



RE: COVID-19 Guidance for In-Person Schooling in Yuba County and Sutter County

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From: Yuba Sutter Bi-County Public Health Officer, Dr. Phuong Luu

Dear School District Superintendents,

COVID-19 continues to be an ongoing threat to the health and safety of our community. In the past several weeks, we have seen an alarming rise in new cases and hospitalizations in our bi-county region, in neighboring counties, and in the State. This situation behooves us to proceed carefully and prudently in the consideration of resuming in-person schooling in Yuba County and Sutter County. I strongly recommend that you all closely review the guidance below and seek to implement for your local school district the key tenets listed therein.

Both the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the California Department of Education (CDE) have provided robust guidance as follows. Please note the pandemic and response is fluid and the guidance may be updated in the near future. Please regularly refer back to the guidance for any significant updates.

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>

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

In summary, the attached letter to the Senate Journal dated June 26, 2020 clearly states that local education agencies (LEAs) do not need to obtain the approval of the local health officer for their school resumption plans. As your local health officer for Yuba County and Sutter County, I am happy to provide technical assistance and consultation as needed.

These are trying tough times. Thank you for all your hard work, patience and dedication to the health, safety, and well-being of our students.

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