



Options for Reopening Schools in Monterey County

Governor Newsom and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have released guidance related to reopening schools for the 2020-21 school year. Below are three options for schools to consider.

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REOPENING SCHOOLS IN THE CDPH REOPENING FRAMEWORK

Monterey County schools may re-open for in-person instruction when Monterey County has been in the state's "Red Tier" for 14 consecutive days. The Red Tier is California's second highest risk level and counties that are in that tier have a positivity rate of less than 8% and between 4-7 daily cases per 100,000 county residents.

Does not require approval from Monterey County Health Department.

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ELEMENTARY WAIVER

CDPH outlined a waiver application process for schools in "Purple Tier" counties who wish to provide in-person instruction for students in grades TK-6. The waiver application must address all required elements outlined by CDPH. The Monterey County Health Officer will review and consider approval of waiver applications based on local epidemiological data and other guidance provided by CDPH.

Waiver applications may be submitted to the Monterey County Health Department when the 14 day average number of new cases drops below 200 cases per 100,000 residents.

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TARGETED, SPECIALIZED SUPPORT AND SERVICES

Counties in the state's "Purple Tier," are permitted to offer in-person instruction and services to small cohorts of students (14 students to 2 adults or a configuration of no more than 16 individuals total in the cohort) with special needs (students with disabilities, English learners, homeless youth, foster youth, those struggling with distance learning, etc.).

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All school reopening plans must follow CDPH health and safety guidelines including face coverings, symptom screenings, increased cleaning and hygiene practices, social distancing, and more.

For a complete review of the Guidance for Schools and the K-12 Reopening Framework, visit the [covid19.ca.gov](https://www.covid19.ca.gov) Industry Guidance Schools section.

