



District Highlights

Weeks of August 16 & 23, 2021



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

COVID SAFETY & UNDERSTANDING THE COVID-19 K-12 QUARANTINE DECISION TREE

Thank you to all of our SYSD students, families and staff for diligently following the state and county health safety guidance for our schools. As we close the fifth week of school together we have successfully implemented and adhered to the highest safety standards recommended by federal, state and county health officials. I am proud to share that within the first few weeks of school 99% of our students and staff have “not” been identified as COVID positive and almost every positive COVID case our district has communicated has been contact traced to outside of our schools. Overall the multi-tiered layers of safety mitigation strategies are proving to be effective.

Our community is doing an excellent job implementing the top two COVID mitigation strategies: vaccination and wearing masks. CBSNews 8 featured an article, [South Bay children's vaccination rates far outpace East County counterparts](#), highlighting how effective the vaccination efforts have been for our South Bay children. Data as of August 25th indicates that 91% of children ages 12-17 who live in South Bay, have had at least one dose of the vaccine. In addition, the vast majority of our staff was vaccinated prior to the opening of our schools this school year. Finally, all of our students and staff are doing an outstanding job wearing their face masks at school.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) COVID-19 K-12 Quarantine Decision Tree shown in the slides below is utilized by all school districts in the state to determine quarantine guidelines based on each COVID-19 situation. The Decision Tree guides schools in navigating staff and student quarantine decisions. Here are the different COVID related school quarantine scenarios that may impact our students and staff.

Scenario 1: Positive COVID Case

- If a student or staff member is positive for COVID, then regardless of whether or not they are vaccinated they are required to be isolated for 10 days beginning the first day symptoms began or the test collection date.

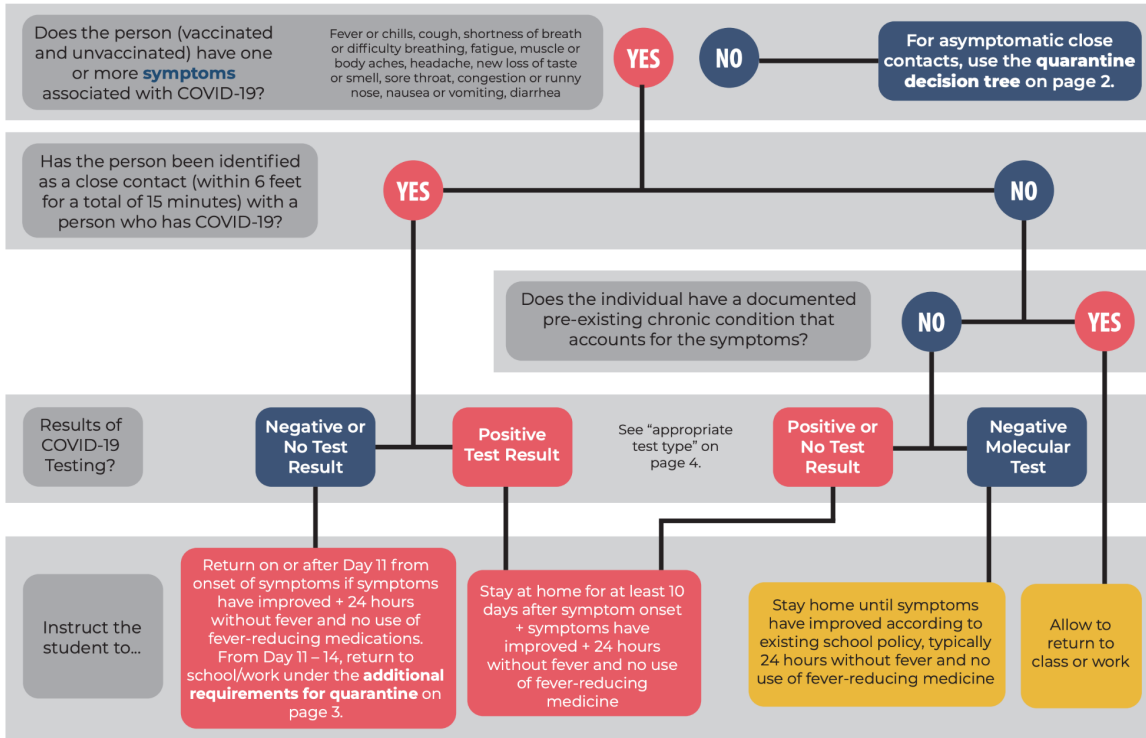
Scenario 2: Close Contact

- A close contact is defined as an individual who was within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more of a positive COVID individual.
- *Vaccinated Close Contact:*
 - Do not need to quarantine unless symptoms develop.
- *Unvaccinated Close Contact:*
 - Masked Student Options:
 - Modified Quarantine: Remain at school and COVID test every 3 days with parent permission. *This is the district recommended option to ensure students have continuity of learning.*
 - Quarantine at home and test day 6 with a return date on day 8 with a negative test result. Students will be provided a short term independent study contract (study packet) to work on at home.
 - Quarantine for 10 days and return to school on day 11. Students will be provided a short term independent study contract (study packet) to work on at home.
 - Masked Adult:
 - Must quarantine for 10 days w/ monitoring
 - No Mask:
 - Quarantine for 14 days beginning the day after last contact with a positive individual. This applies to close contacts encountered both outside of the school and at school. Students will be provided with a short term independent study contract (study packet) to work on at home.

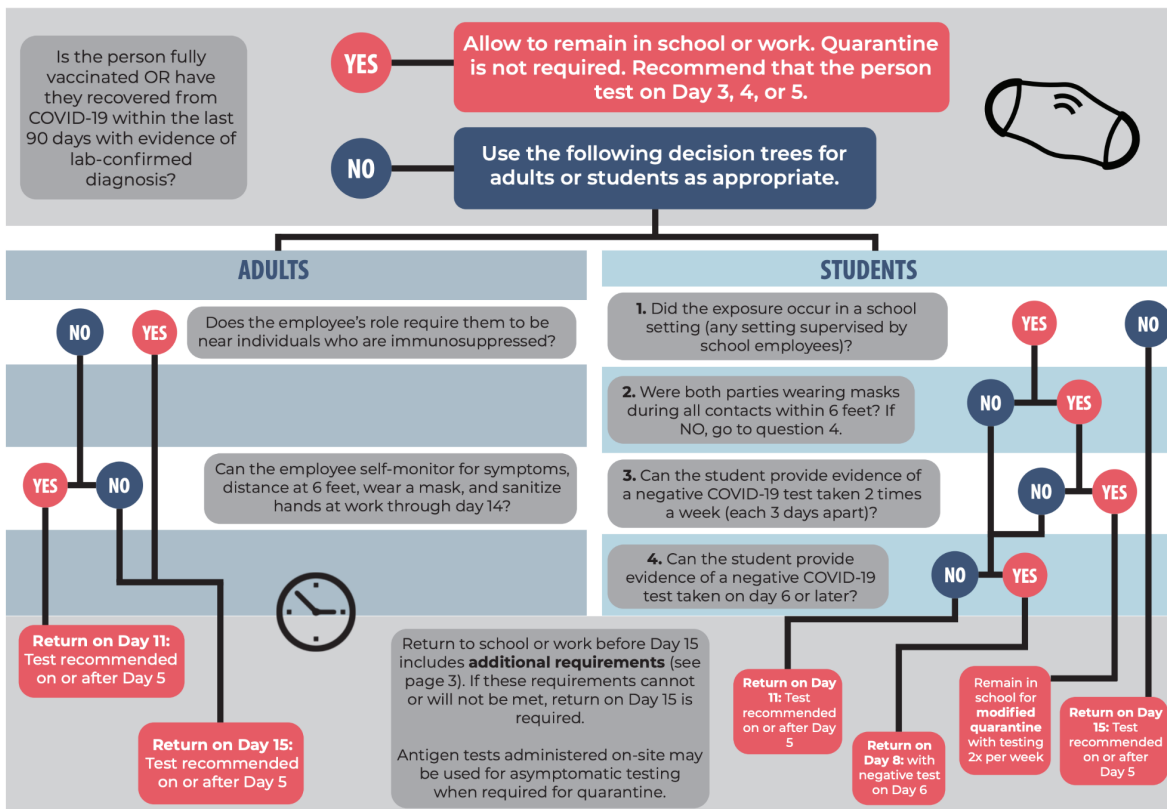
Below please find the CDPH COVID-19 K-12 Decision Tree slides for your review and information.

Our district extends our sincere gratitude to all of our classified, certificated and administrative SYSD colleagues who are working so hard to keep our schools safely open for our students and their success!

Symptom Decision Tree

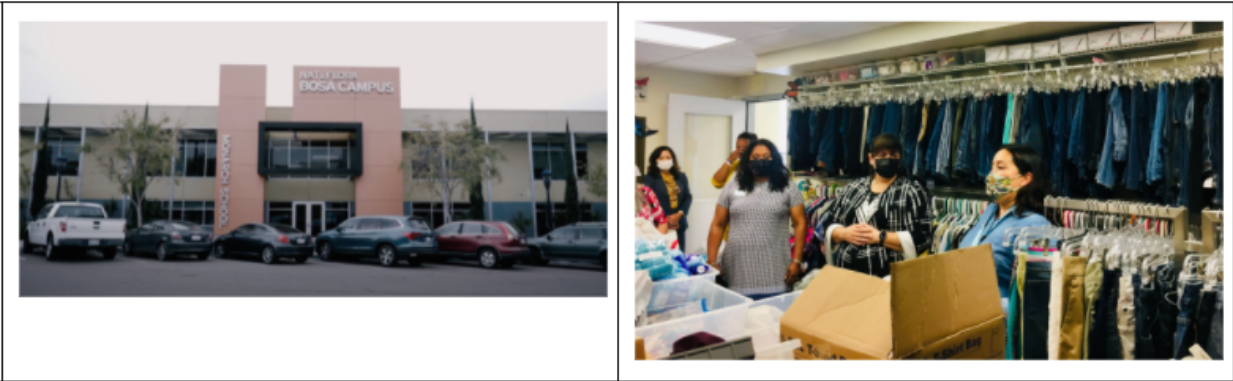


Quarantine Decision Tree



VISIT AT MONARCH SCHOOL PROJECT

On Monday, August 23rd, Superintendent Potter, Cabinet, Willow Principal Connie Rodriquez and Family and Student Services Manager Veronica Medina visited The Monarch School to learn about their unique philanthropic partnerships which provide incredible supplemental support services and programs to students and their families.



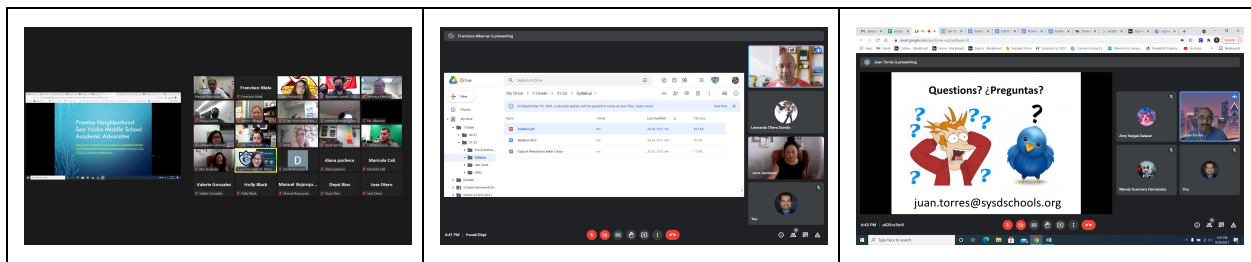
OCEAN VIEW HILLS PRESCHOOL - VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

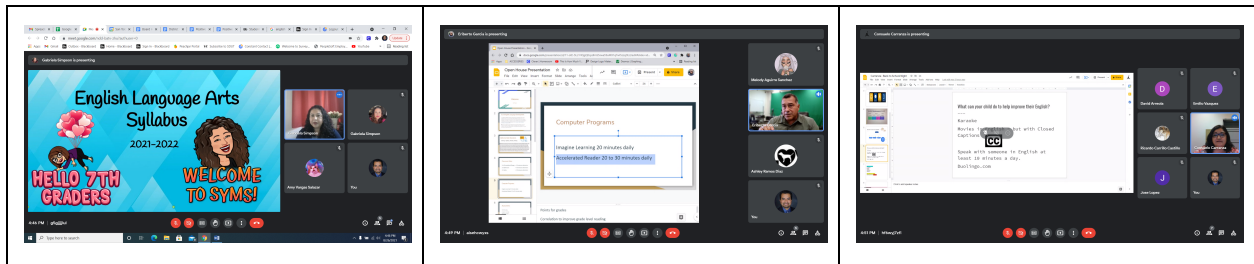
A huge congratulations and thank you to Director Lorena-Varela-Reed, her teachers and staff for all the hard work that went into this great virtual event. Director Varela-Reed met with parents via Zoom to greet them and share information about the upcoming school year. Afterwards parents had an opportunity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



SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL - VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

The virtual Back to School Night at San Ysidro Middle School took place on Thursday, August 26h. Principal Manuel Bojorquez and Assistant Principal Maria Preciado, SYMS 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 San Ysidro Middle School parents in the education of their children.





VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULE

School	Day/Date	Start/End Time
Ocean View Hills School	Wednesday, September 1, 2021	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

FLAGS AT HALF STAFF: A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE ATTACK IN KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Flags should be from August 26, 2021 until sunset, August 30, 2021, as a mark of respect for the U.S. service members and other victims killed in the terrorist attack on August 26, 2021, in Kabul, Afghanistan. Please see Presidential Proclamation below: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/08/26/a-proclamation-honoring-the-victims-of-the-attack-in-kabul-afghanistan/>

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, PUPIL SERVICES AND SAFETY

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

On Saturday, August 21st, our San Ysidro families were invited to bring their children ages 12 & up to a vaccination event at the Vista Del Mar Middle School auditorium. Thank you Sharp HealthCare for partnering with us to provide this service for our South Bay families. And a special thank you to Board President Antonio Martinez, SYSD Assistant Superintendent Dr. David Farkas, VDM Principal Irene Herrerra-Cevallos and all the school staff and volunteers who helped make this event a great success.



ADDITIONAL COVID-19 INFORMATION:

[General COVID-19 Vaccines: Myth vs. Fact](#)

[General COVID-19 Vaccines: Myth vs. Fact | Spanish](#)

[What You Need to Know - Delta Variant | English](#)

[What You Need to Know - Delta Variant | Español](#)

COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOT UPDATE

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](#)

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](#).

COMMUNITY COVID RESOURCES

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

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRHa3eSXww70KLcnAro21nIFBAdB1BPDL5cLTwBD5J3UYdUhY17DHNmazYRD7sgVmgg3IUALM9oLF_c/pub

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

iCAN - IMPROVING CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM NETWORK

All seven of SYSD schools have joined iCAN through the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE). Each school site has an iCAN team that is composed of their site


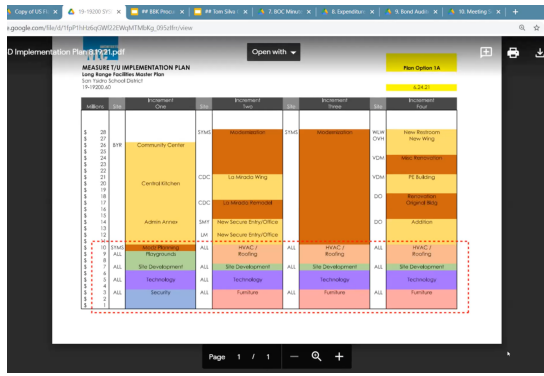

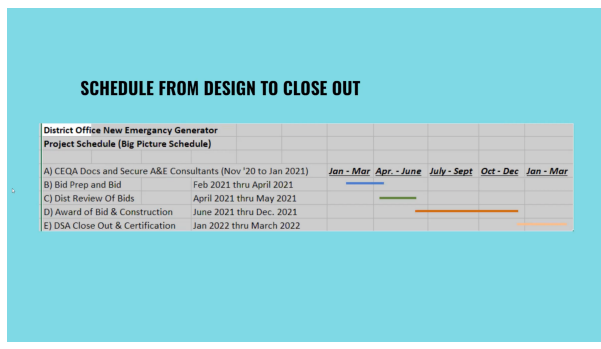
administrator, Outreach Consultant, teacher, or other classified staff. Omar Calleros, is coordinating the work with the county and leading the Network along with our support team from SDCOE.

This network is designed to engage school site and district teams to build their ability to engage in continuous improvement work in relation to chronic absenteeism. The goal is to establish and sustain an effective attendance structure, with a goal of decreasing the chronic absenteeism rate by 5%.

BUSINESS SERVICES

CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING - AUGUST 19, 2021

On Thursday, August 19, 2021, the District's Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) conducted its first meeting for the 2021-22 fiscal year. The next BOC meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2021.

 <p>San Ysidro School District</p> <p>Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting</p> <p>August 19, 2021 ~ 6:00 p.m.</p>	
<p>Procurement Basics & Project Labor/Community Benefits Agreements</p> <p>Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee – San Ysidro School District</p> <p>August 19, 2021</p> <p>PRESENTED BY Ty Dorward</p> 	

Please click on the links to access the BOC Meeting Agenda and Materials:

- [August 19, 2021 - BOC Meeting - Agenda](#)

- [Materials for the August 19, 2021 - BOC Meeting](#)

- Meeting Presentations:
 - [Long Range Master Facilities Plan and Implementation Plan - WLC Architects President, Mr. Jim DiCamillo](#)

NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION/DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS GRATIS:

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

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

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