California’s Bottom Line

Learning is non-negotiable.

Schools must provide meaningful instruction during the pandemic whether they are physically open or closed.
Students, teachers, staff, and parents prefer in-classroom instruction — but only if it can be done safely.

Safety is determined by local health data.
California’s Pandemic Plan for Schools

1. Safe in-person school based on local health data
2. Mask requirements
3. Physical distancing + other adaptations
4. Regular testing + dedicated contact tracing
5. Rigorous distance learning
Using health data, schools can physically open when its county has been off the Monitoring List for 14 consecutive days.

Schools that don’t meet this requirement must begin the year distance learning.
2. Mask Requirements

- All school staff and students in 3rd grade and above must wear masks
- Students in 2nd grade and below are encouraged to wear masks or face shields
3. Physical Distancing & Other Adaptations

• Staff must maintain 6 ft between each other and with students
• Symptom checks
• Hand washing stations
• Sanitation and disinfection
• Quarantine protocols
4. Testing and Contact Tracing

- Requirement to test staff regularly
- State contact tracing workforce will prioritize schools
5. Rigorous Distance Learning

**New Statewide Requirements:**

- Access to devices and connectivity for all kids
- Daily live interaction with teachers and other students
- Challenging assignments equivalent to in-person classes
- Adapted lessons for English language learners and special education students
The State has invested $5.3 billion in additional funding with priority on equity.
When Should In-Person Learning Close?

• Schools should consult with a public health officer first
• A classroom cohort goes home when there is a confirmed case
• A school goes home when multiple cohorts have cases or more than 5% of school is positive
• A district goes home if 25% of their schools are closed within a 14-day period
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Neither is safety.
Today’s COVID-19 Case Numbers

9,986  
July 16

8,838  
7-Day Average
Total Tests vs. Positivity Rate

40.8%

124,052 7-day average of daily tests

7.4%
14-Day Look at Test Positivity Rate

Daily Tests | Positivity
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7/3 | 6.9% (102,000)
7/4 | 7.0% (120,000)
7/5 | 7.3% (122,000)
7/6 | 7.3% (144,000)
7/7 | 7.4% (160,000)
7/8 | 6.9% (120,000)
7/9 | 7.3% (122,000)
7/10 | 7.4% (160,000)
7/11 | 7.4% (160,000)
7/12 | 7.4% (160,000)
7/13 | 7.4% (160,000)
7/14 | 7.4% (160,000)
7/15 | 7.4% (160,000)
7/16 | 7.4% (160,000)
COVID-19+ Hospitalizations are Increasing

- 5,595 on 7/3
- 6,171 on 7/9
- 6,808 on 7/16
California’s Healthcare System Capacity

- 73,867 Hospital Beds
- 46,869 Admitted Patients
- 6,808 COVID-19 Patients
- 63% Of Hospital Beds
- 9.2% Of Hospital Beds
COVID-19+ ICU Admissions are Increasing

1,682 7/3
1,777 7/9
1,777 7/9
1,941 7/16
California’s Critical Care Capacity

- **1,941** Total ICU COVID-19+ Patients
- **3,802** Total ICU & NICU Beds Available
- **11,711** Total ICU & NICU Beds
- **10,332** Ventilators Available

**ICU Capacity**

- **COVID-19+ ICU Patients 16.6%**
Counties on Monitoring List for 3+ Days

- Alameda
- Colusa
- Contra Costa
- Fresno
- Glenn
- Imperial
- Kings
- Los Angeles
- Madera
- Marin
- Merced
- Monterey
- Napa
- Orange
- Placer
- Riverside
- Sacramento
- San Benito
- San Bernardino
- San Diego
- San Joaquin
- San Luis Obispo
- Santa Barbara
- Santa Clara
- Solano
- Sonoma
- Stanislaus
- Sutter
- Tulare
- Ventura
- Yolo
- Yuba
REMINDER: Your Actions Can Save Lives

Wear a mask
Physically distance
Wash your hands
Minimize mixing
Learn more at covid19.ca.gov