

December 9, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may know, Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a regional stay-at-home order that will impact many businesses and industries in San Diego County for at least three weeks, starting this month. The order is applicable in areas where hospitals' intensive care unit (ICU) capacity falls below 15%.

The order does not modify existing state guidance regarding K-12 schools. Our district will continue our distance learning program with targeted small group support to our most vulnerable students - including keeping open the Extended Day Programs at Lemon Grove Academy Elementary, Vista La Mesa Academy, and San Miguel Elementary.

The order, which divides California into five regions, prohibits private gatherings of any size; closes operations for sectors such as bars and wineries, and salons; and requires 100% masking and physical distancing in retail and other sectors. San Diego County is in the Southern California Tier, which also includes Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties. You can find more details about the order on the state's website (<https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#regional>).

We are closely monitoring the situation and will work with local public health as we move forward. I will also continue to share updates as they become available. You can find the most current information on our district's reopening plans by visiting our district website (https://www.lemongrovesd.net/apps/bbmessages/show_bbm.jsp?REC_ID=129553). We can also mail a copy to you, if you do not have access to the internet or a printer. Please call us at 619-825-5600 if you would like us to mail a copy to your home.

If you have any questions, you may contact us via phone at 619-825-5600. You can also email any questions or concerns to communications@lemongrovesd.net.

I appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we adjust to these ever-changing conditions.

Sincerely,

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