



July 24, 2020

Reopening Update #4 – SVUSD Reopening & Safety Plan

Dear Saddleback Valley Unified School District,

On Thursday, July 23, 2020, the SVUSD Board of Education approved a reopening plan for SVUSD, which offers both a full distance learning model as well as a hybrid model for all families. Additionally, on Friday, July 17, 2020, the Governor announced that schools located in a county on the state's COVID-19 Monitoring List may not reopen in person (hybrid model) until 14 days after the county has been removed from the list. This announcement impacts Saddleback Valley Unified School District as Orange County is currently on the monitoring list. **With this latest directive from Governor Newsom, SVUSD will reopen on August 17, 2020 in full distance learning.** We are carefully monitoring Orange County's placement on the Monitoring List and hope to offer the hybrid model as soon as SVUSD meets the criteria to do so.

School Schedule Selection

Today, Friday, July 24, 2020, the Aeries Parent Portal is currently open and parents have the opportunity to select an instructional model for their child for the 2020-21 school year. If a parent wants to change models, it would need to be done at the Trimester or Semester, depending on the grade level. We will do our best to accommodate mid year changes but cannot make guarantees. **This selection window will close on Wednesday, July 29 at 5:00 pm.** The 2020-21 school schedule options, both full distance learning and the hybrid model, are outlined in the attached SVUSD reopening plan and details are also accessible on the [SVUSD website](#). Informational webinars regarding the SVUSD K-12 Virtual Academy will be held on Tuesday, July 28 (grades K-6) and Wednesday, July 29 (grades 7-12). Registration information may be found in the attachment.

Again, it is important to note that SVUSD schools will start in full distance learning due to the Governor's mandate. Our first day of school will remain on August 17, 2020. All students will begin school on a full distance learning schedule until we are allowed to resume on-campus instruction. Once Orange County is off of the Monitoring List, SVUSD will be able to review the conditions to open our in-person hybrid model, while maintaining distance learning for our families who prefer this educational choice.

Student and Staff Safety

To ensure the health and safety of students and staff, a number of additional safety provisions will be put in place for the 2020-21 school year. The SVUSD Reopening Plan outlines these protocols and provides additional details regarding academic schedules, student transportation procedures, and school meal distribution. The plan will also be available on the district website.

As we continue to plan and prepare for the 2020-21 school year, we will keep our families updated regarding state orders as they relate to physical school reopening.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent