



6 OCT 2020 - NEWS UPDATE



SLO County announces that K-12 school can now reopen for modified in-person instruction

According to the State of California, schools can reopen for in-person instruction once their county has been in the red tier for at least two weeks. Today is the two-week mark for San Luis Obispo (SLO) County.

“Because we have kept our COVID-19 transmission relatively stable, we have been consistently in the red tier for two weeks now,” said SLO County Health Officer Dr. Penny Borenstein. “Local schools are not required to reopen for in-person instruction, but they may choose to reopen if they implement the State’s COVID-19 guidance for schools and school-based programs.”

Prior to reopening, local schools must submit a plan for modified in-person instruction to the County Health Officer for review and consultation. Schools must follow the state’s guidelines ([CLICK HERE](#)) when they reopen.

According to Borenstein, per the State’s School Reopening Framework, schools that open during this time are not required to close if SLO County moves back to the purple tier – which is the first and most restrictive tier – but should consider increasing screening and testing of staff.

The press release went on to say that the County Health Department continues to work closely with the SLO County Office of Education (COE) and local districts for opening local schools safely. COE officials have conveyed that many local districts decided to stay closed through the end of the calendar year, but some may reopen with plans approved by County Public Health officials.



Hybrid Learning on Thursday's school board agenda

From the TUSD Staff Report

On Thursday night (Oct 8) the Templeton school board will hear a presentation from the administration regarding San Luis Obispo County Public Health guidance regarding the reopening of schools. In addition, the Trustees will hear about suggested timelines and milestones for moving from Distance Learning to a Hybrid plan that melds in-person classroom instruction with Distance Learning, as well as various small-group, in-person services planned for Templeton Unified School District (TUSD) students.

Following the presentation, the Board will be asked to consider approving the following:

- [a] Transitioning to Hybrid Learning Model B (see the [DRAFT TUSD Reopening Plan](#)) on Monday, November 30 at Templeton Elementary School, Vineyard Elementary School, Templeton Middle School, and Templeton High School.
- [b] The filing of a waiver for Templeton Elementary School and Vineyard Elementary School as a backup means to allow the hybrid learning model to begin for grades TK-5 in the event the Red Tier status isn't maintained by SLO County.
- [c] And small group, in-person services for at-risk learners, CTE (Career Technical Education) lab based courses, and other co- and extra-curricular activities (both current planned groups and future needed groups).

The report went on to say that TUSD would take these steps in as safe a manner as possible for both students and staff, if approved.

For more information this and related items on Thursday night's agenda, please [CLICK HERE](#) to download the Board Packet for the meeting. Those interested are encouraged to read the draft minutes for the previous meeting regarding this issue for important background information. That discussion begins on page 8 in the board packet.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

- [a] **Park Cinemas is reopening this week on Friday, October 9.** The following

movies will be shown starting Friday, October 9 and running thru Thursday, October 15 – Tenet (PG13), New Mutants (PG13), Broken Hearts Gallery (PG13), War With Grandpa (PG), and Fatima (PG13). For times and health safety guidelines please call (805) 227-2172.

[b] **The results are in for Templeton’s Clean Up Week.** “Community participants picked up .54 TONS off the streets and out of our waterways over the course of the one-week this year,” reported Templeton Recreation Supervisor Melissa Johnson. “We had 23 groups [totaling approximately 90 people] participating to much success!” Johnson went on to share that the biggest find of the year was a large bag of classic books that were redistributed to neighbors by the person who found them.

[c] **Speaking of Books** – Word is that the Book Room at Len’s Place (Recreation Department Building) will be reopening soon. More on this as the information becomes available.

REMINDER

Don’t forget that the current Calendar of meetings for the week October 5-12 and a link to the 10-day Templeton weather forecast, along with the events Bulletin Board, and the most recent news editions are available on the Soaring Eagle Press website (please [CLICK HERE](#)).

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