

K-5 Waiver Application HCSD

Board Presentation
September 9, 2020

Requested Action

1. Approve the Hillsborough City School District Waiver Application for K-5 students to return to on campus, in-person instruction.

“Blueprint for a Safer Economy” Gov. Newsom

County risk level	New cases	positive tests
WIDESPREAD Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed	More than 7 daily new cases (per 100k)	More than 8% positive tests
SUBSTANTIAL Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed	4 - 7 daily new cases (per 100k)	5 - 8% positive tests
MODERATE Some indoor business operations are open with modifications	1 - 3.9 daily new cases (per 100k)	2 - 4.9% positive tests
MINIMAL Most indoor business operations are open with modifications	Less than 1 daily new cases (per 100k)	Less than 2% positive tests

State Data - Updated every Tuesday Starting Sept 8th

Understand your county's status

Every county in California is assigned to a tier based on its test positivity and adjusted case rate for tier assignment including metrics from the last 3 weeks. At a minimum, counties must remain in a tier for at least 3 weeks before moving forward. Data is reviewed weekly and tiers are updated on Tuesdays. To move forward, a county must meet the next tier's criteria for two consecutive weeks. If a county's metrics worsen for two consecutive weeks, it will be assigned a more restrictive tier. Public health officials are constantly monitoring data and can step in if necessary.

<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

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San Mateo County Metrics

8.6

New COVID-19 Positive cases per day per 100K

7.6

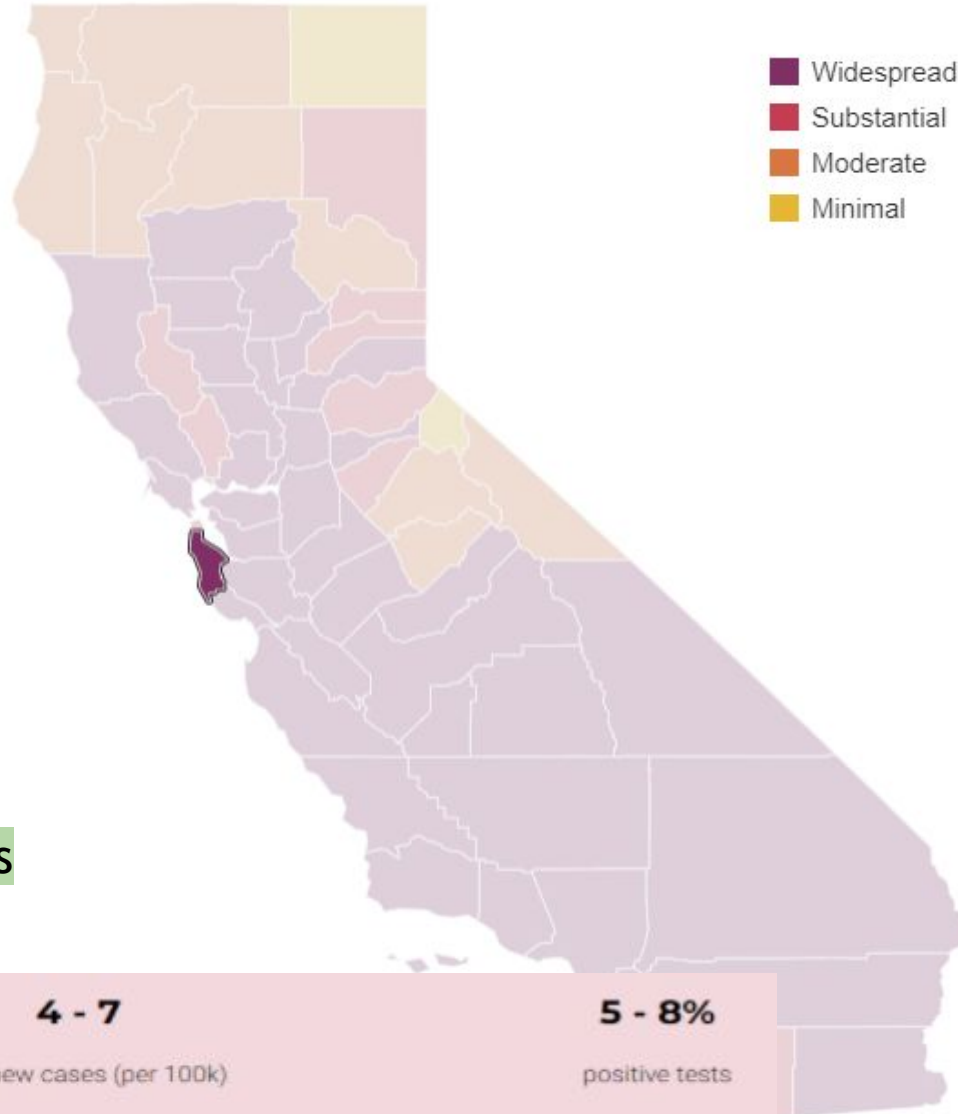
Adjusted case rate for tier assignment

4.8%

Positivity Rate

Hillsborough

43 Cases with 11,400 Residents



SUBSTANTIAL

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4 - 7

daily new cases (per 100k)

5 - 8%

positive tests

Virtual Classrooms and In-Person Classrooms

K-5 General Education Classroom Teachers

- All invited to choose in-person or virtual options
- In-person teachers were asked and assigned to virtual teaching positions as there were not enough virtual teachers to fill the 15 teaching positions

Parents of K-5 General Education Students

- All parents asked to choose between in-person or virtual classroom with the understanding that HCSD may pursue a waiver for in-person instruction
- 15 Virtual Classrooms and 42 In-person classrooms
- Avg. Class Size Virtual 16.3 and Avg. Class Size In-person 13.8

Waiver Application to Allow In-Person Learning

- Districts and schools can resume in-person learning for students in grades TK-6 after completing a waiver application and receiving approval, or once SMC has been on the “Substantial” tier for 14 consecutive days.
- Districts and schools can resume in-person learning for students in grades 7-12 only when SMC has been on the “Substantial” tier for 14 consecutive days.
- San Mateo County Office of Education Waiver [Information](#)
- California ALL (Governor’s Website) [Information](#)
- California Department of Public Health Waiver [Information](#)

Waiver Application to Allow In-Person Learning

- School or district prepares and Superintendent submits waiver application to SMCOE.
- SMCOE conducts initial review and either submits the application to SMC Health or contacts the school or district if the application is not ready for SMC Health review.
- SMC Health will review the application and, if approved, will submit it to CDPH for review.
- SMCOE will notify a school or district once its application is approved (approximately 7-10 days).

Waiver Approval Process through SMC Health Dept.

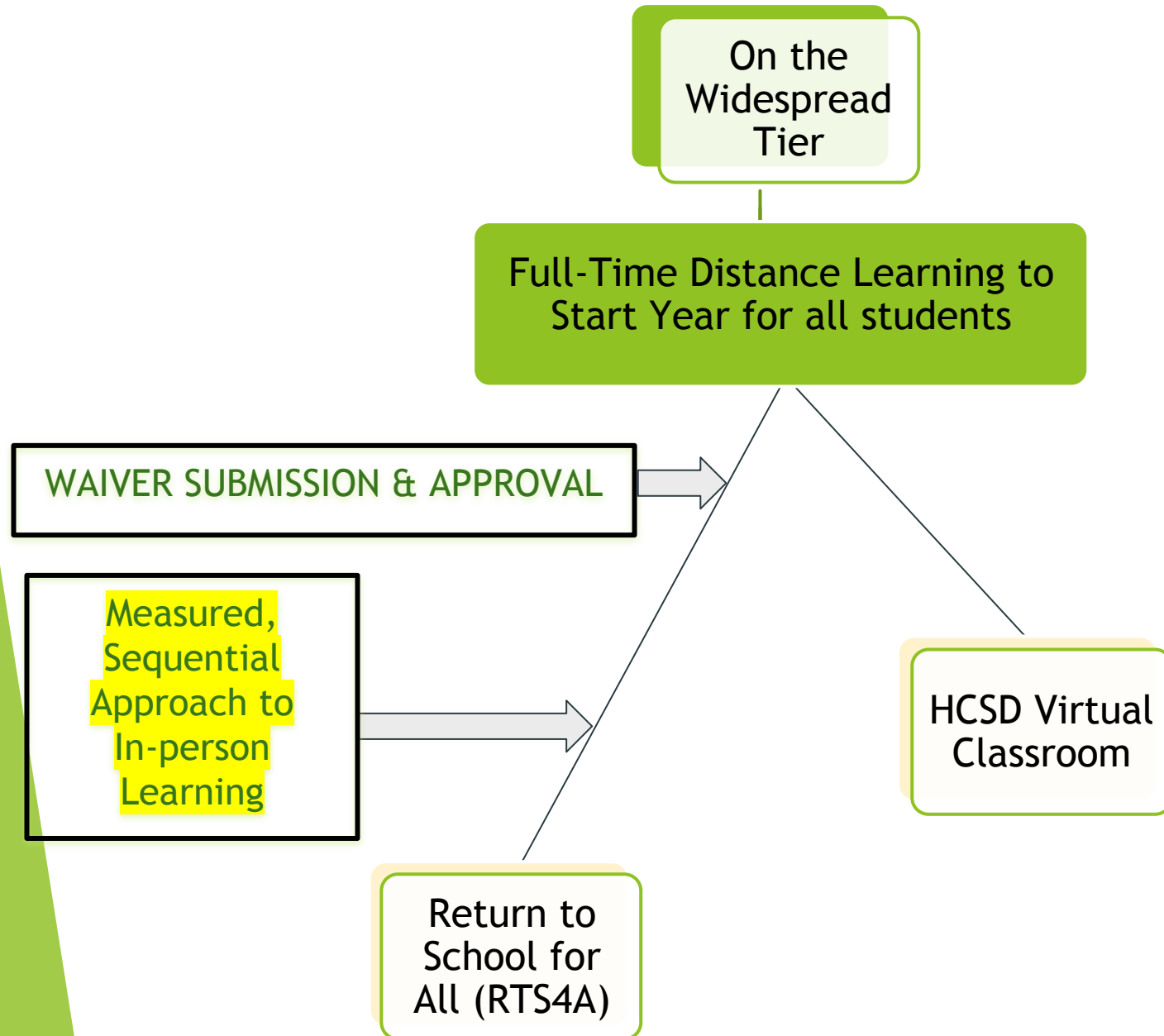
Criteria for Assessing Applications

- Available scientific evidence regarding COVID-related risks in schools serving elementary-age students, along with the health-related risks for children who are not provided in-person instruction.
- State law directing public schools to "offer in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible." (Ed. Code § 43504)
- Whether elementary in-person instruction can be provided in small, stable cohorts.
- Local health guidance, safety plans, availability of appropriate PPE, and availability of public health and school resources for COVID-19 investigation and response.

Waiver Requirements

- Consultation with labor, parent, and community groups: Hillsborough Teachers Association, California School Employee Association, Associated Parents Group, Hillsborough Schools Foundation, HCSD Parents, HCSD Educators
- School Plans must include:
 1. Cleaning and disinfection
 2. Cohorting
 3. Entrance, egress, and movement
 4. Face coverings and PPE
 5. Health screenings for staff and students
 6. Healthy hygiene practices
 7. Tracing of contacts
 8. Physical distancing
 9. Staff training and family education
 10. Testing of students and staff
 11. Triggers for transitioning to distance learning
 12. Communication plans

Approach to Starting In-Person School



On the Widespread Tier

- Choice: Virtual Classroom or Return to School for All (RTS4A)
- RTS4A and Virtual Classroom students start with 100% Distance Learning and continue with Distance Learning until the County is off the Widespread Tier for 14 Days with an additional week before in-person classes begin.
- Once off the Widespread Tier OR once a waiver is approved, students in Virtual Classroom will REMAIN in Virtual Classroom programming. Students in the RTS4A program will begin a measured, sequential return to in-person school.
- All students will start with Distance Learning with an assigned classroom teacher(s) regardless of whether they choose RTS4A or Virtual Classroom programs.

Measured, Sequential Approach / 3Rs of Instruction: Return, Remote, Repeat

Measured, Sequential Approach to begin in-person learning at North, South and West Elementary Schools

Start of School: Full-Time Distance Learning for ALL with Length of Time To Be Determined with a 3-Week rolling calendar AND status on the State's Tiered List.

Return to School (RTS) Week 1: Welcome Back to School Meetings with Students. Detailed plans are still a work in progress. We will message out as soon as plans are solidified.

RTS Week 2: Kinder, 2nd, and 4th Grade Students on Campus; All other grades participate in Distance Learning.

RTS Week 3: 1st, 3rd and 5th Grade Students on Campus; All other grades participate in Distance Learning.

REPEAT pattern from RTS Week 2 & 3 during Weeks 4 and 5.

RTS Week 6: All Students Return to Campus

Students in Learning Center or Academic Program Support attend in-person school every day.

Scenario 1: 2nd Grade Student in In-person Learning Waiver Granted

- Heather is a 2nd Grade student at West School. Her parents have chosen in-person learning for her when schools return to in-person instruction.
- School begins on Aug. 24th and Heather is assigned to a West School 2nd Grade teacher who will begin teaching her class through Distance Learning (DL).
- A Waiver for in-person instruction becomes available, HCSD applies for and is granted a Waiver. In-person instruction will begin after the waiver approval date. A tentative start date will be October 12, 2020 should the waiver be granted.
- Heather will come back to school on October 12th for a week of Welcome Back that will be designed by K-5 teachers and principals.
- School will be open with all safety protocols and procedures outlined in our HCSD [Fall 2020 Reopening School plan](#).
- Heather will come to school on Week 2 as well and then Heather and her classmates will go back to one week of DL with her class and will then come back to school with her classmates on Week 4 and will continue to attend in-person school.
- 3 weeks prior to the end of the trimester, Heather's parents will be asked to commit to virtual classroom or keep Heather in in-person school. They choose in-person school. Heather returns to West School for the second trimester of in-person school.

Fall 2020 School Reopening Plan

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Thank you
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Questions