

Guiding Principle:

Our decision-making will be guided by considering the health and safety needs of our students, families, staff, and community as our highest priority.

Health and safety include many factors beyond COVID-19 and balancing the health and safety of all of the school community is complex.

Board Action

Action Taken by SDUHSD Board of Trustees (July 30, 2020)

SDUHSD will operate on the **Distance Learning Model** for the entirety of the **first quarter of the 2020-21 academic year**, and consistent with the California Department of Public Health Mandate/Guidelines and the San Diego County Public Health Order when the district is allowed, to bring students on campus, although remaining in the Distance Learning Model, **by prioritizing special education students, English Language Learners, high-risk students, students with inadequate learning environments, and then all other students.**

Consistent with the Board of Trustee action, our priority remains to safely bring students back on campus, although remaining in the Distance Learning Model. This will be done with a phased-in approach by prioritizing students with disabilities, students who are English Learners, students who are high-risk, students with inadequate learning environments, credit deficient and alternative programs and then all other students.

State and County Guidelines

Scenario A - Current Situation: No On-campus Instruction (tentatively expires on September 1, 2020)

Under the current San Diego County Public Health Order, we are not allowed to have students on-campus for instruction. We are not open to the public unless an essential service is being provided that cannot be done remotely.

We are allowed to do special education and other assessments and therapy (counseling, speech, etc.). This may involve both certificated and classified staff. Special education needs to provide the structure and practices for doing the assessments while following the California Department of Public Health Guidelines to the extent practicable.

California Department of Education [FAQ](#).

Scenario B - Current Situation: Small Group Instruction (tentatively expires on September 1, 2020)

On August 25, 2020, the CDPH issued guidelines for small groups of students to be on campus.

Scenario C - Reopening for On-campus Instruction (tentatively September 1, 2020)

San Diego County is scheduled to go off the State of California County Monitoring List on September 1, 2020. We anticipate a new San Diego County Public Health Order to be issued that will allow on-campus instruction to resume. **This does not mean a return to the campus conditions that were in place prior to school closure.**

We will be required to follow the [CDPH Framework and Guidelines for K-12 Schools](#), [CDPH COVID-19 INDUSTRY GUIDANCE: Schools and School Based Programs](#).

We will need to consider the CDPH Guidelines as currently written and be prepared if there are changes. Key requirements are:

- General Measure
- Promote Healthy Hygiene Practices
- Face Coverings
- Ensure Teacher and Staff Safety
- Intensify Cleaning, Disinfection, and Ventilation
- Implementing Distancing Inside and Outside the Classroom
- Limit Sharing
- Train All Staff and Educate Families
- Check for Signs and Symptoms
- Plan for When a Staff Member, Child or Visitor Becomes Sick
- Maintain Healthy Operations
- Considerations for Reopening and Partial or Total Closures