

Frequently Asked Questions
Re-Opening Our Schools
8.7.2020 Updated

When Does School Begin and How Do I Pick Up My Child's iPad?

School begins in a "distance learning format" for all students, preschool – Grade 8 on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. School sites will be communicating dates and times for the pick up your child's iPad and other classroom materials needed for distance learning. We are planning for iPad distribution on August 17 – 19 at the school sites.

If you have not registered your child for the 2020-21 school year, please visit the following website for online registration instructions: <http://www.santeesd.net/Page/13921>

How Are You Following Safety Guidelines for In-Classroom Instruction?

Our "Safe Schools Re-Opening Plan" can be found on our main district webpage. This plan was developed using guidance provided from:

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC), new CDC guidelines were released on 7.23.2020
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH), new guidelines released 8.3.2020
- County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- California Department of Education (CDE), and
- San Diego County Office of Education

Please read our Safe Schools Re-Opening Plan for more information about student and staff safety, including facemask requirements on campus.

Will Santee School District Apply for a County Waiver?

We received the first communication from the State on this topic on August 3. In a webinar with our County's Public Health Department on August 4, we were told the waiver application will be available for our review by Friday, August 7. **We do know the waiver will only be available for students in grades TK - 6.**

Our FAQ will be updated as we gain more understanding on the waiver process.

When Will We Know Details for the AM/PM Hybrid Schedule?

We are currently focusing our efforts on our distance learning launch for all students on August 19. We will be communicating the hybrid schedule and updating our FAQs once these schedules have been finalized.

Essentially, every child will attend a "half-day", in-person class every day. Students who receive free or reduced lunch will take their lunch home for the day (AM students) or will take a lunch home for the next day (PM students). When children are not at school for in-person instruction, they will be working on independent work assigned by the classroom teacher. Expectations for independent work will be varied by grade level.

How Will Distance Learning Differ This School Year than Our Instructional Program in March – June 2020?

We added some initial content to our distance learning program to our web page after the Governor's announcement on July 17. We are still working on all the logistics for distance learning and will be incorporating ideas from teachers and site administrators as they return to work. We heard from parents that Zoom was really hard to manage since it required another device at the home. We are working on alternatives to Zoom for the fall (e.g. SeeSaw, Microsoft Teams, Google Hangout/Meet). These alternatives can be accessed by the child using his/her iPad and are secure systems through the District's technology department.

Once teachers have their class enrollment, by around August 18, they will be communicating with parents on what to expect for daily/weekly schedules.

Students and parents should expect a daily schedule that includes:

- Instruction from a certificated teacher
- Attendance checks
- Independent work completion

Students and parents should expect weekly:

- Virtual collaboration with other students
- Work completion check-ins with the certificated teacher
- Assessment of learning

What Is the District's Current Enrollment and What Are the Class Averages?

Enrollment will continue to fluctuate until all children return to school on August 19 and even two weeks after school begins. Enrollment fluctuations are caused by adding new students and drops that were previously unknown.

Our current school-based enrollments (short-term distance learning with an eventual return to school campuses) is approximately 5,500 children (87% of total enrollment). Class averages in these programs is currently 23:1 (grades K - 3) and 27:1 (grades 4 - 8). We generally see these averages drop after the start of school.

Our current long-term distance learning enrollment is approximately 850 children (13% of total enrollment). Class averages in this program is currently 24:1 (grades K - 3) and 31:1 (grades 4 - 8).

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15. PROCEDURES FOR POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

a. DEFINITIONS/ROLES

1. **Positive Case Manager:** the individual coordinating the response to a positive COVID-19 case. For the District, this individual is the Coordinator Health and Nursing Services.
2. **Site Supervisor:** the Administrator (Principal for the school) working with the Positive Case Manager to take necessary actions and provide proper notifications
3. **Infected Person:** the individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. This may be a parent, student, member of student's household, teacher, or other staff member
4. **Close Contact:** was, or is likely to have been, less than 6 feet from Infected Person continuously for 15 minutes or more
5. **Incidental Contact:** was, or is likely to have been, less than 6 feet from Infected Person continuously but for less than 15 minutes
6. **Area Contact:** was, or is likely to have been, in the general area of the Infected Person but more than 6 feet from them
7. **Level 1 Notification:** notification provided to Infected Person or, in the case of a student, the parent/guardian of Infected Person, instructing them to go home and stay home until they have met the Return to School Criteria specified in Section 6.e.6
8. **Level 2 Notification:** notification provided to any individuals having Close Contact with Infected Person instructing them to go home and stay home until they have met the Return to School Criteria specified in Section 6.e.6
9. **Level 3 Notification:** notification provided to any individuals having Incidental Contact or Area Contact with Infected Person to closely monitor their temperature and possible symptoms (see Section 6.e Symptom Check List) and to go home and stay home if they experience symptoms until they have met the Return to School Criteria specified in Section 6.e.6
10. **Level 4 Notification:** notification to others not having Close Contact, Incidental Contact, or Area Contact for which the Superintendent or designee has determined that courtesy notification is appropriate, if any
11. **Temporary Replacement Room:** a separate room/space designated on the school campus that is locked and secured from entry that can be opened to be used temporarily by a class or support program whose primary room/space has been closed due to a positive COVID-19 case

b. PROCESS

1. Site Supervisor notifies Positive Case Manager
2. Site Supervisor notifies Superintendent or designee
3. If Infected Person is on campus, Site Supervisor does the following:

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- a. Instructs Infected Person to immediately put on facial covering, if not already on, and wear it at all times until they have exited school grounds
- b. If student, calls Infected Person to the Health Office to be put in Isolation Ward for parent pickup
- c. If teacher or other staff member, calls or notifies Infected Person and instructs them to immediately go home
4. Positive Case Manager or Superintendent/designee contacts County Public Health Officer for guidance
5. Positive Case Manager conducts contact tracing of Infected Person using some or all of the following methods, depending on circumstances and the role of the Infected Person:
 - a. If Infected Person is parent, guardian, or member of student(s)' household
 - i. Review of Campus Guest checkin/checkout data
 - b. If Infected Person is teacher
 - i. Interview with teacher
 - ii. Review of Master Schedule
 - c. If Infected Person is other staff member (either at the school, bus/van driver, or other District Office employee)
 - i. Interview with staff member
 - d. If Infected Person is student
 - i. Interview with student's teacher(s)
 - ii. If student is in other support programs such as Project SAFE, PRIDE Academy ASES, or YALE Preschool, interview with appropriate staff member(s) of those programs
 - iii. If student is transported by District, interview with Director, Transportation and/or bus/van driver and review of seating arrangements on vehicle
 - iv. Review of Master Schedule
 - v. Review of class Seating Chart
 - vi. Measurement of distance of other student desk(s)/table(s) from Infected Person's desk/table in learning space
6. Positive Case Manager makes a listing of individuals having Close Contact, Incidental Contact, and Area Contact with the Infected Person
 - a. If Infected Person is a classroom teacher or student, teacher and students in the teacher's classroom will be considered to have had Close Contact with Infected Person
7. Site Supervisor/Positive Case Manager notifies Director, Transportation, if appropriate (student who rides District bus or van)
8. Site Supervisor/Positive Case Manager notifies Director, Out of School Time Programs, if appropriate (parent or student of support program)
9. Site Supervisor provides Level 1 through 4 notifications using templates, as appropriate

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10. Site Supervisor notifies school office staff to not allow the Infected Person, and individuals with Close Contact with the Infected Person, on campus until they have met the Return to School Criteria
11. Site Supervisor notifies other appropriate staff members, if any
12. Site Supervisor notifies Custodian to begin Positive Case Disinfecting/Dissipation Process (see Section 14.d) in the learning/work space to which the Infected Person was assigned
13. If Infected Person and/or Close Contact individuals is/are students:
 - a. Site Supervisor notifies Director, Child Nutrition to arrange for meal(s) for student(s) while in quarantine
 - b. Site Supervisor arranges for distance learning to occur for student(s) while in quarantine
14. Positive Case Manager or Superintendent/designee continues to consult with County Public Health Officer for guidance

c. CRITERIA FOR CLOSURES DUE TO COVID-19 CASES

In accordance with mandates issued by Governor Newsom on July 17th, below are the criteria the District will use to determine the level of closures required:

1. **Class:** a class will be closed, and individuals in the class sent home to self-quarantine until they meet the Return to School Criteria in Section 6.e.6 , if a student or teacher in the class tests positive for COVID-19
2. **School:** a school will be closed, and students and staff of the school sent home to self-quarantine until they meet the Return to School Criteria in Section 6.e.6, if there are 2 or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the school within a 14 day period
3. **District:** all District schools will be closed when 3 schools have confirmed cases of COVID-19