

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

Moving from Red Tier to Purple Tier Status Updates for Schools

Schools

- Only schools that have fully reopened¹ for in-person instruction prior to November 17, 2020, may continue to stay open.
- Schools in counties within Tier 1 are not permitted to reopen for in-person instruction, with an exception for waivers granted by local health departments for TK-6 grades. Schools that are not authorized to reopen, including TK-6 schools that have not received a waiver, may provide structured, in-person supervision and services to at-risk students under the [Guidance for Small Cohorts/Groups of Children and Youth](#).

Continuance of Phased Re-opening

- Prior to continuing with a phased re-opening, schools that have partially reopened² will need to request review and approval from the Orange County Health Officer. At this time, the review and approval process is not yet finalized. Interested schools should contact the Orange County Health Care Agency via email to: CCICOVIDSchools@ochca.com.
- TK-6 schools who have not fully opened or partially opened for in-person instruction may submit a waiver to reopen. Interested schools should contact the Orange County Health Care Agency via email to: TK-6Waiver@OCHCA.com

Continuance of Structured In-Person Supervision and Services

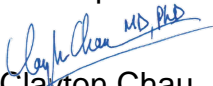
Schools that have only opened to provide structured in-person supervision and services (ie, students with disabilities, English language learners, at-risk students) may only continue to operate under the [CDPH Guidance for Small Cohorts/Groups of Children and Youth](#).

Process for Moving through Tiers

While the State has enacted recent changes to county tier assignments in response to the unprecedented surge in the rate of increase in COVID cases, the process for moving through the tiers remains unchanged.

To advance to a less restrictive tier:

- A county must have been in the current tier for a minimum of three weeks.
- A county must meet criteria for the next less restrictive tier for both measures for the prior two consecutive weeks in order to progress to the next tier.



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¹ Fully reopened – all regular grade levels within a campus have reopened for in-person instruction

² Partially reopened – only selected regular grade levels within a campus have reopened for in-person instruction