



COVID-19 UPDATES

March 4, 2021

State/County Update:

Governor Newsom and State lawmakers have agreed to allow schools to open by the end of March, but this is only for K-2. Under the plan, once counties move into the red tier - with daily rates below seven (7) per 100,000 residents - schools must open to at least one grade in middle school and high school. TJUHSD is planning to bring all grade levels once we move into the red tier.

District Update:

Many of our parents and others in the community have asked why other high schools in surrounding counties have been able to open and we haven't. I would like to clarify the confusion. Currently there aren't any high schools in Tulare County other than a Charter school that have been allowed to open. Kings County and Fresno County previously reached the red tier and then fell back to the purple tier. The state guidelines allow for any school to open in the red tier and stay open if their county reverts back into the purple tier. Tulare County has never reached the red tier, so we have never been allowed to open while under the purple tier.

Vaccinations:

The vaccination clinic on February 20th with our partner Altura Centers for Health was a huge success. They vaccinated approximately 190 staff members. Tulare County Office of Education also held another vaccination clinic this past weekend and more staff were able to get vaccinated. We will continue to have more opportunities for our staff to get vaccinated, so we can be ready to when we are allowed to re-open.

Update for Opening of Schools-Hybrid Schedule:

Since we are progressing closer to the red tier, we are presenting a review and update on the hybrid schedule for when we re-open the schools. [Transition to Hybrid Presentation.](#)