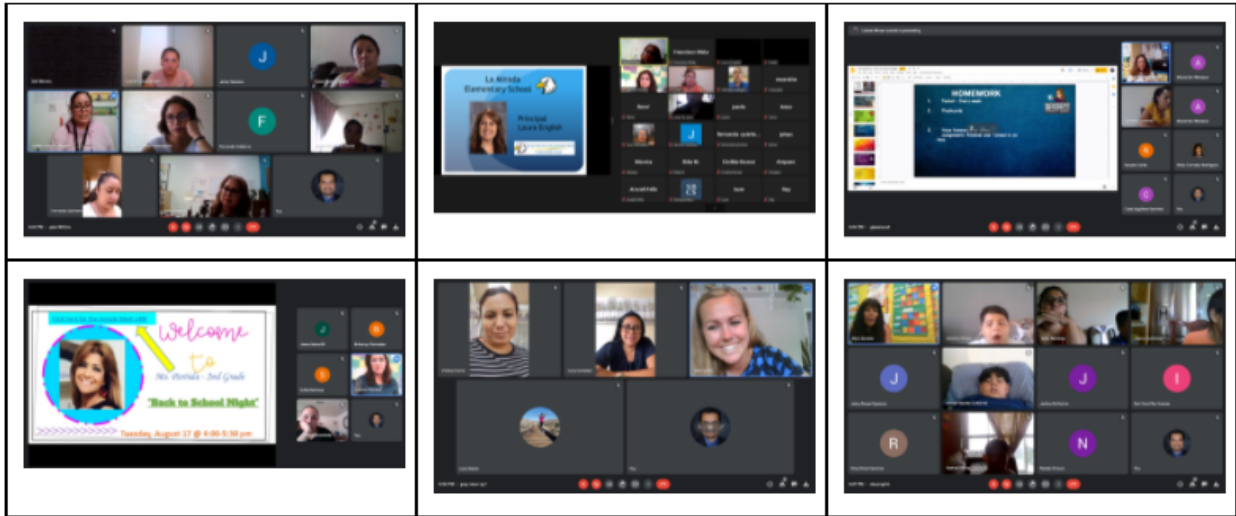


#### LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

The virtual Back to School Night at La Mirada took place on Tuesday, August 17th. Principal Laura English, her teachers and staff did a great job showcasing their school. A huge "Thank you" to everyone for making this a very successful event and virtually engaging La Mirada parents in the education of their children.

**Presentation Link:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQxNDLB5EKK2Gzpl-AsDZ2LkrXFAbLmkytpn0ZI0oVCo5kJKkNRf8f-xHGO0G-9ZTktNOY9B-yVWeU/pub>

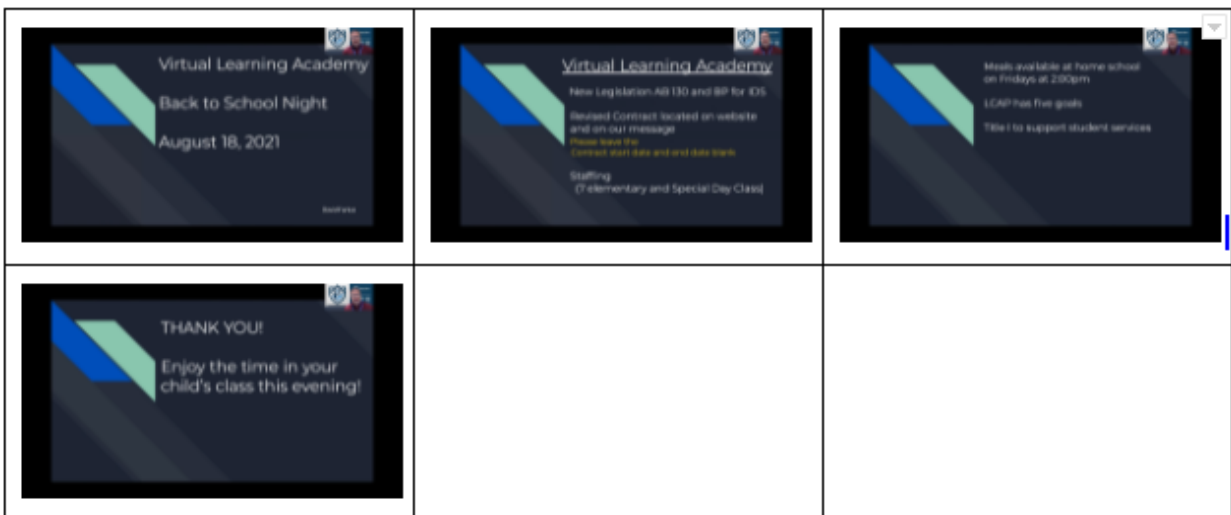


**VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY (VLA) - VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

The virtual Learning Academy Back to School Night took place on Wednesday, August 18th. Assistant Superintendent Dr. David Farkas and Administrative Secretary Lupe Barrera shared important information regarding the Virtual Learning Academy. They introduced two new team members, Mr. Ritchison and Mr. Kim, who will be joining the teaching staff as more students join the Virtual Learning Academy. Dr. Farkas extended a very special thank you to Ms. Ambriz Ibarra for starting the Virtual Learning Academy for the very first time with the VLA team. Without her incredible dedication, the academy would not have begun the way it has! Afterwards parents had an opportunity to virtually meet their child's teacher.

Please click on the link to watch the presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARFL1gqX1zM>



## VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL - VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

The virtual Back to School Night at Vista Del Mar took place on Thursday, August 19th. Principal Irene Herrera-Cevallos, her teachers and staff did a great job showcasing their school. A huge “Thank you” to everyone for making this a very successful event and virtually engaging Vista Del Mar parents in the education of their children.

Please click on the link to watch the English or Spanish presentation by Principal Herrera-Cevallos:

- [VDM Back to School Night Title 1 - English - 2021 Presentation](#)
- [VDM Back to School Night Title 1 - Spanish - 2021 Presentation](#)



## VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULE

School	Day/Date	Start/End Time
Ocean View Hills Preschool	Tuesday, August 24, 2021	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
San Ysidro Middle School	Thursday, August 26, 2021	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Ocean View Hills School	Wednesday, September 1, 2021	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

## ACSA LEGISLATIVE LUNCH BREAK SERIES

It was an honor for Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter to be invited to speak virtually to administrators throughout California during ACSA's Legislative Lunch Break Series on August 10th. During this segment she shared the success of San Ysidro School District's fall school reopening along with tips for staging school reopening with safety as a top priority.



## **EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, PUPIL SERVICES AND SAFETY**

### **POSITIVE CASE NOTIFICATIONS**

This week Asst. Superintendent Dr. David Farkas created a district COVID-19 Dashboard which is now posted on our district website. This Dashboard is an effort for our district to be transparent regarding COVID cases. For the first four weeks of school from July 26 through August 20, there have been a total of 49 cases of which 47 have been contact traced to outside community transmission and not from within our schools. Thus, of our total student and staff population of just over 5,000, only 0.98%, less than 1%, have reported a positive COVID case. The district's multi-layered safety measures are proving highly effective in curbing the transmission of COVID within our schools.

**Please click on the link to access the San Ysidro School District COVID-19 Dashboard:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QxVth30txaLz6igFZbaDsOKLd2IXeYVoi6JUjUyJIPA/edit?usp=sharing>

### **SUPERINTENDENT LETTER REGARDING STATE VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL STAFF**

Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California will require public and private schools to verify that workers are fully vaccinated or tested regularly. Unvaccinated workers will be required to be tested weekly for COVID-19 and will be required to wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including face coverings.

The new state requirement for school employees took effect Aug. 12. Districts and schools will have until Oct. 15 to come into full compliance.

[The order](#) by Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, California's public health officer, is part of the state's efforts to protect Californians from the dangerous Delta variant of COVID-19 that are now circulating in our community. Vaccination status can have an impact on if and how long employees are required to quarantine after an exposure to COVID-19, and

employees who are not vaccinated may be offered additional personal protective equipment under rules from Cal/OSHA.

Our district is analyzing the order and determining next steps.

### **SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE: ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL STAFF MUST NOW GET VACCINATED OR TEST WEEKLY FOR COVID-19 (DATED 8-11-21)**

Story in the UT with photos from Smythe Elementary School.

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2021-08-11/san-diego-schools-figure-out-how-to-carry-out-new-school-staff-covid-vaccine-testing-mandate>

### **COUNTY NEWS CENTER: COUNTY OPENS FOUR MORE COVID-19 TESTING SITES; CAPACITY NOW AT 6,500 DAILY TESTS**

Due to increased demand, the County is once again opening [more sites where San Diegans can get tested against COVID-19](#).

Details at [County News Center](#).

### **COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOT UPDATES**

San Diegans with moderately to severely compromised immune systems can get a booster shot of the COVID-19 vaccine to fight waning immunity. (click the link for full details) [COVID-19 Booster Shots Available for Immunocompromised](#)

### **COMMUNITY COVID RESOURCES**

Please click on the link to access the COVID Community Resources:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRHa3eSXww70KLcnAro21nlFBAAdB1BPDL5clTwBD5J3UYdUhY17DHNmazYRD7sgVmgg3IUALM9oLF\\_c/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRHa3eSXww70KLcnAro21nlFBAAdB1BPDL5clTwBD5J3UYdUhY17DHNmazYRD7sgVmgg3IUALM9oLF_c/pub)

**Upcoming FREE vaccination Clinic on August 21 Vista Del Mar Middle 10:00am to 2:00pm please bring your children ages 12 and older. Then a second dose clinic will be available at Vista Del Mar Middle on September 11.**

### **COVID VACCINATION EVENT AT VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AGES 12 & UP**

Our San Ysidro families have been invited to bring their children ages 12 & up to the upcoming vaccination event at the Vista Del Mar Middle School auditorium. Parents, please click on the link to register your child for an appointment at the Vista Del Mar Middle School Vaccination Event for Students ages 12 & up: <https://myturn.ca.gov/>

**Sharp - Vista Del Mar Middle School - Pfizer - Both Doses - Age 12+**

7.54 miles away

4885 Del Sol Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92154

Open 10am - 2pm Sat

Pfizer

[Schedule appointment](#)

**Please ensure you fill out the Minor Consent Form:**  
[SHARP Minor Consent Form for COVID-19 Vaccination \(English/Spanish\)](#)

### **WILLOW ELEMENTARY WILLIAMS VISIT**

Last week, Willow Elementary hosted a Williams visit. The facilities inspection received a score of 99.486%. This was the highest percentage Mr. Azevedo has ever seen at any school in his entire career. Congratulations to Willow School and the SYSD MOTF department!

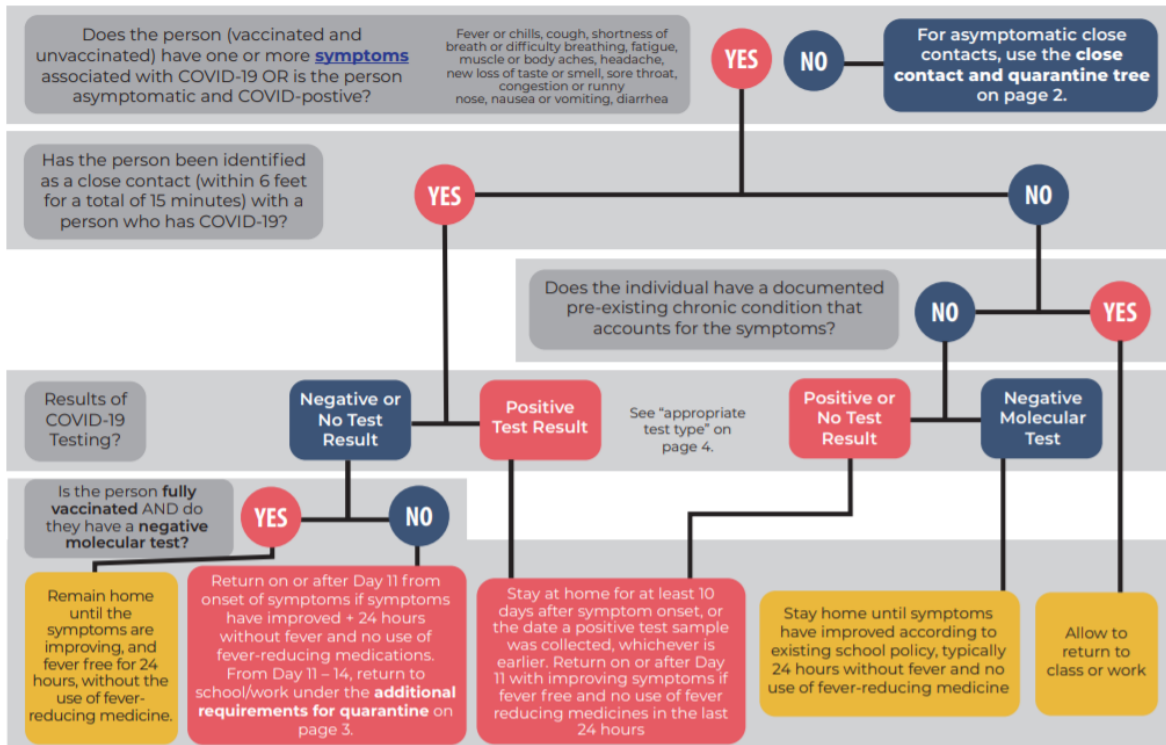
### **DECISION TREE**

The County Decision Tree is used by all school districts to ensure decisions are made based on each COVID-19 situation at schools and at home. School health office's use the Decision Tree daily to communicate with parents and staff. Site administrators and health clerks have met with Dr. Farkas and District Nurse Anita Gilchrest to discuss the components and scenarios of this complex Decision Tree process.

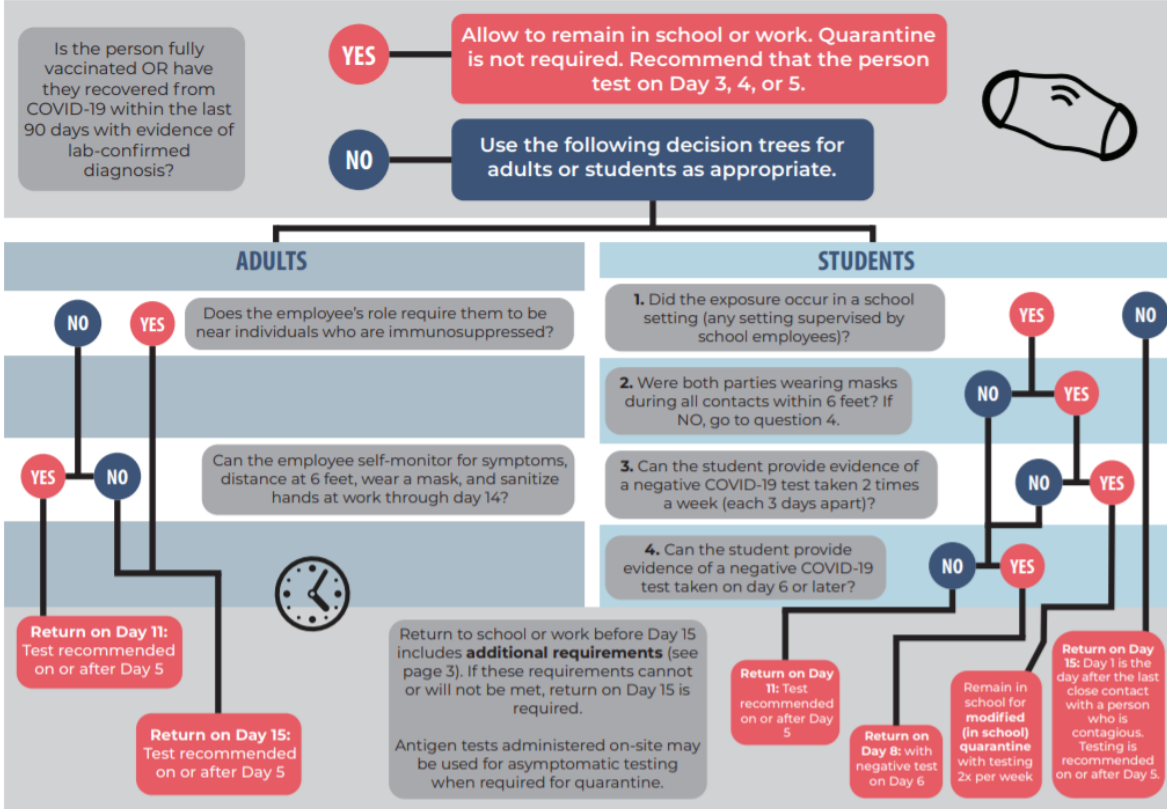


## Symptom and Isolation Tree

When a school becomes aware of a positive case on campus, the district/school liaison must contact public health at 888-950-9905 to report the case. For questions on exposures, symptoms, or other related questions, call the Epidemiology School Line at 619-692-8636 and leave a message.



# Close Contact and Quarantine Tree



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This document reflects guidance from the California Department of Public Health and county public health orders.

## NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK AND FEEDING SAN DIEGO FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION: DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS GRATIS DE SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK Y FEEDING SAN DIEGO:

San Diego Food Bank: <https://sandiegofoodbank.org/gethelp/>

Feeding San Diego: <https://feedingsandiego.org/find-food/#locate>

### MEDIA UPDATE

- San Diego Union Tribune: Article: No connection? San Diego uses public spaces to bridge digital divides in neighborhoods  
<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/san-diego/story/2021-08-07/no-connection-san-diego-uses-public-spaces-to-bridge-digital-divides-in-neighborhoods>