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Guidance for School Distance Learning and Educational Day Camps

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California is in a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a substantial danger to the health of the public within the County of Stanislaus. COVID-19 can easily spread between people who are in close contact with one another. Everyone is at risk for becoming ill with COVID-19, but some people are more vulnerable to serious illness, including pneumonia, organ failure, or death, due to their age, physical state, and/or health status. Currently, there is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19 and no specific treatment for its symptoms.

Stanislaus County has been on the State's County Monitoring List since June 16, 2020. On July 17, 2020, the State Public Health Officer issued a "Framework for Re-Opening In-Person Learning For K-12 Schools in California." This Framework prohibits schools and school districts located in counties on the monitoring list from providing in-person instruction and they may only conduct distance learning until Stanislaus County has been off the monitoring list for at least 14 days.

The following is additional guidance for schools and educational day camps in Stanislaus County:

Individual assessment time with students.

With care, teachers can perform in person student assessments. Physical distance of 6 feet should be maintained and both teacher and student must wear a face covering at all times. This assessment would preferably take place outdoors and should be scheduled to prevent mixing of students and parents.

Parent orientation

Schools may allow parent orientation with no more than five parents at any time, outdoors, with face coverings worn and 6-foot physical distance maintained at all times between all participants. Ideally the student would not attend; if the student is in attendance, they must stay with the parent at all times.

Educational day camps

Day camps should limit the number of people (children and staff) in any room to one group. Campers should spend most of their time outdoors. Day Camps must follow the "COVID-19 INTERIM GUIDANCE: Day Camps." As disease transmission is currently high in Stanislaus County, guidance for Lowest Risk (page 4) should be followed. Please note that the State Framework for Reopening In-Person Learning states that if the local health jurisdiction has been on the monitoring list within the last 14 days, the school must conduct distance learning only. Schools may not, therefore, open as a day camp and provide in-person learning.

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