



Director's Newsletter

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Sonoma County Office of Education and the County Department of Health Services Team up to Vaccinate every School Employee



There is a plan to vaccinate every school employee over the next several weeks.

County Superintendent Steve Herrington has appointed Jeff Harding, retired Healdsburg superintendent to step in and coordinate efforts to get every school employee in Sonoma county vaccinated in the coming months. Harding is working with County Health Services to start vaccines next week for any school employee over the age of 65. Following that group will be preschool and elementary schools, then middle and high schools and finally all other school personnel in the county. School nurses in the county have stepped up to take part in the mass inoculation effort, with many having already received their vaccinations. The only unknown is how many doses will the county receive in the coming weeks.

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THIS WEEK'S

Small Cohort at Analy High School to Open

There are plans underway to open a Consortium Small Cohort, a stable group meeting for targeted support and intervention services while the school is closed to in-person instruction next month at Analy High School. Mr. Alcorn is reaching out to parents of his students now to determine which students will return for instruction two days a week. While providing in-person instruction, he and his team will continue to provide distance learning opportunities for all students in his class. He will be running a hybrid model of instruction.

Read the [WSCC Small Cohort Plan](#) that outlines how students, staff and community members will be kept safe while delivering in-person instruction. This is a dynamic document that may be updated based on state & county health recommendations. Look for the most recent version on the WSCC website. <https://www.wscuhsd.org/o/wsc>

West Sonoma County High School District's CPP

Every school district in the state must post a COVID-19 Prevention Program plan. Here is the [WSCUHSD plan](#). This plan outlines how the district will control exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the workplace.

The Governor's Safe Schools for All Reopening Plan

On January 14th the California Department of Public Health issued a [COVID-19 Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework & Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California](#). This new plan supersedes prior CDPH school guidance and updates the July 17th framework and the Elementary Education Waiver Process. All schools public and private must comply with this public health directive. This guidance, however, does not change the CDPH's Cohort Guidance.

Read the Sonoma County Office of Education & the Sonoma County Department of Health Services letter to the county school community to clarify the governor's plan [here](#). Dr. Herrington explains that *"Sonoma County is still facing a serious public health crisis, and we are now in a "deep purple tier," meaning schools are not allowed to reopen for in-person student instruction unless they received a waiver or are providing targeted, specialized instruction under the cohort guidance."*

Finally for today:

We have holidays coming up two Mondays in a row, February 8th and 15th. The Consortium classes will be closed for Lincoln and Washington's birthdays.