

## FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear FJUHSD Staff Members, Students, and Parents/Guardians,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones healthy as we approach Thanksgiving and a much-deserved holiday! As you may have heard, California Governor Gavin Newsom announced today that Orange County has been placed back on the Purple Tier (most restrictive tier) because of an increase in COVID-19 transmission. <u>Click here</u> to read Governor Newsom's announcement.

The <u>California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy</u> outlines a four-tiered, color-coded system to show the status of COVID-19 infections and restrictions in a county. Even though the Purple Tier designation imposes restrictions on businesses and various social activities, it does not affect instructional programs in the District. According to California Department of Public Health guidelines, schools that have already resumed in-person instruction can remain open with necessary precautions already in place. It is important to keep in mind that this guidance is subject to change based on future state directives. We will, of course, promptly communicate any changes.

The District will continue to monitor COVID-19 positive rates/percentages at the school and district level. School sites are required to close when at least 5% of staff members and students test positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period. School districts must close if one-quarter of schools in the district are closed due to COVID-19 cases. Schools can usually reopen within 14 days after campuses have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, public health contact tracing is completed, and the county public health department has given its approval. <u>Click here for more information</u> on the closure criteria outlined on the CDPH website.

In addition to the information above, the CDPH issued the following two advisories last week:

- 1. <u>Travel advisory</u>
- 2. Gathering guidance

We are confident in the stringent health and safety procedures that have been implemented at all our school sites and greatly appreciate your vigilance in keeping them effective. Please take this opportunity to review again the health and safety protocols in place and reinforce with your families the importance of adhering to the protocols both on and off campus. <u>On-campus practices</u> that must be followed include social distancing, wearing face coverings, and frequent handwashing. As a reminder, if you or anyone in your family has demonstrated <u>symptoms associated with COVID-19</u> or has been in close contact with anyone who has COVID-19, you are recommended to stay home and receive guidance from a healthcare professional. We thank you for your efforts in helping to keep our students, families, and staff safe and well.

Sincerely,

Scott Scambray, Ed.D. Superintendent