

AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**COVID-19 UPDATE &  
PHASED REOPENING SCHOOL PLAN**

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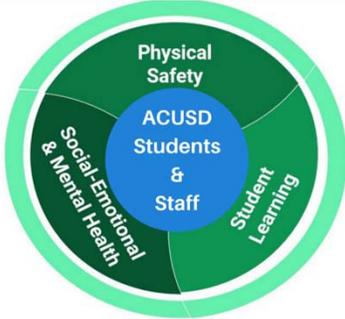


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## Agenda

1. Our Current Context
2. Our Phased School Reopening Plan
3. Next Steps
4. Discussion



The diagram is a circular wheel with a central blue circle containing the text "ACUSD Students & Staff". Surrounding this center are three green segments: "Physical Safety" at the top, "Social-Emotional & Mental Health" on the left, and "Student Learning" on the right. The entire wheel is enclosed in a light green outer ring.

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## Our Current Context: COVID-19 Numbers

As of November 16, 2020...

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">March 7, 2021</p> <p>Students who have tested positive = 80              Students who are currently active = 0              Students who have been placed in quarantine = 438              Students who are currently quarantined = 8</p> <p>Staff who have tested positive = 25              Staff who are currently active = 0              Staff who have been placed on quarantine = 21              Staff who are currently quarantined = 0</p>	<p>vs.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">April 13, 2021</p> <p>Students who have tested positive = 91              Students who are currently active = 2              Students who have been placed in quarantine = 546              Students who are currently quarantined = 92</p> <p>Staff who have tested positive = 26              Staff who are currently active = 0              Staff who have been placed on quarantine = 26              Staff who are currently quarantined = 3</p>
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## Our Current Context: Being Adaptable & Flexible

- CDPH Guidance is still constantly changing.
  - [December 14, 2020](#) Quarantine Guidance & Youth Sports
  - [January 14, 2021](#) Reopening In-person Instruction Framework
  - [February 19, 2021](#) Youth Sports
  - [March 4, 2021](#) Youth Sports
  - [March 26, 2021](#) Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Commencement/Graduation Ceremonies
  - [March 30, 2021](#) K-12 Schools Reopening Framework and Guidance Q&A
  - [April 1, 2021](#) Outdoor Seated Events and Live Performances
  - [April 2, 2021](#) Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Activity Tiers
- Adaptability and flexibility continue to be essential to respond to these changing situations now and throughout the school year.
- Collaboration with our labor partners is essential in this work.

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## Current Context: New Guidance

### [K-12 Schools Reopening Framework and Guidance Q&A \(3/30/21\)](#)

- A minimum of 3 feet of physical distance between student **chairs** is strongly recommended, measured from the center of the back of the chair to the center of the back of the chair, when the chair is pushed into the desk or table.
- Distance teacher and other staff desks at least 6 feet away from student and other staff desks.

*We are very excited that we were able to successfully welcome our students to 4-days a week of in-person learning on April 6, 2021!*

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## Our Current Context: New Guidance

### [Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Commencement/Graduation Ceremonies \(3/26/21\)](#)

- Attendees must sign up in advance of the graduation, and only those who have preregistered may attend.
- Limit attendee groups to a household unit. People from the same household do not need to be six feet apart.
- Audience seating must be fixed or marked, with readily identifiable signs to indicate by section, row, and seat. Marked seats should clearly define space for individuals with appropriate space per person (no blanket reservations or group areas).
- All attendees must wear masks. Speakers may remove masks during their remarks as long as they are at least 6 feet away from other attendees. Speakers should keep the time for comments brief to limit the time they are unmasked.
- Attendance must be limited to school staff, graduates, household members, and family members and attendees must abide by travel limitations as indicated within the current [CDPH Travel Advisory](#).

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## Our Current Context: New Guidance

### [Outdoor Seated Events and Live Performances \(4/1/21\)](#)

- Consult the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Guidance on the Use of Face Coverings, which mandates the use of face coverings for both members of the public and employees in all public and workplace settings outside the home.
- Employers are also required to comply with Cal/OSHA's regulations for outbreaks and major outbreaks, including any relevant testing requirements for employees and reporting requirements.
- The Cal/OSHA ETS requires employers to develop and implement a process for screening employees for and responding to employees with COVID-19 symptoms, as well as to address several other individual control measures through implementation of the required components of the COVID-19 Prevention Program.

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## Our Current Context: New Guidance

### [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Activity Tiers \(4/2/21\)](#)

Outdoor Live Events with Assigned Seats and Controlled Mixing (e.g., sports and live performances)

- 20% capacity limit for the red and orange tiers
- 25% capacity limit for the yellow tier
- In-state visitors only, check for current CDPH Travel Advisory in effect
- Advanced reservations only
- Primarily in-seat concessions (no concourse sales)

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## Phased School Reopening

- **Stage 1: Distance Learning (DL)**
  - For counties in the purple tier, this is the only option to open the school year.
- **Stage 2: Limited Student Access (8/25/2020 CDPH Guidance) ~ Effective 10/19/2020**
  - DL continues for all students.
  - This may happen when a county is in the purple tier and other tiers.
  - Special Education students, English learners and students far below grade level will return for assessments, services, and instruction in small groups.
  - Information will be communicated to these families.
- **Stage 3: Hybrid Learning ~ Effective 11/16/2020**
  - When allowable, pending Amador County Public Health Officer approval.
  - Must follow CDPH Guidance for Schools and School-Based Programs such as mandatory mask wearing and 6 foot distancing.
  - Details provided in the Learning Continuity Plan.
- **Stage 3.5: Increased Hybrid In-Person Learning to 4 Days/Week ~ Effective 4/6/2021**  
**We are here.**
- **Stage 4: Traditional Schedule with Restrictions**
  - Five days a week on campus instruction.
  - Daily sanitizing, social distancing, and mask wearing.
  - Limits on large gatherings, extracurricular activities and athletics.
- **Stage 5: Traditional Schedule with No Restrictions**
  - Five days a week on campus instruction.
  - Assemblies, extracurricular activities and athletics.
  - Daily health screenings may still be required.

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## Next Steps

- Bring recommendation to the April 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting for next step of Phased School Reopening Plan.
- Further develop elementary and secondary virtual learning options for the 2021-22 school year and provide information and recommendations at the April 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees Meeting.
- Continue to strengthen staffing to support in-person learning.
- Continue to communicate updates to and seek feedback from all stakeholders.
- Continue to make improvements to Hybrid Learning and Distance Learning, with focused attention on [social-emotional wellness](#) / [counseling support](#) and academic learning.
- Continue to provide professional development and collaboration time for teachers, staff and principals to support student learning and social-emotional wellness.
- Continue to collaborate and negotiate with our labor partners.
- Continue to implement the [Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan](#) making adjustments as needed.
- Continue to collaborate with Amador County Public Health Office.

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# Questions & Discussion

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