

Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District

# Reopening & Redesign Fall 2020

Update

June 25, 2020

**Equity** + **Academic Access** +  
**Engagement** + **Safety**



# MVLA Guiding Principles

## Equity

- Ensuring systems are in place so that every child has an equal opportunity for success.
- Understanding the unique challenges that are faced by individual students or by populations of students and providing additional supports to help them overcome those barriers.
- Striving to ensure that every child has equal opportunity for success in Distance Learning.

## Engagement

- Ensuring that students are encouraged, supported and monitored for ongoing participation and connection to the academic and social element of their coursework so that Distance Learning is an opportunity for a robust and dynamic educational experience.

## Academic Access

- Ensuring that all students have the opportunity to receive the appropriate academic, technological, physical, social and emotional support to effectively engage in Distance Learning.

## Health and Safety

- Ensure student and staff safety at all times.
- Ensure students are in an environment that fosters optimal physical and mental well being.
- Follow directives and direction from Public Health Officer.

# Dependent on Data



**Distance Learning**

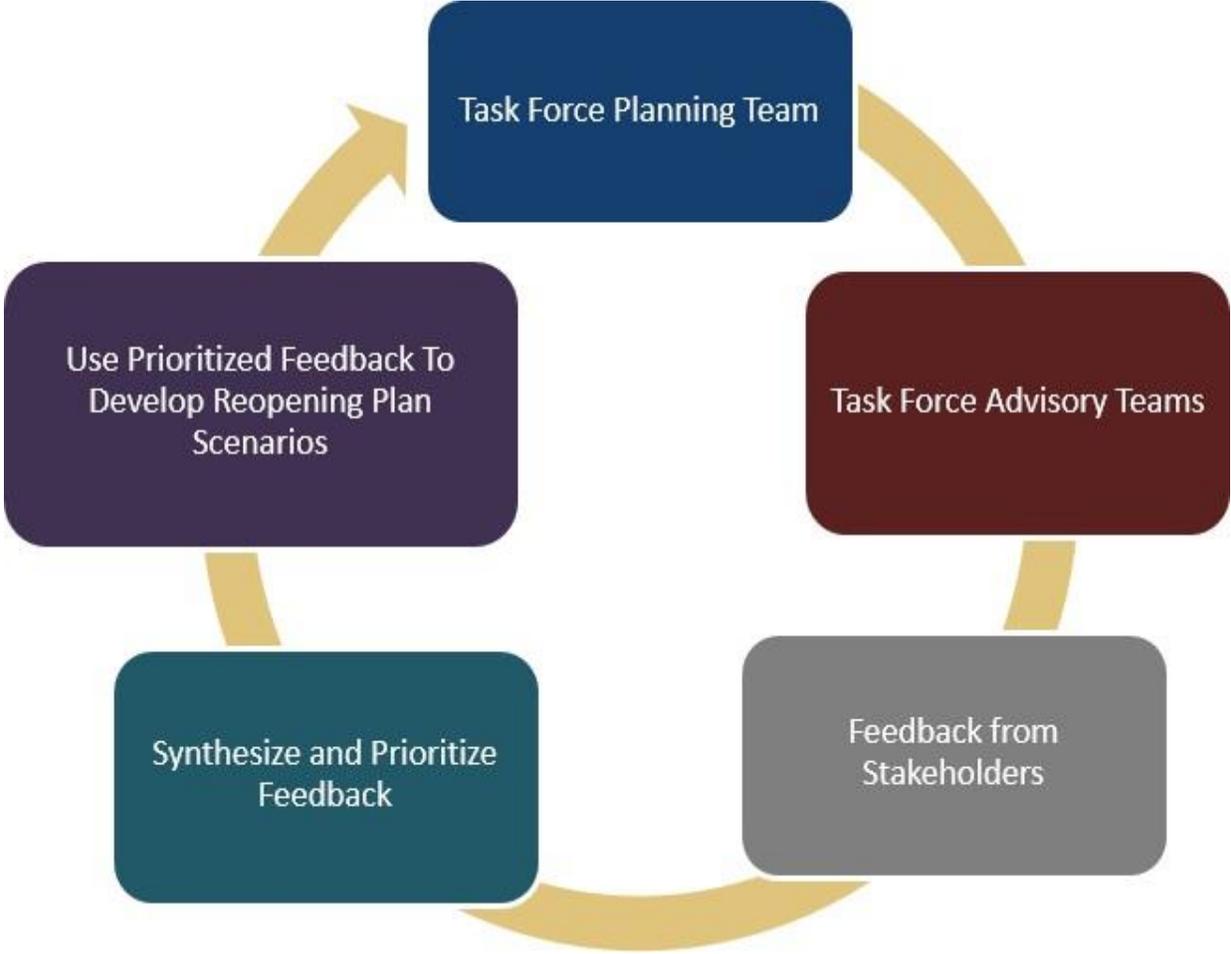


**Phased In Return/  
Hybrid**



**Full Return With  
Protocols**

# Planning Process



# Reopening Planning Fall 2020

- Organized approach to planning
- Producing Action Plan
- Prioritizing actions
- Engaging community/entire staff
- Providing ongoing guidance

# Research and Guidance

- Center for Disease Control
- Santa Clara Department of Public Health
- Santa Clara County County Office of Education
- Federal Guidance
- State Models
- International Guidance
- McKinsey Report
- MVLA Research

# Timeline

Overview of the key dates and the response efforts from MVLA, the California Department of Education and the Santa Clara County Public Health Department.

## March 2020

**3/3:** After beginning proactive regular updates on the District's Novel Coronavirus response in February, MVLA establishes [Coronavirus Response](#) webpage. The section was later renamed School Closure Resources to reflect directives from the State and County to close schools.

**3/9:** Santa Clara County Public Health (CPH) issues order to cancel mass gatherings of 1,000+.

**3/13:** CPH imposes mandatory moratorium on gatherings of 100+ and conditional moratorium on gatherings of between 35-100 persons. Governor Gavin Newsom issues Executive Order N-26-20, ensuring state funding for schools even in event of physical closure.

**3/16:** CPH issues order to Shelter in Place.

**3/17:** In coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services, the California Department of Education (CDE) releases guidance on distance learning, child nutrition, and childcare.

**3/19:** Governor Newsom issues a stay at home order for the entire state.

**3/20:** CDE releases special education guidance to support students with disabilities.

# Timeline

## March 2020

**3/23:** MVLA launches Phase I of its Distance Learning Plan, serving as a bridge to Spring Break. All students without laptops are provided Chromebooks; arrangements are made with internet providers to provide free internet for families without access at home. Hotspots are ordered.

**3/31:** State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond asks all schools in California to consider closing physical campuses through the end of the 2019-2020 school year to ensure the safety of students and staff. CPH issues order to continue Sheltering in Place.

## April 2020

**4/1:** CDE releases guidance on graduation and grading requirements. Superintendent Thurmond announces Senate Bill (SB) 117 funding is available to school districts.

**4/2:** The California State Board of Education, CDE, California State University, University of California, California Community Colleges, and the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities issue a joint statement to waive entrance requirements for college-bound seniors and juniors.

**4/3:** MVLA distributes Wi-Fi 'hotspots' to students; the hotspots were purchased with funds from the MVLA High School Foundation to help support distance learning and close digital divide.

**4/9:** Superintendent Thurmond establishes ad hoc committees to meet the most urgent needs for students: loss of learning, closing the achievement gap, supply, and distance learning.

**4/13:** MVLA launches Phase II of its Distance Learning Plan and sets framework for reopening taskforce.

**4/29:** Superintendent Thurmond establishes a reopening schools task force comprised of educational partners, labor and union leaders, legislative partners, and educators. CPH revises Shelter in Place and orders extension through May 31, 2020.

# Timeline

## May 2020

**5/4:** MVLA formally establishes Reopening and Recovery Task Force to develop various scenarios for 2020-2021 school year, identify needs associated with each scenario, and begin to assemble content area subgroups to problem-solve and advise the Task Force. The advisory groups begin meeting weekly.

**5/7:** CPH extends Bay Area Health Orders.

**5/7:** CPH amends Health Officer Order allowing retail business to open for curbside pick-up.

## June 2020

**6/1:** Updated County of Santa Clara Health Officer Order allows reopening of in-store retail, outdoor dining, and childcare and summer programs for all children.

**6/5:** Updated County of Santa Clara Health Officer Order keeps key restrictions in place, requiring people to stay in their homes except when engaging in essential or now-allowed activities; list of additional businesses permitted to re-open is expanded.

**6/8:** CDE issues its *“Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California’s Public Schools.”*

**6/12:** Small group parent meeting held to gather input on reopening and redesign plans.

**6/22:** Athletic and ExtraCurricular restrictions implemented.

## July 2020

**First week of July:** Santa Clara County Office of Education tentatively planning to send school guidance.

# Legislation

Legislators are setting requirements for Distance Learning (see sections starting 43502 of trailer bill AB 77). They include:



- Confirming that students have computer and internet access
- Documenting daily student participation in a weekly log and creating a system to track non-participating students
- Setting procedures for re-engaging students who are absent for more than 60% of instruction per week
- Communicating with parents about learning progress
- Ensuring teachers interact live daily to instruct, monitor progress, and maintain connections
- Providing academic supports for English learners and students behind academically

# Athletic Guidance



## California Interscholastic Federation

[https://www.cifstate.org/covid-19/Resources/RTP\\_Combined.pdf](https://www.cifstate.org/covid-19/Resources/RTP_Combined.pdf)

Guidance issued June 10, 2020

- Pre-participation exam
- Facilities cleaning
- Entrance/exit strategies
- Pre-workout screening
- Hygiene practices
- Hydration/food
- Travel
- Face coverings
- Limitations on gatherings (Phase 1 and Phase 2)
- Physical activity and athletic equipment
- Weight rooms
- Locker rooms and athletic training areas
- Preparation of athletes to return to physical activity
- Guidelines for individual sports, given that social distancing requirements remain in effect; only activities permitted unless local county guidelines permit otherwise.

# County and State Guidelines

**Santa Clara County Department of Public Health  
New Guidelines Effective June 5, 2020**



## Business/Government Agencies

- Outdoor dining at restaurants
- In-store shopping
- Manufacturing and warehousing
- House cleaning and other no-contact in-home services
- Low contact/no contact service businesses
- Pet grooming/dog walking

## Education, Childcare and Children's Activities

- All childcare, summer camps, summer school, and all other educational or recreational programs for all children in stable groups up to 12 children.
- Change of group allowed every three weeks.

## Outdoor Ceremonies, Outdoor Religious Gatherings, and Outdoor Recreation

- Small outdoor ceremonies and outdoor religious gatherings in groups no larger than 25
- All outdoor recreational activities that do not involve physical contact with social distancing and with up to one other household, including hiking, tennis, frisbee and golf.
- Outdoor swimming pools
- Camping
- Drive-in theaters/other auto-based gatherings

**Next Update Anticipated July 1-7, 2020**

# SCHOOLS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



The purpose of this tool is to assist administrators in making (re)opening decisions regarding K-12 schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to check with state and local health officials and other partners to determine the most appropriate actions while adjusting to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community.

## Should you consider opening?

- ✓ Will reopening be consistent with applicable state and local orders?
- ✓ Is the school ready to protect children and employees at high risk for severe illness?
- ✓ Are you able to screen students and employees upon arrival for symptoms and history of exposure?

ANY  
NO



## Are recommended health and safety actions in place?

- ✓ Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing and employees wearing a cloth face covering, as feasible
- ✓ Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation
- ✓ Encourage social distancing through increased spacing, small groups and limited mixing between groups, if feasible
- ✓ Train all employees on health and safety protocols

ALL  
YES

ANY  
NO



## Is ongoing monitoring in place?

- ✓ Develop and implement procedures to check for signs and symptoms of students and employees daily upon arrival, as feasible
- ✓ Encourage anyone who is sick to stay home
- ✓ Plan for if students or employees get sick
- ✓ Regularly communicate and monitor developments with local authorities, employees, and families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures
- ✓ Monitor student and employee absences and have flexible leave policies and practices
- ✓ Be ready to consult with the local health authorities if there are cases in the facility or an increase in cases in the local area

ALL  
YES

ANY  
NO



ALL  
YES



# County and State Guidance

**-Stronger Together-**

Recovery and Reopening Schools in Santa Clara County



Santa Clara County  
Office of Education

June 2020

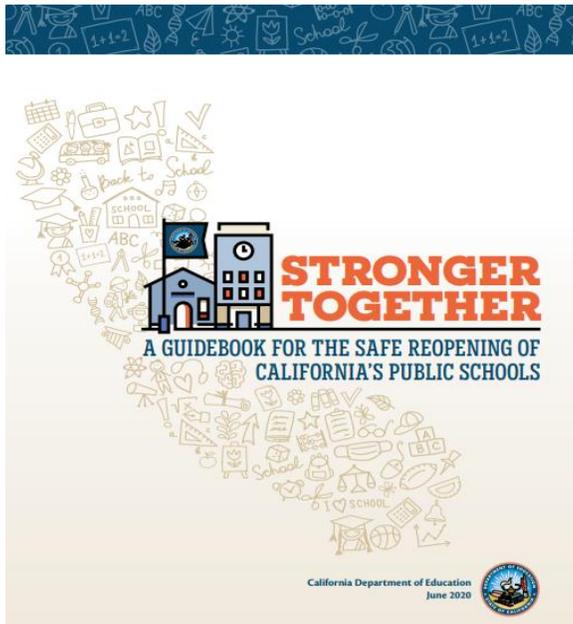
**Santa Clara County Office of Education**

<https://www.sccoe.org/reopening-schools/Documents/Stronger-Together-Recovery-Reopening-School.pdf>

**California Department of Education**

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/documents/strongertogether.pdf>

- State document serves as guidance for informed independent LEA decisions
- Addresses topics:
  1. Local Conditions to Guide Reopening Decisions
  2. Plan to Address Positive COVID-19 Cases or Community Surges
  3. Injury and Illness Prevention Plan
  4. Campus Access
  5. Hygiene
  6. Protective Equipment
  7. Physical Distancing
  8. Cleaning/Disinfecting
  9. Employee Issues
  10. Communication with Students, Parents, Employees, Public Health Officials, and the Community



# MVLA Information



- Updates
- Newsletters
- Board Reports
- Various meetings
- June 15, 2020 Presentation: Reported on mitigating plans and sample schedules  
<http://esbpublic.mvla.net/Attachments/c82485f3-a669-4699-b5cb-790bd0ffc6b4.pdf>
- June 27, 2020 Webinar  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIPCiQB\\_hP8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIPCiQB_hP8&feature=youtu.be)
- Professional Development: 1)Canvas training; 2)community building

# Next Steps

Ongoing

- Ongoing Communication
- Community engagement

June

- Support Distance Learning and Phased In Return
- Schedules
- Expectations
- Negotiations

July

- Implement Public Health, SCCOE Guidelines; (Recommendations anticipated July 1-7, 2020)
- Support Distance Learning and Phased In Return
- Negotiations
- Professional Development

August

- Provide academic excellence with plans for multiple pathways

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**THANK YOU!**