

A decorative banner at the top of the page features a repeating pattern of bright yellow lemons with green leaves on a light pink background. A dark green rectangular box is centered over the lemons, containing the text "What's Happening in the Grove?" in a white, cursive-style font.

What's Happening in the Grove?

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Update on Return-to-School

I am writing to provide an update regarding a return to in-person learning. Unfortunately, at this time, we don't have a definitive return date scheduled. The COVID infection case rate is at an all-time high, currently at [69.7 per 100,000 people](#), as reported on the County of San Diego COVID Dashboard. Our goal had been to return to in-person learning in the hybrid model when the case rate fell below 6.9 cases per 100,000 people. As you can see, we are far from that target.

We just received new information from the San Diego County Office of Education and the County of San Diego:

- K-6 schools in counties in Purple Tier with a case rate of greater than 25: Schools serving students in grades K-6 may not reopen for in-person instruction in counties with adjusted case rate above 25 cases per 100,000 population per day. Schools are not permitted to resume in-person instruction until the adjusted case rate has been less than 25 per 100,000 population per day for at least five consecutive days.
- Schools may not reopen for grades 7-12 if the county is in Purple Tier.

Among other highlights in the new guidance:

- Minimum distance requirements: 6 feet between adults, no less than 4 feet between students in classrooms
- Facial coverings required for all students - regardless of age
- Waiver requests will be approved over seven business days (not five, as before)

We have been able to make progress in bringing very small groups of students back to school in a small cohort model, as allowed by guidance from the [California Public Health Department](#). To that end, we have a number of different programs operating at some of our schools:

- We have an afternoon Extended Day Program (EDP) offered at Lemon Grove Academy Elementary, San Miguel Elementary, and Vista La Mesa. Only students currently enrolled in the EDP are eligible to participate in this partial day (afternoons only) option. Students attend school virtually online in the morning, and come to campus in the afternoon for enrichment and homework support.

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- We have a partnership with the City of Lemon Grove, where the City operates a Day Camp program (full-day) for students in grades K-6. We are able to underwrite the weekly cost of this program for LGSD students if they qualify for free or reduced lunch. Students enrolled in Day Camp receive their instruction virtual online, while supervised by trained staff. There is a maximum capacity in this program.
- We are also offering small cohorts on several campuses, where we have students on campus who have really struggled with distance learning, typically with internet connection issues, serious lack of participation in online classes, or social-emotional issues. Students still receive their instruction virtually/online from their regular classroom teacher. They are on campus, supervised by other school staff.

Resources for Parents (Videos and Guides)

Staying Sane: Tips for Parenting in Unprecedented Times

As we continue in virtual learning online, parents are taking on a more intensive support role with their child. Managing schedules, assigning projects, coming up ways to engage your child - it can be overwhelming. We are sharing with you with some free resources and tools to support as you help your children learn at home.

- A [free handbook for parents](#) that was created in partnership with UCSD (free and available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#))
- Here is a link to the [UCTV free video series](#). This is available to view through the UCTV channel, the San Diego County Office of Education channel, iTV, and YouTube.

NEW! Direct and Live Technology Help Desk for Families and Students

To help streamline support for families and students the Technology department has hired a full time support staff member that is tasked with phone / ticket support.

This enables the department to have dedicated, bilingual English / Spanish support that can be directly contacted by families, eliminating the need for teachers to get involved and allowing them to focus on teaching rather than technical issues.



By dialing the district number 858-825-5600 and immediately dialing x3000 direct support is available Monday through Friday 7:30am to 4:00pm. Support requests can also be made by emailing helpdesk@lemongrovesd.net.

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Healthy and Delicious Food for ALL LGSD Families is Available

We welcome any and all of our Lemon Grove families to pick up food from our schools. All food is healthy and follows USDA nutrition guidelines. There is no cost to any family that participates.

Lemon Grove School District – Nutrition Services				Lemon Grove School District – Nutrition Services			
<p>FREE MEALS</p> <p>AVAILABLE TO ALL CHILDREN 18 & UNDER</p>		<p>Bulk Meal Pick Up</p> 		<p>COMIDA GRATIS</p> <p>DISPONIBLE PARA TODOS LOS NIÑOS DE 18 AÑOS Y MENORES</p>		<p>Distribucion de bolsas de comida</p> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curb side meal pick up • Bulk meal packs include breakfast, lunch and supper (snacks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pick up once a week - 7 days of meals at the Alvarez Auditorium or Vista La Mesa Academy ○ Pick up twice weekly - 3 days of meals and 4 days of meals at any of our other school locations • Children do not need to be present • Families may pick up at any participating location, but only one location per week 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribucion de comida junto a la banqueta/acera • Los paquetes con las bolsas de comida incluyen desayunos, almuerzos y cenas (snacks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recoger una vez por semana - incluirá las comidas para todos los 7 días de la semana) en el auditorio Alvarez o Vista La Mesa Academy ○ O recoger 2 veces por semana - repartidos en 3 días de comidas y 4 días de comidas en cualquiera de las otras localizaciones escolares • Los niños no necesitan estar presentes cuando se recoja la comida • Las familias pueden recoger la comida en cualquiera de las localidades que participan por semana 			
SCHOOL SITE	MEAL PICK UP DAYS/TIMES	LOCATION	CONTACT NUMBER	ESCUELAS	DIAS/HORARIO DE ENTREGA COMIDAS	LOCACION	NÚM. DE CONTACTO
Lemon Grove Academy Elementary/Middle	Monday-Friday 7:15 AM—1:15 PM	Alvarez Auditorium 3121 School Lane, Lemon Grove	619-825-5631	Lemon Grove Academy Elementary/Middle	lunes a viernes 7:15 AM—1:15 PM	Alvarez Auditorium 3121 School Lane, Lemon Grove	619-825-5631
Monterey Heights Elementary	Tuesdays/Fridays 7:15 AM—9:30 AM	7550 Canton Drive, Lemon Grove	619-825-5600 x2462	Monterey Heights Elementary	martes y viernes 7:15 AM—9:30 AM	7550 Canton Drive, Lemon Grove	619-825-5600 x2462
Mt. Vernon School	Tuesdays/Fridays 7:15 AM—9:30 AM	8350 Mount Vernon Street, Lemon Grove	619-825-5615	Mt. Vernon School	martes y viernes 7:15 AM—9:30 AM	8350 Mount Vernon Street, Lemon Grove	619-825-5615
San Altos Elementary	Tuesdays/Fridays 7:15 AM—9:30 AM	1750 Madera Street, Lemon Grove	619-825-5600 x2762	San Altos Elementary	martes y viernes 7:15 AM—9:30 AM	1750 Madera Street, Lemon Grove	619-825-5600 x2762
San Miguel Elementary	Thursdays 7:15 AM—10:00 AM	7059 San Miguel Avenue, Lemon Grove	619-825-5600 x2562	San Miguel Elementary	jueves 7:15 AM—10:00 AM	7059 San Miguel Avenue, Lemon Grove	619-825-5600 x2562
Vista La Mesa Academy	Thursdays 7:15 AM—10:00 AM	3900 Violet Street, La Mesa	619-825-5600 x2327	Vista La Mesa Academy	jueves 7:15 AM—10:00 AM	3900 Violet Street, La Mesa	619-825-5600 x2327

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

As a reminder, the Lemon Grove School District Celebrates MLK, Jr. Day on Monday, January 18th. There is no school on this day.

Why do we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday? Celebrated on the third Monday in January, Martin Luther King Day is a national holiday that honors the United States' most famous civil-rights activist. The Rev. Dr. King's peaceful struggle against racial discrimination came to national attention in 1955, when he led a boycott protesting laws that required blacks and whites to sit in separate sections on buses. He was jailed and physically attacked, and his home was bombed, but in 1956 the Supreme Court declared such laws unconstitutional. In 1963, King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech before a quarter million people during the peaceful March on Washington, D.C. The next year he became the youngest man, at 35, to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. He continued fighting for civil rights and against poverty until an assassin's bullet ended his life on April 4, 1968.

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Parent Engagement Opportunities

Father-sations in Education

A six-part series for Fathers, Father-figures, and Allies, creating a community for fathers to talk and connect. You are cordially invited to our first conversation:

"A Father's Loyalty"

Wed. Jan 20, 5pm

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/yxvlrj3v>

My Distance Learning Experience As A Parent

Title: My Distance Learning Experience As A Parent

Description: Connect and share your voice! Inviting all parents and guardians to tell us about their experience with distance learning.

Calendar Event dates for My Distance Learning Experience As A Parent:

1. **Lemon Grove Academy Elementary:** Monday, January 25, 5:00-6:00 pm LGAE Zoom link: <https://lemongrovesd.zoom.us/j/86157799104?pwd=cCtsS3lxQWdGM2V0RjhiS0lFbJl6dz09>
2. **Lemon Grove Academy Middle:** Tuesday, January 19, 6:00-7:00 pm LGAM Zoom link: <https://lemongrovesd.zoom.us/j/84661047629?pwd=eHJFRStpMW1iY3RTWGVvL3l1dUw5UT09>
3. **Mt. Vernon:** Tuesday, January 26, 5:00-6:00 pm MV Zoom link: <https://lemongrovesd.zoom.us/j/82012054864?pwd=VW5Ub3dkTHhXc3JkVTVzV3NrcEFNUT09>
4. **Vista La Mesa Academy:** Thursday, January 21, 4:00-5:00 pm VLMA Zoom link: <https://lemongrovesd.zoom.us/j/82511017524?pwd=cGR6SkdUWWZldjQyT3B1OGoyRnY1QT09>