Information Sheet – 9/8/2020- Board of Trustees Meeting

TO: Board of Trustees Item: 5.2

FR: Jim Bridges

DATE: September 2, 2020

RE: California Blueprint for a Safer Economy (New Reopening Guidance Update)

On Friday, August 28, 2020, Gov. Newsom announced a new "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" that paves a slow and stringent path for regulating how counties will be monitored and determining changes to restrictions on businesses and activities. The new color-coded, risk-based system will replace the previous County Data Monitoring List, beginning August 31, 2020.

Tiered Framework

The new framework provides the measures that each county must meet, based on indicators that capture disease burden, testing and health equity. Under the new guidance, schools may reopen for in-person instruction based on equivalent criteria and follow closure procedures in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, issued July 17, 2020. That framework remains in effect except that Tier 1 is substituted for the previous County Data Monitoring List (which has equivalent criteria to Tier 1).

According to the CDPH website, schools in counties within Tier 1 are not permitted to reopen for in-person instruction, with an exception for waivers granted by local health departments for transitional kindergarten through 6 grades. Schools that are not authorized to reopen, including transitional kindergarten through 6 grades, may provide structured, in-person supervision and services under the CDPH Guidance for Small Cohorts/Groups of Children and Youth, issued August 25, 2020.

The new guidance states that schools will be eligible to reopening for in-person instruction following California School Sector Specific Guidelines once the county is off the Tier 1 for 14 days, which is similar to being off the County Data Monitoring List for at least 14 days.

*To advance to the next tier, a county must also meet health equity measures as described below.

**Case rate will be determined using confirmed (by PCR) cases, and will not include state and federal inmate cases. Case rates include an adjustment factor for counties that are testing above the state average. The incidence is adjusted downwards in a graduated fashion, with a maximum adjustment at twice the State average testing rate.

The Tiers

Beginning September 8, 2020, CDPH will conduct weekly assessments, in which a county will remain in a tier for a minimum of three weeks before advancing to the next tier, one step at a time, assigned the more restrictive tier should it fall into two different tiers due to its case rate and test positivity measures. City local health jurisdiction data will be included in overall metrics, and will be assigned the same tier as the surrounding county.

Counties are assigned a tier based on adjusted case rate and test positivity from the prior two reporting periods, and if a county is initially assigned to Tier 1: Widespread-Purple and has met the criteria for a less restrictive tier in the prior week, the county only needs to meet the criteria for a less restrictive tier for one more week to move to Tier 2: Substantial-Red. As the new reporting system takes effect on September 8th, a county does not need to remain in the Tier 1: Widespread-Purple for three weeks, but moving forward, a county must remain in its tier for three weeks and meet the following criteria:

To Advance

- A county must remain in the current tier for three weeks, except for the initial phase (discussed above).
- A county must meet criteria for the next tier for both measures for the prior two consecutive weeks in order to progress to the next tier.
- The state will establish health equity measures on activities such as data collection, testing access, contract tracing, supportive isolation, and outreach that demonstrate a county's ability to address the most impacted communities within a county. Additional measures such as case rates, hospitalization and deaths, will also be developed and tracked for improvement.

Moving Back

- If a county's adjusted case rate and/or test positivity has been within a more restrictive tier for two consecutive weekly periods, the county must revert to the more restrictive tier.
- At any point, state and public health officials may determine targeted interventions or county wide modifications to address hospitalization capacity and disease transmission.
- Counties will have three days to implement any sector changes or closures unless extreme circumstances merit immediate actions.

Recommended Action:

Information only

California Blueprint for a Safer Economy

New Reopening Guidance Update

September 8, 2020

Blueprint for a Safer Economy

- Uniform state framework
- "Statewide, stringent, slow"
- Risk-based criteria for tightening and loosening allowable activities
- Replaces County Data Monitoring List
- County attestation process eliminated
- 2 Mandatory Metrics: case rate, test positivity
- 4 tiers

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

MOVING THROUGH THE TIERS

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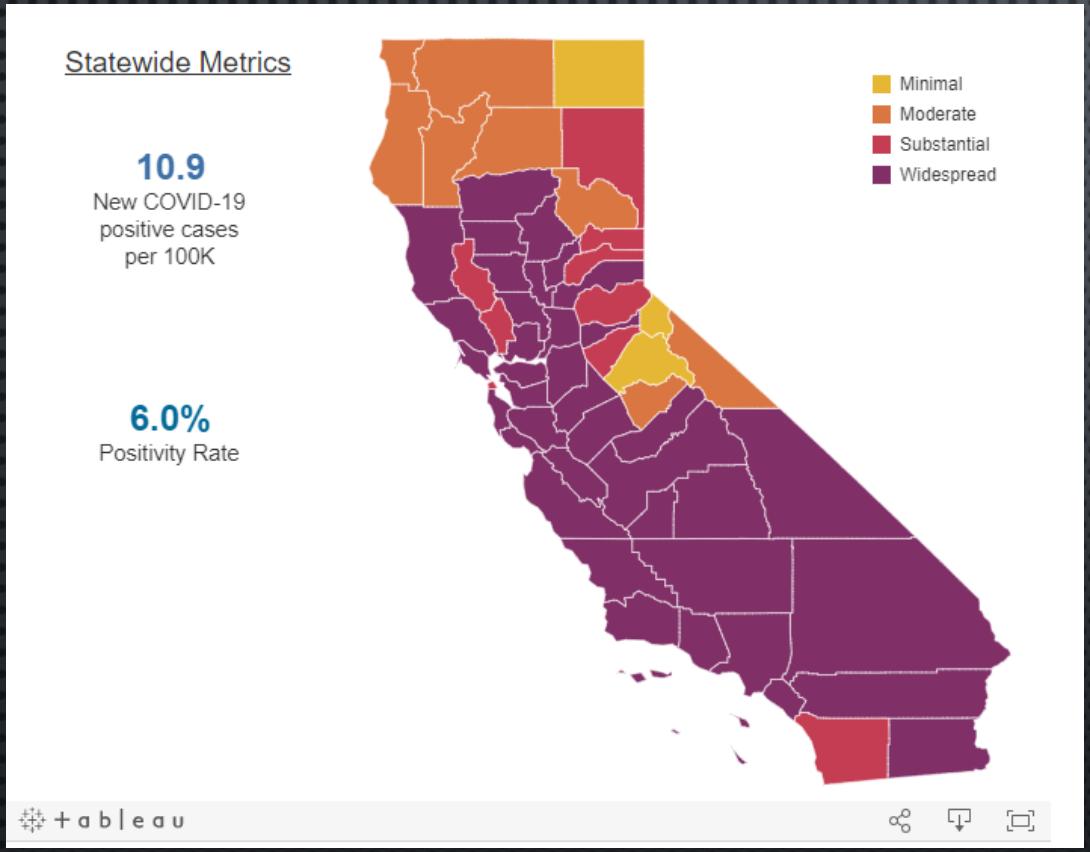
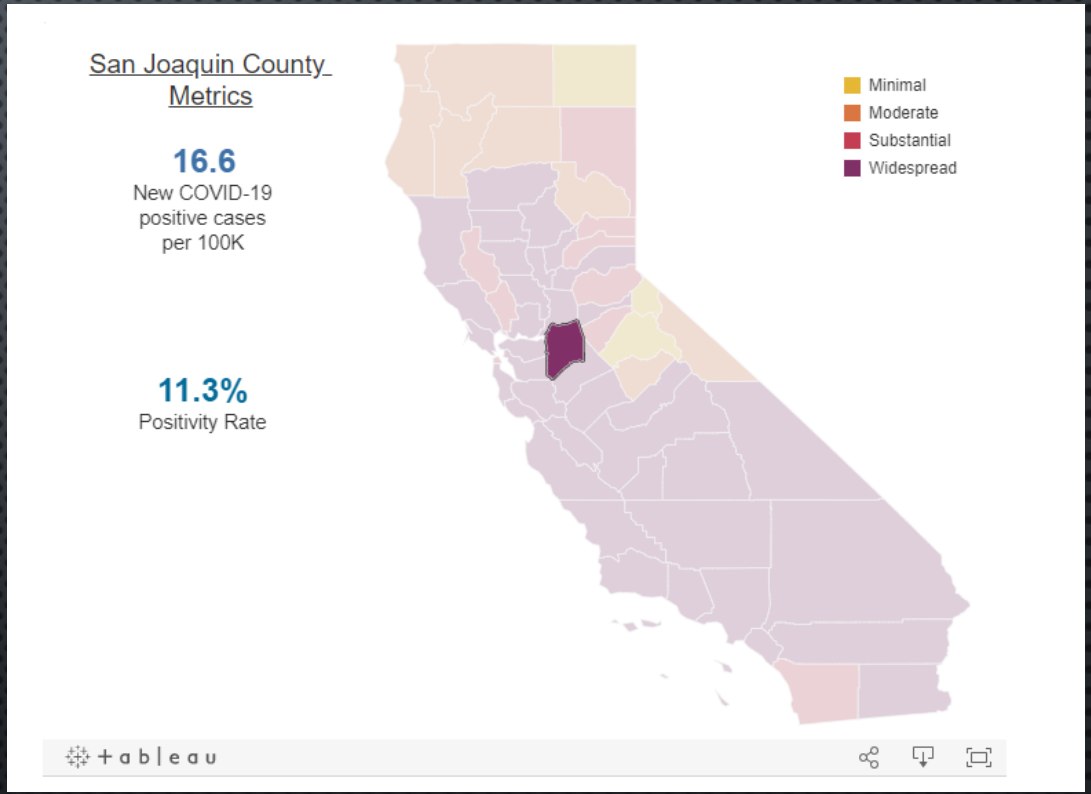
- All counties were assigned to initial tiers on August 28, 2020
- Assessed weekly on Tuesdays (first assessment will be on September 8)
- County is assigned to the more restrictive tier
- Have to stay in tier for 21 days before advancing
- Advance by meeting metrics for next tier for 2 straight weeks
- Can only advance 1 tier at a time


Statewide Metrics
10.9
New COVID-19 positive cases per 100K
6.0%
Positivity Rate
Minimal
Moderate
Substantial
Widespread
tableau


San Joaquin County Metrics
16.6
New COVID-19 positive cases per 100K
11.3%
Positivity Rate
Minimal
Moderate
Substantial
Widespread
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SCHOOLS

- BEFORE:
  - Schools may reopen for in-person instruction once the county is off the County Data Monitoring List for 14 day

  * TK-6 waiver 200/100,000/14 days

- NOW:
  - Schools may reopen for in-person instruction once the county is off Tier 1 for 14 days
  - In other words, 14 days after moving from purple to red tier

  * TK-6 waiver 14/100,000/day for 7 days (Less than 98 new cases for 7 consecutive days)

TRANSITION TO HYBRID POSSIBLE SCENARIOS

	Date	Tier	Tier	Tier	Tier	Tier
Actual	8/28/2020	1	1	1	1	1
Projected	9/8/2020	2	1	1	1	1
Projected	9/15/2020	2	2	1	1	1
Projected	9/22/2020	2	2	2	1	1
Projected	9/29/2020	2	2	2	2	1
Projected	10/6/2020	Open	2	2	2	2
Projected	10/13/2020		Open	2	2	2
Projected	10/20/2020			Open	2	2
Projected	10/27/2020				Open	2
Projected	11/2/2020					Open