



## TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 8, 2021

Dear Tam District Families,

Welcome back. We understand that this has been a difficult week and hope you are finding time to process your thoughts and feelings about what occurred at our nation's Capitol. Some images shared of the event depicted racist and antisemitic ideas, which are antithetical to the founding ideals of our nation and to what we stand for as a learning institution. We, as a district, remain committed to disrupting racism, antisemitism and biases of all kinds through continuous learning for our students and adults. Democracy is not guaranteed, it is maintained through collective action and belief in a system based on rule by the people, for the people and grounded in justice. It is our job to be active, engaged citizens and to diligently work towards a truly representative government that serves all equally. For some resources on discussing issues in the news with your students, please click [here](#).

As we start the semester, Marin County remains in the Purple Tier (widespread) on the state's monitoring system, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). Further, the county's [stay-at-home order](#) has been extended and the state has issued a new [travel advisory](#). While the governor has issued new school reopening guidelines, they do not currently apply secondary schools. Therefore, we will continue to operate under existing guidance, which states that we can begin in person learning 2 weeks after we return to the Red Tier. Therefore, we will not be able to transition to a hybrid model on January 19th as hoped. We do not have a new target date given the current COVID-19 numbers in Marin. Once we have a new target date, we will communicate that information. In order to return to the Red Tier, the county must meet the Red Tier data requirements for 2 consecutive weeks.

The state has issued a new plan to return all California students to in person learning during the spring of 2021. The plan, which currently focuses largely on TK-6, is based on 4 pillars; funding, safety and mitigation, oversight and assistance, transparency and accountability. For more information on the state's updated guidelines, Safe Return for All Schools, please visit this [website](#). We appreciate the focus the governor has put on supporting schools.

We continue to receive reports of students gathering at homes, indoors and without masks. Please remind your students that there is an active [stay-at-home order](#) and that the most common cause of transmission of COVID-19 in Marin, per public health, is indoor gatherings of people from outside the immediate household. We are very close to gaining the upper hand on this illness, but we are not yet there and it is essential that we all do our part to continue to mitigate its spread.

### As a reminder of the current public health orders:

- **Gathering** is defined as more than one household gathering inside or outside at a residence.
  - Permitted gatherings include: organized sports/activities, childcare and/or outdoor recreational activities (hiking, biking, surfing, etc.)

- **Traveling** is defined as more than 120 miles from your residence for non-essential purposes. It is important to note that any Marin County resident who engages in non-essential travel is violating a state order.
- **Here** is more information about the Stay at Home Order.

If you are concerned that you or a family member has been exposed to COVID or is showing symptoms of COVID, please secure a test and quarantine until you receive a negative test or 10 days have passed since symptoms subsided. For more information on obtaining a test, please see the resources [here](#).

For information on our Return to In-Person Learning Plan, please see our FAQ, linked [here](#). This document is updated regularly.

#### **Athletics update:**

The California Interscholastic Federation issued a press release on January 6, 2021, which can be found [here](#). The return to competition date is tentatively scheduled for January 25th, but that date is dependent on COVID-19 spread within the state of California.

- Marin County Public Health, at this time, is continuing to allow youth athletic workouts under additional safety guidelines:
  - No indoor athletic activities are permitted at this time.
  - Athletes must wear a mask during outdoor athletic activities except for swimming and water polo.
  - Athletes must wear a mask while walking to and from their cars and/or while waiting to be picked up.
- Please see the updated communication and guidelines from CIF below:
  - [CIF COVID-19 modifications letter](#)
  - [CIF All Sports Guidelines](#)
  - [CIF COVID-19 Based Modifications Summary](#)

#### **Reminders:**

Mental Health Services

The District's **Virtual Wellness Center** has resources for students and families. If you or your student are in need of support, please contact your student's counselor, wellness coordinator, or administrator.

Thank you and we look forward to a positive and productive spring semester.

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