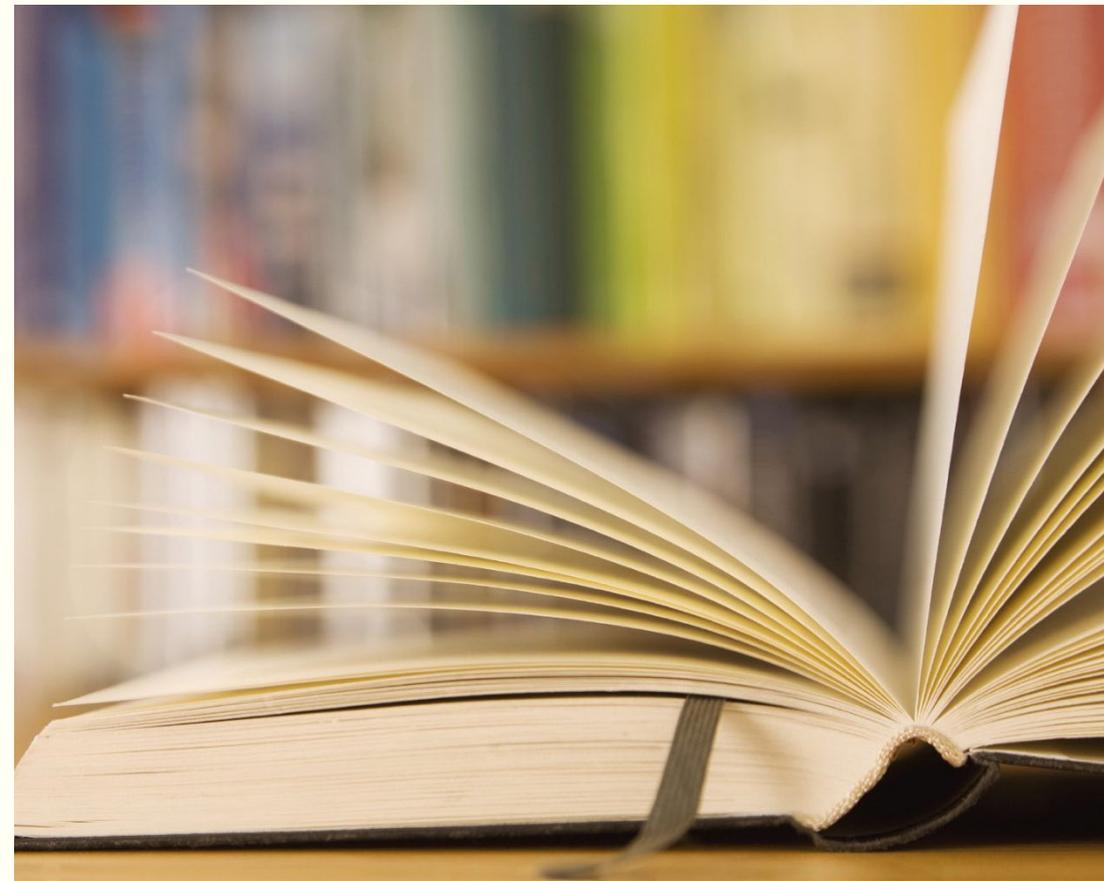




COVID-19 UPDATE: GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S PROPOSED SAFE SCHOOLS FOR ALL PLAN

GUSD Board of Education Meeting
January 20, 2020



Desired Outcomes for Today

- Review Local, County and State Data
- Review of the Governors Proposal (Announced 12/30/2020) and Safe Schools For All Hub (Activated 1/14/2021)
 - Framework is built on four pillars
 - Funding to Support Safe School Reopening
 - Safety and Mitigation Measures for Classrooms
 - Hands-On Oversight and Assistance for Schools
 - Transparency & Accountability For Families and Staff
- Summary of Next Steps
 - Review of School Opening Requirements/Expectations
 - COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist
 - COVID-19 Prevention Plan and/or Injury and Illness Prevention Plan
 - COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP)
 - Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)
 - COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist

COVID-19 in Monterey County

Current tier assignments as of January 19, 2021

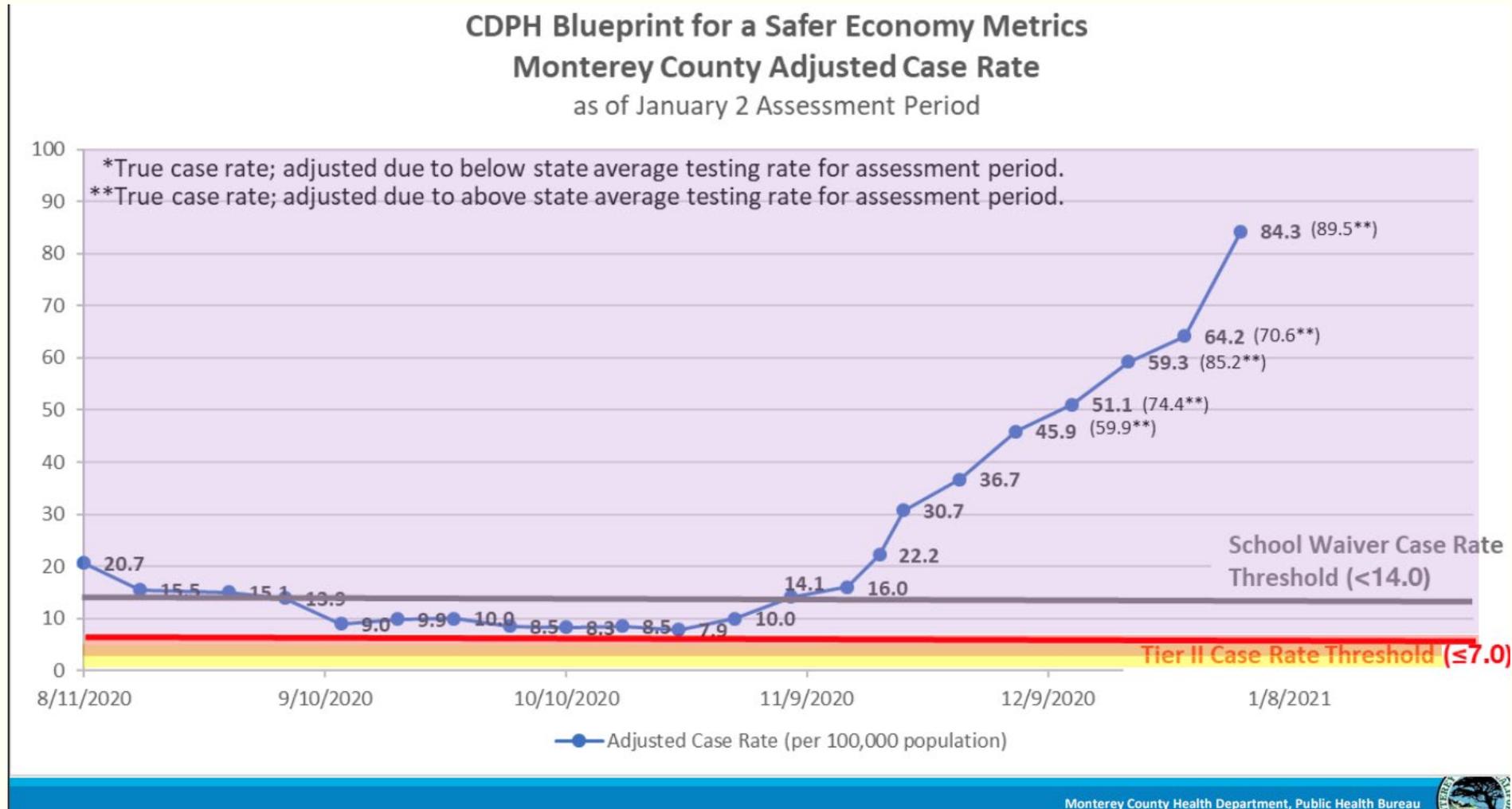
Tier assignments may occur any day of the week and may occur more than once a week. Select a county to see what region it's in.



COVID-19 in Monterey County: Implications

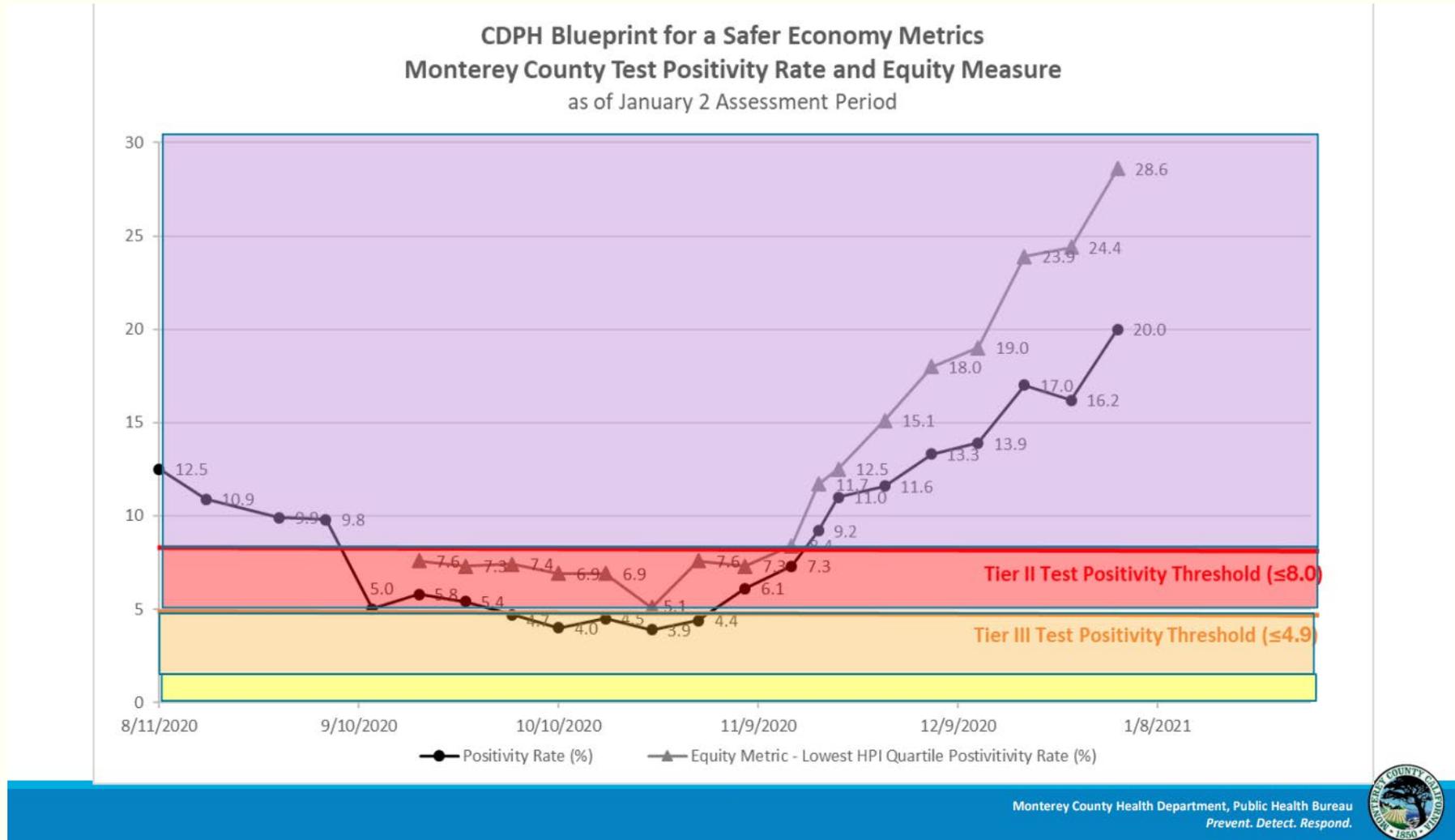
County Metrics	CA Requirement	1/19/21	1/12/21	1/5/21	12/29/20	12/22/20	12/15/20
Tier	Purple	Purple (Deep)	Purple (Stay at Home Order Issued)				
Positivity Rate	Less than 8%	18.6%	20.0%	16.2%	17.0%	13.9%	13.3%
Health Equity	Less than 8.0%	27.7%	28.6%	24.4%	23.9%	19.0%	18.0%
Adjusted case rate	Below 7.0 (Waivers considered below 14.0)	80.3	84.3	64.2	59.3	51.1	45.9
New COVID cases per day per 100K	Below 25 per 100K (Education specific)	98.5	89.5	65.2	85.2	74.4	59.9

Another way to look at the data....



And one more.....

Monterey County Health Department, Public Health Bureau
Edward Moreno, MD, MPH, Health Officer & Director of Public Health
January 12, 2021



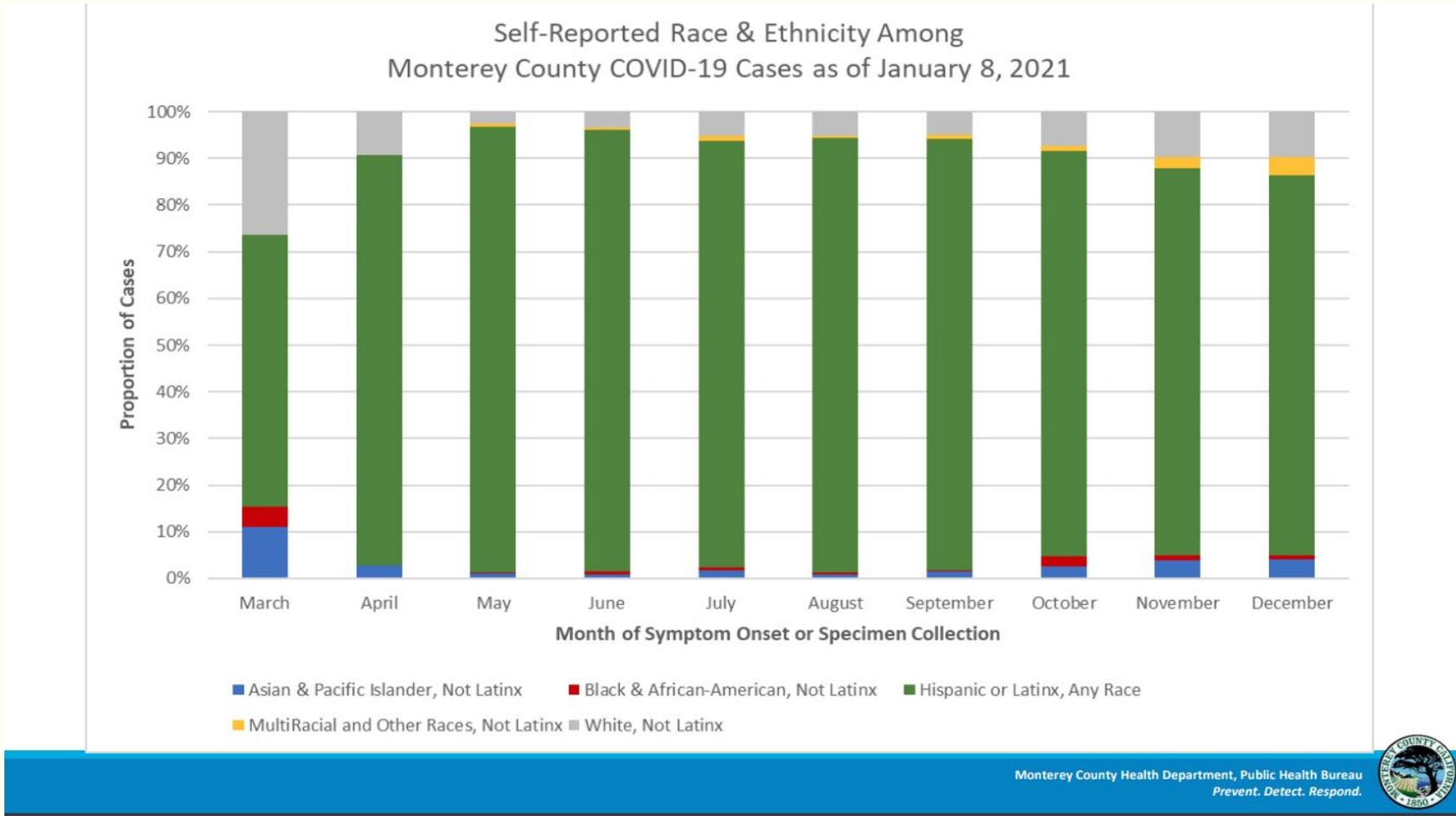
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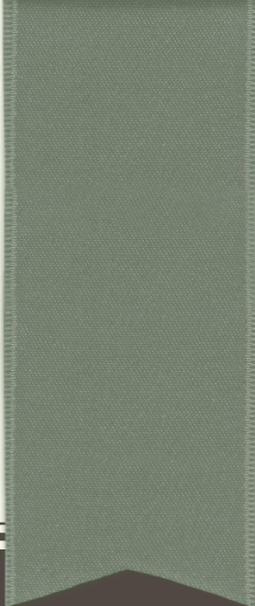
December Test Positivity Rates by ZIP Code

ZIP Code	Case Rate per 100,000	Test Positivity Rate (%)	Absolute Change in Test Positivity from November
93926	139.4	44.0%	13.4%
93905	133.4	42.5%	13.2%
93925	103.7	41.6%	17.1%
93927	138.9	41.6%	24.2%
93954	287.0	39.4%	39.4%
93930	118.5	38.2%	21.9%
93960	109.4	37.7%	17.4%



“Of special interest to GUSD...”





**FOUR PILLARS:
PILLAR 1: FUNDING TO SUPPORT
SAFE SCHOOL REOPENING**

RTS Funding



Funding. The Budget will propose for immediate action in January, \$2 billion for the safe reopening of schools beginning in February, with a priority for returning the youngest children (TK-2 grade) and those who are most disproportionately impacted first, then returning other grade levels to in-person instruction through the spring. These funds will provide approximately \$450 per student to school districts opening in person instruction and will be weighted for districts serving students from low-income families, English learners and foster youth.

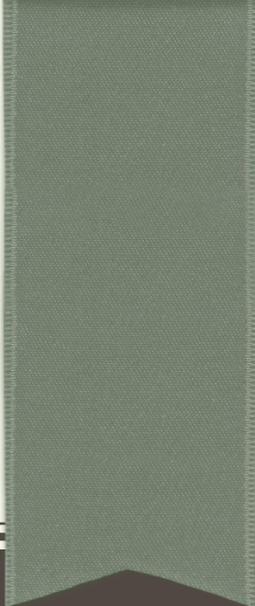
Timelines for Incentive Funds:

February 1st \$450.00 per ADA (2/16 TK-2; 3/15 3-6 grades)

March 1st \$337.00 per ADA

Other Budget Considerations Proposed By the Governor

- \$315 million to support teacher professional development, such as social-emotional learning and implicit bias training.
- \$300 million in special education funding, with an emphasis on services for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, adding to the \$100 million for special-needs students passed last year.
- \$400 million in one-time funds toward preventative and early intervention behavioral health services for students.
- \$15 million to continue developing the state's cradle-to-career longitudinal data system, an effort Newsom championed since his first year in office.
- A requirement that high school seniors complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as FAFSA.



**FOUR PILLARS:
PILLAR 2: SAFETY AND MITIGATION
MEASURES FOR CLASSROOMS**

RTS Safety



- **Safety & Mitigation.** To further ensure health and safety in the classroom, the Administration will focus on implementation of key measures, including testing, PPE, contact tracing, and vaccinations.
 - **Testing.** The Administration will support frequent COVID-19 testing for all school staff and students, ***including weekly testing at schools in communities with high rates of transmission.*** For example, any interested public school will be on-boarded to the state-owned Valencia Branch Lab for PCR tests at one-third the market rate and the State will establish a hotline to help schools implement testing.
 - **PPE.** All staff and students in schools are required to wear masks. Furthermore, surgical masks will be recommended for school staff, and the Administration will distribute millions of surgical masks to schools at no cost. The Administration has also enabled schools to leverage state-negotiated master contracts for PPE to reduce costs and streamline supply chains.
 - **Contact Tracing.** Schools will continue to be on-boarded onto the School Portal for Outbreak Tracking (SPOT) to improve collaboration between school and health officials, and members of the state contact tracing workforce will be deployed to improve communication with schools.
 - **Vaccinations.** School staff will be prioritized in the distribution of vaccines through the spring of 2021.

RTS Safety Predicated on Science

- Children get COVID 19 less often and are less ill than adults.
- Transmission in elementary schools differs from high schools.
- Adult to adult transmission in schools is the most likely (and also where we may have the most control).
- Community prevalence affects school based cases but not necessarily in-school transmission.
- Key mitigation strategies:
 - Masking
 - Physical Distancing
 - Stable cohorts
 - Ventilation;
 - Hand hygiene
 - Symptom screening for contacts;
 - Surveillance and screening testing

Where are children most likely exposed to the virus?

Compared with children who tested negative for the virus that causes COVID-19, children who tested positive were*...

More likely to have...

Attended gatherings



Weddings



Parties



Playdates



Funerals

Not more likely to have...



Attended child care or school in person

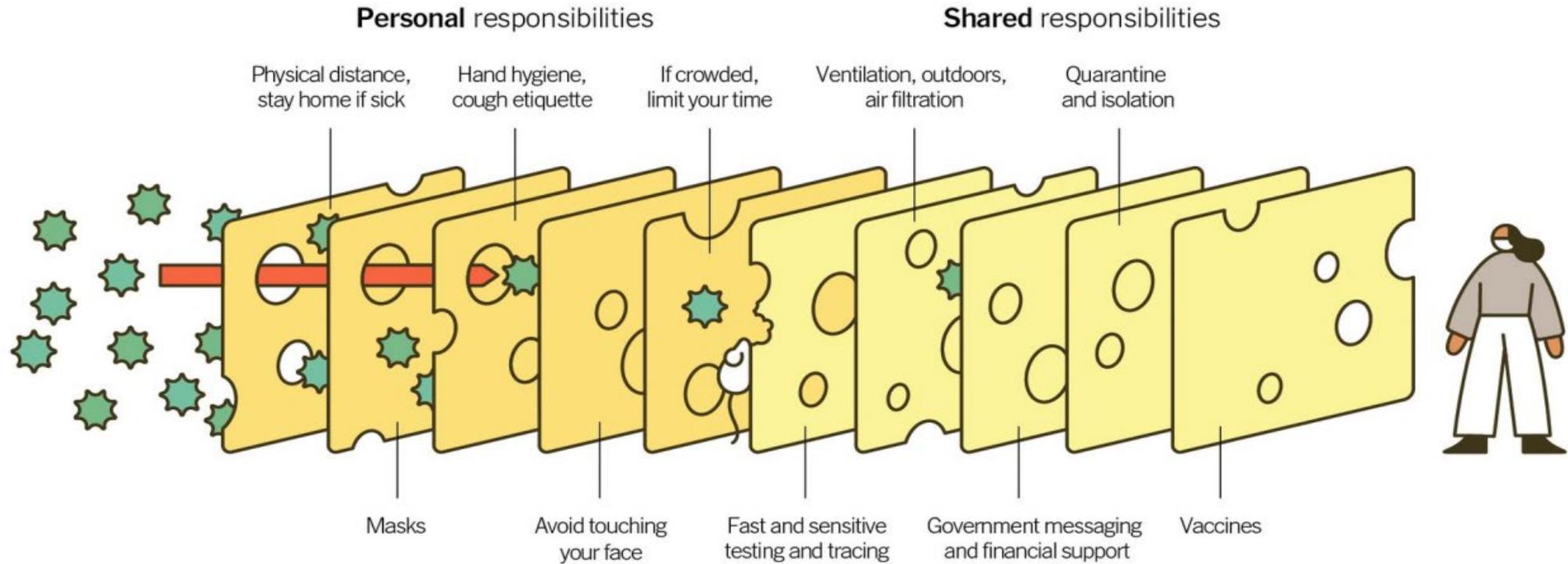
*In the 2 weeks before the positive test
Case control investigation (154 case-patients, 243 control-participants), MS, September-November, 2020

High Schools Are Different from Elementary Schools

- Community prevalence among age group is higher;
- Less or no precautions;
- High School Infection Rate: 43% of teachers and 38% of students;
- Elementary Schools Infection Rate: 7% of teachers, 9% of students;
- Implications:
 - Transmission is more likely in high schools

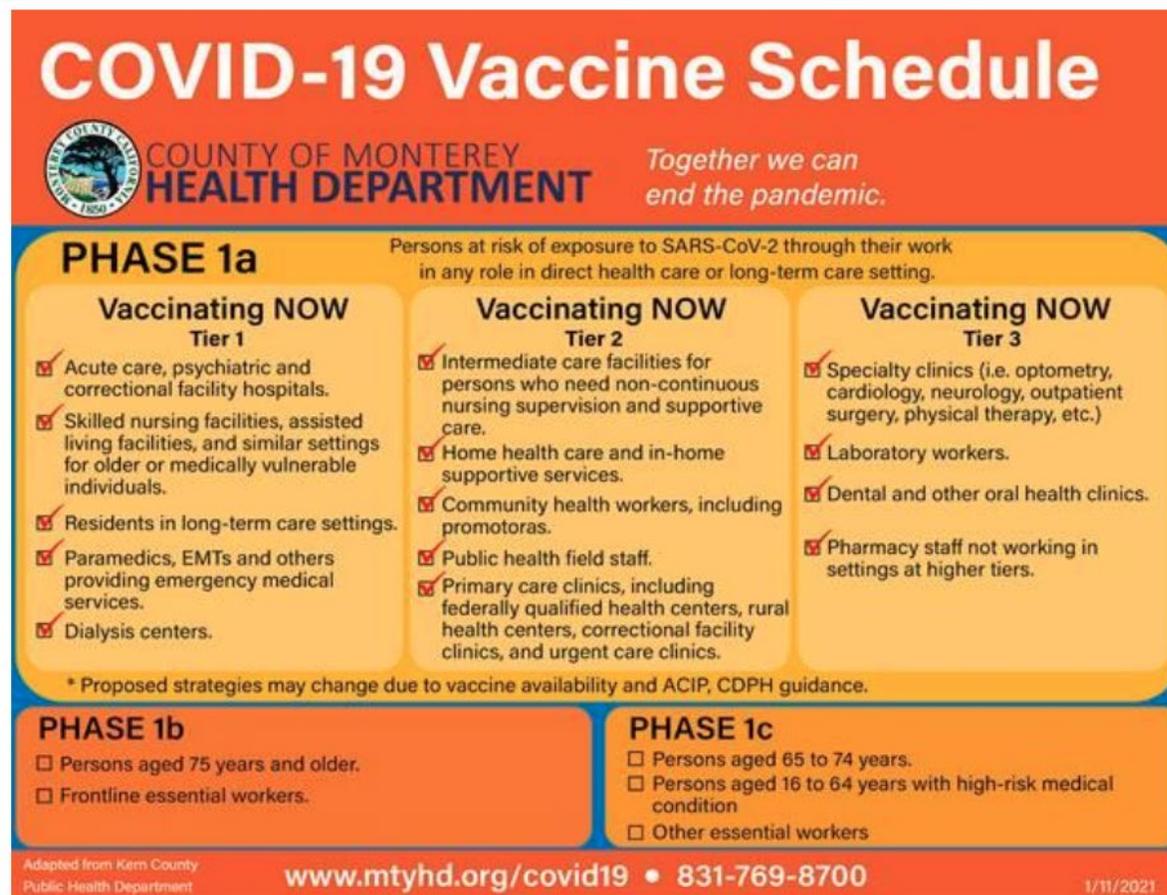
Multiple Layers Improve Success

The Swiss Cheese Respiratory Pandemic Defense recognizes that no single intervention is perfect at preventing the spread of the coronavirus. Each intervention (layer) has holes.



Source: Adapted from Ian M. Mackay (virologydownunder.com) and James T. Reason. Illustration by Rose Wong

Monterey County COVID 19 Vaccine Schedule



COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule

 **COUNTY OF MONTEREY HEALTH DEPARTMENT** *Together we can end the pandemic.*

PHASE 1a Persons at risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 through their work in any role in direct health care or long-term care setting.

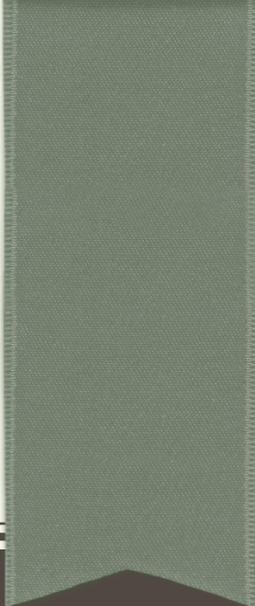
Vaccinating NOW Tier 1	Vaccinating NOW Tier 2	Vaccinating NOW Tier 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Acute care, psychiatric and correctional facility hospitals.✓ Skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals.✓ Residents in long-term care settings.✓ Paramedics, EMTs and others providing emergency medical services.✓ Dialysis centers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Intermediate care facilities for persons who need non-continuous nursing supervision and supportive care.✓ Home health care and in-home supportive services.✓ Community health workers, including promotoras.✓ Public health field staff.✓ Primary care clinics, including federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, correctional facility clinics, and urgent care clinics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Specialty clinics (i.e. optometry, cardiology, neurology, outpatient surgery, physical therapy, etc.)✓ Laboratory workers.✓ Dental and other oral health clinics.✓ Pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers.

* Proposed strategies may change due to vaccine availability and ACIP, CDPH guidance.

PHASE 1b	PHASE 1c
<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Persons aged 75 years and older.☐ Frontline essential workers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Persons aged 65 to 74 years.☐ Persons aged 16 to 64 years with high-risk medical condition☐ Other essential workers

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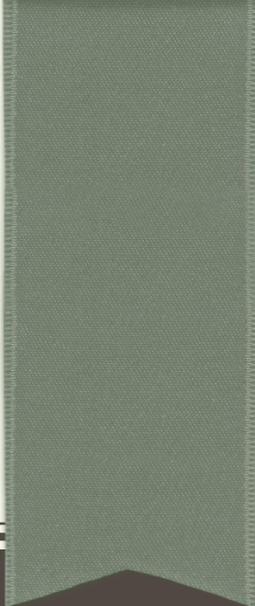
**FOUR PILLARS:
PILLAR 3: HANDS-ON OVERSIGHT AND
ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS**

RTS Oversight and Assistance

- **Oversight & Assistance.** Dr. Naomi Bardach, a UCSF pediatrician and expert on COVID-19 transmission in schools, will lead the Safe Schools for All Team, a cross-agency team composed of dedicated staff from CDPH, Cal/OSHA, and educational agencies. The Team will provide hands-on support to help schools develop and implement their COVID-19 Safety Plans. These supports include school visits and walk-throughs as warranted, webinars and training materials, and ongoing technical assistance.

SUPPORT





**FOUR PILLARS:
PILLAR 4: TRANSPARENCY &
ACCOUNTABILITY FOR FAMILIES AND
STAFF**

RTS Transparency & Accountability

- **Transparency & Accountability.** A state dashboard will enable all Californians to see their school's reopening status, level of available funding, and data on in-school transmissions. Additionally, a web-based "hotline" will empower school staff and parents to report concerns to the Safe Schools for All Team, which will lead to escalating levels of intervention, starting with technical assistance and ending with legal enforcement.



Updated Public Health Guidance for Reopening K–12 Schools

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOLS ALREADY REOPENED

- Complete and post a CSP by **February 1, 2021**
- Not required to close if the county moves to the Purple Tier or goes over a case rate of **25** per 100,000
- This guidance replaces the Elementary Education Waiver that allowed a local health officer to grant a waiver to school applicants for grades K–6 if specific criteria were satisfied
 - All waivers approved prior to this date remain valid

CRITERIA TO REOPEN FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

- Located in a county in the Red, Orange, or Yellow Tiers
 - Complete and post a CSP at least **seven** days prior to reopening for in-person instruction
- K–6 schools in the Purple Tier may reopen if they post and submit their CSP to the local health officer and do not get any feedback for corrections within five days
 - K–6 schools in counties in Purple Tier with a case rate over **25** per 100,000 may not reopen for in-person instruction
- Schools may not reopen for grades 7–12 if the county is in the Purple Tier
 - Must be in the Red Tier for five consecutive days before the school may reopen

Safe Schools for All—What It Is and What’s Required

The Safe Schools for All proposal establishes a grant program to incentivize LEAs to reopen school for in-person instruction, inclusive of hybrid models

COVID-19 Safety Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conforms with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) school guidance• Incorporates Cal/OSHA Emergency Standards
Labor Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Documentation of collective bargaining agreement or memorandum of understanding (MOU) conforming with COVID-19 Safety Plan
Offer In-Person Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By February 16 for TK–2 and all students with disabilities, foster youth, homeless youth, and students without access to technology• By March 15, expand to grade 5 or 6
COVID-19 Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students and staff of in-person instruction• In accordance with CDPH testing cadence
Certify Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verify that all students in distance learning have access to a computing device, software, and high-speed internet to participate in online learning

Reporting Status of In-person Instruction

Beginning January 25, 2021 every local educational agency (school district, county office of education, and charter school) and private school in California shall notify the California Department of Public Health whether it is serving students in-person. Specifically, the local educational agency or private school shall report the following information:

- In-person instruction is provided full-time, including whether provided for all grades served by the local education agency or private school or only certain grade spans.
- In-person instruction is provided only part-time (hybrid model), including whether provided for all grades served by the local educational agency or private school or only certain grade spans.
- In-person instruction and services are provided only pursuant to the Guidance Related to Cohorts issued by the California Department of Public Health.
- No in-person instruction and services are provided (distance learning only).

RTS In Summary

- Based on Science
- School participation based on ratio of 25 positive cases or less per 100,000 population
- Gradual implementation
 - Applies to TK-2, 3-6, English Learners, Homeless, Foster Youth, Students with Disabilities
 - Middle & High School remain on Distance Learning until county exits purple tier
 - Distance Learning remains an option
- Incentive Funding
 - Needs Legislative Approval
 - “Grant” funding
 - COVID-19 Safety Plan needs to be completed and approved by County Office and Health Department within 5 days of receipt
 - Funding can only be used for the students in grades which are offering in person instruction
- Safety
 - Everyone wears masks on site; everyone (students and staff) are tested

Information/Conversation opportunities

Sites

- La Gloria
 - SLT 2/9/21 3:30 p.m.
 - SSC 2/10/21 5:30 p.m.
- Fairview Middle School
 - SLT 2/10/21 3:30 p.m.
 - SSC 2/16/21 6:00 p.m.
- Gonzales High School
 - IC 2/21/2021 3:45 p.m.
 - SSC 2/17/2021 6:00 p.m.

Bargaining Units

- GTA
 - EERC (Employee/Employer Relations Committee)
 - Negotiations
- CSEA
 - EERC (Employee/Employer Relations Committee)
 - Negotiations

Community

- Community Town Hall(s) TBD

Guidance and Resource Links

- [Safe Schools for All Hub](#)
- [COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework & Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-2021 School Year](#)
- [All-county Letter](#)
- [Public Health Directive to Report School-Based Cases](#)
- [Public Health Directive to Report School Status Regarding In-person Instruction](#)
- [“Schools and the Path to Zero: Strategies for Pandemic Resilience in the Face of High Community Spread](#)

VACCINE Information links (*more information to follow on Safe Schools for All Hub*):

- [Vaccines for K-12 Schools](#)
- [CDPH COVID 19 Vaccines](#)