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San Mateo County Releases Updated Pandemic Recovery Framework to Guide School Reopening

SAN MATEO COUNTY, CA – The San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE), San Mateo County Health, and the Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities released today an updated version of the [Pandemic Recovery Framework](#) (PRF). The PRF provides school leaders with health, education, and legal guidance needed to guide their plans to reopen for in-person instruction.

The updated version of the PRF reflects the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), as well as recent guidance from the California Department of Public Health. The PRF also includes detailed case and contact tracing guidance from San Mateo County Health.

SMCOE and San Mateo County Health collaborated closely on crafting the updated guidance, which is based on science and best practices, places a special focus on equity and serving students with special needs, and is built around the Four Pillars for a safe return to in-person instruction – health and hygiene, face coverings, physical distancing, and limiting gatherings.

San Mateo County Health and the California Department of Public Health have approved the waiver applications of [20 schools](#) in the county that have used the PRF to develop plans to bring students back on campus for in-person instruction.

"The Pandemic Recovery Framework reflects the best – and safest – path for bringing students and school staff back on campus for in-person instruction," said San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools Nancy Magee. "The expertise and guidance provided by San Mateo County Health in collaboration with the San Mateo County Office of Education, provides school leaders with the most current information and protocols to help guide school operations decisions for schools countywide."

For more information on the Pandemic Recovery Framework as well as related resources, visit the [SMCOE website](#).

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