

Richmond Elementary School

Reopening Guidelines

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Dear Richmond Families,

On Friday, July 17, 2020, California Governor Newsom published [Pandemic Plan for Learning and Safe Schools](#), which outlines the guidelines schools need to meet in order to reopen. In brief, this plan allows schools to reopen under the conditions set forth by the Governor and outlined below.

**Richmond Elementary will reopen on August 19, 2020 if the following conditions are met:**

1. Lassen County must **NOT** be listed on the California Department of Public Health's [County Monitoring List](#) for the 14 days prior to beginning instruction on August 19, 2020.

**Richmond Elementary will be allowed to remain open after August 19, 2020, if, and only if, the following:**

1. Lassen County remains off the California Department of Public Health's County Monitoring List for the most current 14-day period throughout the school year.
2. All students and staff remain free of a positive Covid-19 diagnosis.
3. All students and staff in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above wear a face covering.
4. All members of our school community practice social distancing.
5. All members of our community participate in daily health checks (e.g. touchless thermometer verification of no fever).

For more information on the above mandates, please see [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs](#).

Richmond Elementary is committed to facilitating the reopening of our school and welcome our students back. We also want to do everything possible to keep our doors open throughout the 2020-2021 school year. To meet this end, we need your support, understanding and feedback in the coming weeks and months as we develop our plans in a student-centered way that makes these requirements as seamless as possible. Your support will help us provide the best possible year for all of our students, despite these new requirements. Please share your feedback by clicking on the Richmond Reopening Survey link at the end of this letter.

**Richmond Elementary will provide Distance Learning for any family who prefers their student to remain at home during the 2020-2021 school year.**

Richmond Elementary is committed to offering Distance Learning to child/ children whose parents/ guardians prefer their student to remain at home. More information will become

available soon. If you are interested in this option, please complete the survey at the end of this letter.

### **What Can You Do To Help?**

1. Talk to your child/ children so that they know school may look a bit different, but that we will help and support each of our students throughout this challenging time because we are Richmond and we care.
2. Children often emulate their parents/ caregivers, so please explain to your child/ children that following rules may not always be something they want do but that it will be necessary in order for Richmond to open and stay open.
3. Wear a mask. Show your child that you are in this with them and they are not alone.
4. Come to one of our grade-level virtual & in-person Town Hall meetings in August (dates to be announced soon) to ask questions, get support from other parents, and organize, plan and network with other parents!
5. Reach out if you have questions or need help. Our new Superintendent/ Principal Sabrina Greiten can be reached via email [sgreiten@richmondelementary.com](mailto:sgreiten@richmondelementary.com) or by calling her direct line at: 530-257-1311.
6. Participate in the **Richmond Reopening and Distance Learning Survey**. We need your feedback! Please click the link [here](#) to open the survey in a separate window.

*Look for updates to our Website each Wednesday, beginning today, Wednesday, July 22, 2020.*

Hyperlinks provided in this letter are also provided below:

1. Pandemic Plan for Learning and Safe Schools:  
<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/07/17/governor-gavin-newsom-lays-out-pandemic-plan-for-learning-and-safe-schools/>
2. California County Monitoring List: <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/#track-data>
3. COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs:  
<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>
4. Richmond Reopening and Distance Learning Survey:  
<https://forms.gle/ZYhYnFT7y4b9XgL28>

Please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Greiten

Superintendent/ Principal, Richmond Elementary School