

March 8, 2021

Dear TJUHSD Families,

As we previously shared, our district is continuing to monitor the Tulare County COVID-19 metrics. As of Tuesday, March 2, 2021, Tulare County's adjusted case rate was 11 cases per 100,000 residents. In order to be able to transition to our hybrid schedule, the case number needs to be at 7 or less cases (Red Tier). Governor Newsom also announced last week the possibility of adjusting this number to 10 or less cases per 100,000 residents within the next couple of weeks. This adjustment will be based on the number of vaccines administered. Tier assignments are updated each Tuesday on the following website. <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/#county-status> Once our county is in the Red Tier, Tulare Joint Joint Union High School District will transition to our hybrid schedule the following Monday. This will provide our students and staff with a week of notice.

We have been communicating with our key stakeholders regarding our transition to a hybrid schedule. We are confident that we are prepared for this transition. We have protocols and procedures in place to address bus transportation, arrival and dismissal procedures, classroom arrangements and meal service. These details are outlined in the document at <https://url.tjuhsd.org/soe> . A few of these measures include:

- Properly educating our staff and students on creating and maintaining a safe learning environment
- Requiring masks to be worn at all times by students, staff and visitors
- Requiring student temperature checks when boarding the bus and arriving at school
- Students will be screened prior to entering the campus
- Disinfecting and cleaning buildings, classrooms, restrooms and high use surfaces regularly
- Desks in classrooms will be spaced apart in accordance with the state requirements
- Meals will not be served on campus
- Lunch and breakfast for the next day will be provided to students as they leave campus
- Limiting the number of visitors on campus
- Suspending attendance incentives for the 2020-2021 school year, including the attendance requirement to participate in graduation

In the hybrid model, students at our comprehensive sites will attend school every day in person except for Mondays. Classes on Monday will continue to be on Zoom. Students will be assigned to a morning cohort (Cohort A) or afternoon cohort (Cohort B) and will attend in person Tuesday through Friday during their scheduled cohort time. A ParentSquare message was sent on Monday, March 8, informing your student of their cohort. Students at Accelerated Charter, Countryside and Tech Prep will be on a different schedule due to their enrollment numbers. The specific schedule for ACHS and TP/CHS can be accessed through the following links. [ACHS In-Person Bell Schedule](#) and [TPHS/CHS In-Person Bell Schedule Spring 2021](#)

Students, who at the beginning of the semester opted to attend Sierra Vista Charter High School, will continue at Sierra Vista until the end of the year. Students not enrolled at Sierra Vista who want to continue on Distance Learning will need to contact their school counselor to discuss placement options.

We look forward to the opportunity to welcome our students back to campus as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Tony Rodriguez, TJUHSD Superintendent