

## November Newsletter + Parent Correspondence

Hello TNS families and concerned parties!

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that Stanislaus County has been re-classified by California Governor, Gov. Newsom to a Purple Tier county *as of yesterday (11/16/20)*, meaning COVID-19 is considered “widespread” in our community, which changes our ability to legally (and ethically) reopen TNS when we had hoped in the new year! *This doesn't mean we won't open this academic year, it just means it's almost impossible for us to put a hard date on it, as of now.*

County risk level	New cases	Positive tests
<b>WIDESPREAD</b> Most schools are closed to in-person instruction, unless they meet certain conditions	<b>More than 7</b> daily new cases (per 100k)	<b>More than 8%</b> positive tests
<b>SUBSTANTIAL</b> Schools can reopen for in-person instruction after they have remained in the red tier for 14 days	<b>4 - 7</b> daily new cases (per 100k)	<b>5 - 8%</b> positive tests
<b>MODERATE</b> Schools can reopen for in-person instruction based on state and county guidance	<b>1 - 3.9</b> daily new cases (per 100k)	<b>2 - 4.9%</b> positive tests
<b>MINIMAL</b> Schools can reopen for in-person instruction based on state and county guidance	<b>Less than 1</b> daily new cases (per 100k)	<b>Less than 2%</b> positive tests

Source: California Department of Public Health (Covid19.CA.GOV)

**“Counties rated purple as of Nov. 16:** Alameda, Butte, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Kern, Kings, Mendocino, Merced, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Placer, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Siskiyou, Solano, Sutter, Trinity, Tuolumne, Ventura, Yolo, Yuba, Imperial, Los Angeles, Madera, Monterey, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, Shasta, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tehama and Tulare.

*These 41 counties include 863 districts, 1,237 charters and 5,821,648 students, which is 95.88% of the state’s total student body.”*

Please utilize the following resources to learn more about the executive order issued by the Governor earlier this fall that explains what can and cannot happen regarding education when a California County moves from red to purple tier.

<http://edsources.org/2020/quick-guide-what-californias-color-coded-county-tracking-system-means-for-schools/639357/amp>

*“No public or private schools in counties rated purple can reopen for in-person instruction unless they receive an elementary [waiver](#) for students in grades K-6 permitted under Gov. Newsom’s July 17 executive order, or are following [guidance](#) for small groups of children, known as “cohorts.” See below for counties that move into purple from red.*

*Counties that move from purple to red can open for in-person instruction after they have remained in the red tier for 14 days. However, some counties may have stricter rules in place prohibiting schools from opening.”*

Unfortunately, with the trends of COVID-19 cases steadily increasing and the holidays and cold/flu season quickly approaching, we cannot, in good conscience hold fast to the 1/4/2020 reopening date we shared with you earlier this month.

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools--en.pdf>

*With that being said, we also cannot confirm when the school will reopen during the 2020-2021 academic year. If you have concerns regarding tuition and/or held placement for your child surrounding enrollment purposes, please let us know by contacting the TNS board President, Jason DeMuro at [president.tns@gmail.com](mailto:president.tns@gmail.com) or the entire TNS board at [tns.allboard@gmail.com](mailto:tns.allboard@gmail.com).*

To learn more information and/or express any questions/corrections you have, feel free to join us virtually via Zoom at our monthly TNS Board meeting, scheduled for NEXT WEEK on Tuesday evening at 6pm. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83491023548?pwd=aWJlRjR3J2czc4U1Z6NDNkZWl2ZlhlJdz09>