



## Road Map for Return to In-Person Learning FAQ

### When will students return to in-person learning?

- January 6th will be the start of the spring semester and the first day with a return of all students to in-person learning in a hybrid model.
- We are committed to returning to in-person learning on January 6th. The only reason we would need to push back the start of in-person learning would be if Marin County moved back onto the Purple Tier (widespread) in the state's monitoring system.

### Why was the decision made to wait until January to switch to a hybrid model?

- The decision to make the switch to a hybrid model in January was based on minimizing disruption to students' class schedules and learning outcomes to the greatest extent possible. The transition to a hybrid model will require that we make some adjustments to students' schedules in order to ensure we have enough space in each classroom. While we hope to keep the schedule shifts to a minimum, schedule changes will be necessary.

### Will the District build in a 2 week “quarantine period” after the winter break due to potential travel by families?

- No, the District is opening to in-person learning on January 6th. If families plan to travel over the break, we advise that your student get tested prior to returning to campus.
- Here are the [CDC's travel guidelines](#)

### Does the District currently have agreed upon MOUs with the labor partners?

- Yes, the Tam District has reached agreement with both of our labor partners
- Here is the [MOU](#) with our Teacher's Union

### Is there a safety plan in place?

- Yes, here is a link to our [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#).
- We ask that you read over the safety plan prior to the return to in-person learning. You will find the COVID-19 site liaison for each school listed on page 3.
- The School Site Specific Protection Plans (SSSPP) will be posted once they have been approved by County Health

- Please see [Marin County's COVID-19 Safety Decision Tree for Schools](#). This explains how schools will respond when a student or staff member has a known or potential COVID-19 exposure

### **What is the daily health screener?**

- On page 15 of our safety plan (linked above), you will find the health screening questions all students will be asked to complete each morning they will be attending school in-person.
- Students must complete the health screener each morning prior to entering any school building.
- Students will be able to complete the screener on a smartphone or their Chromebook.
- Any student who answers yes to any question on the screener, must stay home from school and follow the protocol established by Marin County Public Health, called “test or 10”, which is linked [here](#). Please review this protocol carefully.
- Students who have to quarantine will maintain access to their classes via distance learning.

### **Do teenagers transmit COVID-19?**

- The most current information from the [CDC](#), is that teenagers do get and can spread COVID-19. Teenagers, overall, do not get as ill with COVID-19 as some adults do. However, teens with underlying conditions may be susceptible to serious illness if infected.

### **Is there a plan to provide testing to staff?**

- Yes, we will have testing available every week in the District on a rotating basis among the campuses. Testing begins the week of November 30th. The goal is for every staff member to be tested 1 time each month. However, staff may be tested every week if they wish.
- Our goal is to open these testing opportunities to our families. We will start with staff and once we have an idea of capacity, we will make this resource available.

**Marin is now on the Orange Tier (moderate) in the state's monitoring system, does that change the requirements of social distancing or mask wearing?**

- In short, no. While Marin County has moved into the Orange Tier (moderate) and this is, most definitely, a positive sign that we are mitigating the spread of COVID-19 the Orange Tier designation does not change the guidelines schools must follow around distancing and mask wearing.
- In order to maintain physical distance in our classrooms, we need to reduce the number of students who are on campus at the same time. Therefore, students will either be divided into 2 cohorts (1 and 2), or 3 cohorts (1, 2 and 3) and will rotate between days of in-person instruction and distance learning. Once we have determined whether students will be divided into 2 or 3 cohorts, we will share the schedule.
- The alternative school sites - Tamiscal and San Andreas - will determine and communicate their own return to in-person learning plans directly to their students and guardians.

**What if I want my student to remain in distance learning during the spring semester?**

- Families wishing to remain in distance learning for the spring semester will have that option. Below, please see the 3 learning model options available for students during the spring semester.
- **Options for learning during spring 2021 for the comprehensive school sites**

In-Person	Synchronous Learning	Asynchronous Learning
<p>We are currently working on 2 hybrid models to accommodate students learning in-person. Due to space constraints and depending on the number of students who decide to remain fully remote, we will either have students in 2 Cohorts, 1 and 2, or 3 Cohorts, 1/2/3 in a rotating schedule.</p>	<p>These students will remain in distance learning and zoom into their current classes and retain their current schedule to the greatest extent possible.</p>	<p>These students will use an on-line learning platform and work with a learning coordinator from their school site.</p>

- Each school site will be gathering information from families about which option you and your student(s) is/are choosing for the spring semester.

**When will we be notified of our cohort assignment?**

- Cohort assignments will be completed by the end of the fall semester so families have time to plan prior to January 6th. Students from the same family will be kept together in Cohorts. We are not able to take requests for cohort assignment as there are too many factors to consider. Any necessary adjustments to student schedules will take effect in the spring semester.

**Will students have an opportunity to access campus prior to January?**

- Yes, each school site will communicate about opportunities for students to access campuses to learn about the new protocols and guidelines prior to the end of 1st semester, in preparation for a safe return to in-person learning in January.

**How can I learn more about my specific school site plans and preparations?**

- Each school will hold “**return to in-person learning community conversations**” via zoom in early December from **6-7:30pm. Please see dates below.**

<b>Redwood Community Conversation</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 1st</b>
<b>HS 1327/Drake Community Conversation</b>	<b>Thursday, December 3rd</b>
<b>Tam High Community Conversation</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 2nd</b>
<b>San Andreas Community Conversation</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 8th</b>
<b>Tamiscal High Community Conversation</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 8th</b>

**How can I help?**

- Marin County has a shortage of substitute teachers right now, which is a challenge for all the school districts. If you are interested in becoming a substitute teacher, please see the MCOE website [here](#) for more details.
- We will have more information shortly on how to volunteer at your student’s school site

**Will sports be allowed?**

- Yes, however, youth sports guidance is set by the state and it currently does not allow for competition. The current guidance from the state allows for small cohorts of athletes to participate in physically distanced (6 feet apart) strength training and conditioning.

Fall Sports	Start Date	Spring Sports	Start Date	Spring Sports	Start Date
Xcountry (B&G)	12/7/2020	Soccer (B&G)	2/22/21	Softball	3/15/2021
Field Hockey	12/7/2020	Swimming (B&G)	3/8/2021	Baseball	3/15/2021
Football	12/7/2020	Tennis (B&G)	3/8/2021	Track/Field	3/15/2021
Volleyball (B&G)	12/7/2020	Wrestling (B&G)	3/8/2021	Lacrosse (B&G)	3/15/2021
Waterpolo (B&G)	12/7/2020	Basketball (B&G)	3/15/2021		
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**What were the results from the survey conducted in September?**

- To view the results of the parent and student survey, please click [here](#).

**Where can I find reliable sources of information on COVID-19?**

- Here is [Bibliography of trusted sources](#) of information provided by Marin County Public Health

**What are some of the specific safety protocols that will be in place on every campus?**

- Masks/face coverings are required at all times while on campus except for when eating and drinking (which are only allowed outside)
- Tents and outdoors spaces will be used for all breaks and lunches during which time students will be allowed to eat

- Students will not be allowed to eat or unmask while inside school buildings
- Students should be prepared for inclement weather and dress accordingly
- Students should bring their own, full water bottle to school, as drinking fountains are not permitted. However, hydration stations to refill water bottles will be accessible
- Desks will be physically distanced in the classroom
- All staff and students must maintain physical distance while on campus
- To avoid congestion and congregating in the hallways, students will not be allowed to use lockers. Students will be required to carry their belongings during the school day
- Students will be required to sanitize their hands upon entering all rooms
- Restrooms will be limited to 25% of usual capacity