



ST. HELENA UNIFIED

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Date: October 21, 2020
To: St. Helena Unified School District School Community
From: Dr. Marylou Wilson, Superintendent
Re: Return to In-Person Instruction on November 2, 2020

The SHUSD Governing Board acted on Friday, October 16, 2020 to reopen to in-person instruction on November 2, 2020. In addition, the Board approved that we continue to offer a distance learning option. In concert with parent feedback, we have developed a dual model of instruction that serves in person students as well as those who elected to remain in distance learning. This will ensure that students remain with their current teachers. The meeting video and supporting documents can be found [HERE](#).

Due to the diligence of our community, I am happy to share that the County is now in the ORANGE tier. This means that we continue to improve, and [testing data](#) is trending in a positive and favorable direction.

As we prepare to bring students back onto our school campuses, the following updates are available for your review:

1. In-person instruction begins Monday, November 2, 2020. All students must go through an at-home daily health screening and wear masks while at school.
2. Web cameras will be on in all classrooms during instruction and all students will be served by their current teacher(s).
- 3. If you are interested in making a change to your in-person or distance choice, please contact your principal immediately.**
4. The in-person/distance model will continue per Napa County Public Health and State guidance and analysis of COVID-19 data.
5. Site specific parent forums/Zoom meetings will be held prior to November 2, 2020 to guide parents on the return to school. Each meeting will be recorded and posted on site websites for later viewing.
6. Student enrollment forms are in the US mail. All forms must be completed and turned no later than October 30, 2020. You may complete them in hard copy and drop them at the school site or upload them electronically via SchoolMint. If you have not received an enrollment packet, please contact your site office.
7. If you plan to use district transportation, you will find the application in the enrollment packet via US mail. All forms must be completed and processed for any student to access district transportation. Students and bus driver must wear a mask while on the bus. Busses will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
8. The [District Website](#) will continue to be updated to provide you with current information.
9. Daily schedules are being finalized this week. Expect to hear more from your site principal.
10. The [Napa County Office of Education](#) guidance document continues to inform our work and outlines how we will bring students back to each site.

These past seven months have been incredibly difficult on a personal and professional level for every family. We are in the middle of a pandemic, frequent public safety power shutoffs, and recovering from the impacts of a devastating fire. Serving students during these uncertain, chaotic times inspires us to focus on the promise of our future.