



RUSD Headline News Wednesday, March 24, 2021

A Message from Superintendent, Dr. Nancy Lynch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday, Marin Public Health announced some very helpful updates to the guidelines for reopening schools that I am excited to share with you today. I am incredibly proud of the RUSD team and community for continuing to focus on student learning and well-being while following the ever-changing guidance and science pertaining to COVID-19.

Marin County Moves to Orange Tier

First and foremost, Marin County entered the Orange Tier today which means that businesses can open more fully. It is still important to remember that physical safety measures will remain in place including mask wearing, physical distancing and frequent hand washing when in public.

Marin Public Health Released Updated 30-Point Guidance

Marin County [Guidelines for Return to Site-based Classroom Instruction](#) was updated and released yesterday. Our administrative team has updated our School Site Specific Protection Plans (SSSPP) to incorporate this new guidance. Plans are being reviewed by teams this week and will be posted to the RUSD and school websites next Monday.

3-Foot Distance Between Students

The updated 30-Point Guidance includes a new decision from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) that shifts the allowable distance between students in the classroom to 3 feet. This is a game changer for reopening high schools. RUSD classrooms will still be able to maintain 4 feet distance to accommodate all students in the classroom.

Del Mar Moves Up Schedule for 6-hour day on Campus

In my [March 10th Headline News](#), I announced plans for extending our on-campus school hours. With updated guidance from Public Health, and scheduling adjustments, Del Mar is able to move to a 6-hour day (5 days per

week), with lunch on campus, starting on April 19th. Students will still be able to stay in their stable classroom groups. Additionally, students will have another 45 minutes in the afternoon to participate in virtual office hours and clubs which makes the Del Mar day 6 hours and 45 minutes in total.

Yesterday, the Tamalpais Union High School District announced that it is able to welcome back all students 5 days per week following Spring Recess. There is a perception in the community that they are returning to full school day schedules which is not true. Their school days will be shorter than the regular school day with students attending 4 hours 45 minutes on Mondays and 5 hours Tuesday-Friday.

All RUSD Students Will Transition to a Nearly Full Day Schedule on April 19th

All students will have very similar instructional minutes as a regular school day, pre-COVID-19 since the time that has been reduced is mainly a result of decreasing the time for recess and lunch periods. At Reed and Bel Aire, students will be on campus for 4.5 hours per day on Mondays, and 5.5 hours per day on Tuesday – Friday. At Del Mar, students will be on campus for 6 hours per day, with optional office hours and clubs resuming after school Tuesday – Friday. Stable classroom groups must still be maintained throughout the day, and we must still avoid school wide mixing of students and staff, according to the updated public health guidelines. The day still accommodates staggered start/end times and allows time for teachers to check-in and provide instruction or supports to students who are ill or under quarantine that are accessing the Test or 10 learning plans at home.

Distance Learning Following Spring Recess

Marin Public Health is still strongly advising quarantine after travel out of state. Additionally, school districts throughout the county are requiring that students and staff quarantine after travel during Spring Recess who are not fully vaccinated. As such, RUSD will continue to have the week following Spring Recess (April 12 – 16) be distance learning in recognition that many families are traveling over the break and we have had individuals test positive or be exposed to COVID-19 that was determined following previous vacations during the distance learning week.

Updated FAQs from RUSD Nurses

Please see the newly created answers to [frequently asked questions](#) from Nurses Mankin and Farasati.

Warm regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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AUCTION 2021

The Foundation Spring Event is a Silent Auction! From **May 3rd-7th** enjoy a week-long, fun-filled chance to bid on exciting items. Our spring event is always a time to come together as a community to have some fun! Here are some ways to get involved...

DONATE AN AUCTION ITEM

Donate a vacation home, event tickets, art, wine, or experiences such as boat trips. Email Tai Carpi for more information at tai.carpi@me.com



HOST A SIGN-UP PARTY



You host and the proceeds go to FRS! Determine the theme of your COVID safe party - be as creative as you like - and decide if it is for kids, families, moms, dads, or couples. Many parents team up to host together!

For more information, contact Tina Davis at tina_e_davis@yahoo.com and Morgan Greenberg at morgan.greenberg@me.com

VOLUNTEER

Join our volunteer team! We can use your help for...

- Student Art
- Grade level gift baskets
- And lots of other jobs big and small!

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Julie Stewart, and learn how to get involved at julie.ohara@gmail.com

