

Friday, December 4, 2020

Dear Holy Trinity School Community,

As you may know, yesterday 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 school may continue to remain open for in-person instruction since we reopened while the county was in a less restrictive tier on September 1.

Schools are still required to follow the Schools Guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) which outlines requirements for safe conditions, testing and tracing. Schools may be required to close if a certain percentage of staff and students are diagnosed with Covid-19. As mentioned in yesterday's school newsletter, the percentage for Holy Trinity School is five percent. So, if seven individuals from our school community are diagnosed with Covid-19, or multiple cohorts have cases, we may be required to close our school for in-person instruction and transition to full remote distance learning. Therefore, we strongly urge you to remain vigilant and maintain safe and healthy practices while outside of campus with your family, especially with the upcoming Christmas holidays ahead. [All existing guidance applicable to schools](#) can be found on the CDPH website.

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](#).

We are closely monitoring the situation and will continue to 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 regarding our school's Covid-19 Response Updates on our [school website](#). I appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we adjust to these ever-changing conditions.

Together in Mission,

Mrs. Marentez