

State and Local Update for Parents

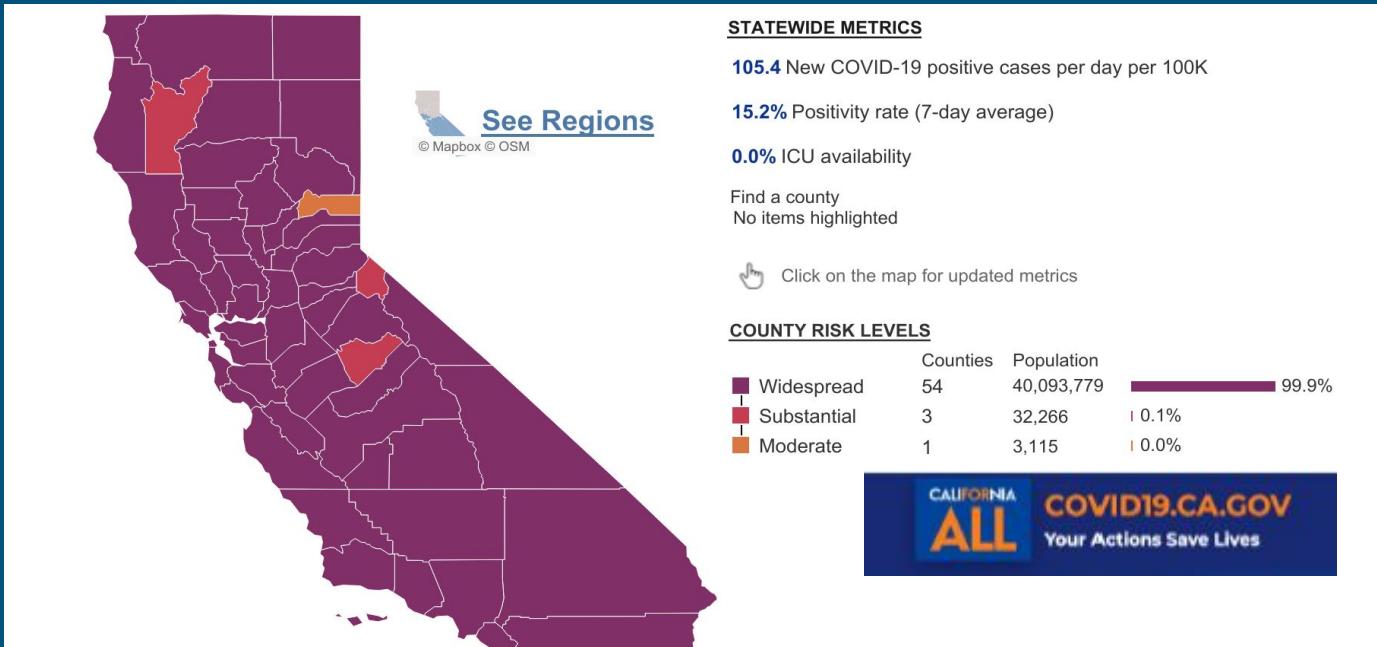
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Where is the State of California



As of January 21, California has 3,039,044 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 35,004 deaths. The number of COVID-related deaths increased by 1.7 percent from the prior day total of 34,433.



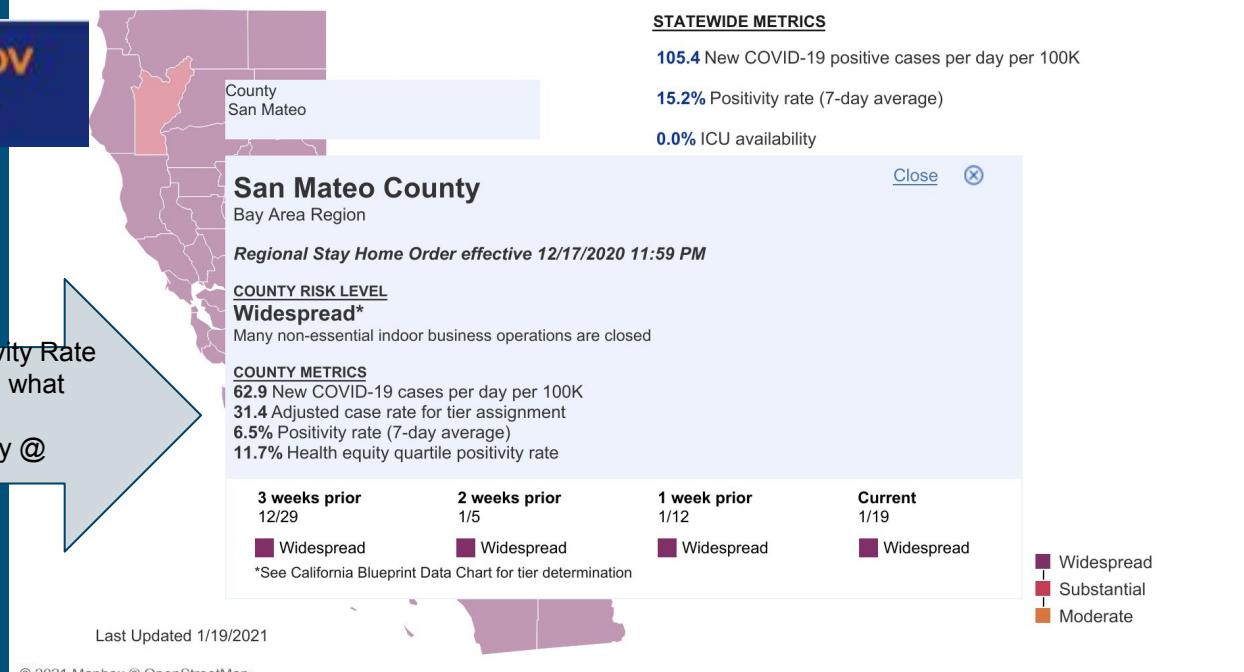
Where is San Mateo County



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Adjusted Case Rates (31.4) and Positivity Rate (6.5%), Health Equity Rate (11.7%) are what qualify SMC for “Purple Tier,” ICU Bed availability determines the regions “Stay @ Home” orders.



When Can NDB Reopen



County risk level	Adjusted case rate*	Positivity rate**	
WIDESPREAD	More than 7.0 Daily new cases (per 100k)	More than 8.0% Positive tests	Entire county
SUBSTANTIAL	4.0 – 7.0 Daily new cases (per 100k)	5.0 – 8.0% Positive tests	Healthy equity quartile
MODERATE	1.0 – 3.9 Daily new cases (per 100k)	2.0 – 4.9% Positive tests	2.2 – 5.2% Positive tests
MINIMAL	Less than 1.0 Daily new cases (per 100k)	Less than 2.0% Positive tests	Less than 2.2% Positive tests

*Small counties (those with a population less than 106,000) may be subject to alternate case assessment measures for purposes of tier assignment.

**Health equity metric is not applied for small counties. The health equity metric is used to move to a less restrictive tier.

- NDB may reopen when schools are in the Substantial “red tier” for 5 days. Meaning SMC meets ALL of the following criteria:
 - Adjusted Case Rate- 7.0 or less
 - Positivity Rate - 8% or less
 - PR (Health Equity Quartile) - 8% or less
- As noted on the previous slide SM County rates are currently as follows:
 - Adjusted Case Rate - 31.4
 - Positivity Rate- 6.5%
 - PR (Health Equity Quartile) - 11.7%



State Updated Guidelines

- Governor Newsom updated the “Safe Schools for All” plan on January 14th. The standards have been increased making it more difficult to reopen, especially when in the purple tier, although elementary schools may now reopen while in purple if their case rates are at 24 or below, per 100k people. Schools currently scheduled to reopen this past week received calls from the county telling them that based on the new guidelines they could not reopen.
- Good news is that NDB can meet these guidelines right away. Our COVID protocols and processes meet and exceed the new state guidelines, after we are in the red tier for 5 days, or if the state revises their rules to allow high schools to reopen under the same rules as elementary schools.



State and Local Updates

- The Bay Area Region remains in a Regional Stay @ Home order due to ICU bed availability in the region. As of last night ICU capacity in the Bay Area Region was 7%. The region must reach above 15% with steady projected availability for the Stay at Home Order to be removed. The Bay Area Region is comprised of the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma.
- Research continues as to the prevalence & nature of the various new strains of the virus including those thought to be more easily spread. Research continues to indicate that schools remain relatively safe even as the new strains of the virus are concerned. However more research needs to be conducted to have confidence that this is likely to hold. All research about spread in schools are dependent on strict adherence to safety protocols including: distancing, masking and limited gatherings. Again NDB is well prepared to adhere to the highest level of safety protocols on campus.



State and Local Updates- Vaccines

- In SMC vaccine administration is still focused on 1A workers.
- Some smaller counties have been able to begin with some 1B workers but that's rare
- As SMC Health Officer, Dr. Scott Morrow bluntly described in his written update three days ago, vaccine distribution in the State of California has not proven successful, this directly impacts our county's ability to obtain sufficient vaccine supply to move past 1A workers.
- Good news is that our school nurse has qualified under Tier 1A.

Phase 1A	Phase 1B	Phase 1C
<p>About 3 million people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthcare workers• Long-term care residents <p>See CDPH Allocation Guidelines for Phase 1a</p>	<p>1B Tier One:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individuals 65 and older• Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Education and childcare◦ Emergency services◦ Food and agriculture <p>1B Tier Two:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Transportation and logistics◦ Industrial, commercial, residential, and sheltering facilities and services◦ Critical manufacturing• Congregate settings with outbreak risk:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Incarcerated◦ Homeless	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individuals 50 -64 years of age• People 16-49 years of age who have an underlying health condition or disability which increases their risk of severe COVID-19• Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Water and wastewater◦ Defense◦ Energy◦ Chemical and hazardous materials◦ Communications and IT◦ Financial services◦ Government operations / community-based essential functions



Reminders

- **Travel reminder-** If you travel outside of the Bay Area Region the County of SM has implemented a 14 day quarantine period upon your return. Students may not return to campus for activities/pods until after the 14 day quarantine period is over.
- **Student Covid Testing-** Students coming onto campus for activities/pods must be tested the week prior to coming onto campus. If you have further questions on the testing being performed please review our Student Covid testing FAQ page located on our COVID 19 Updates page. For any additional questions please contact our School Nurse “Bridget Wylie, R.N” at bwylie@ndhsb.org.

“Friendly Reminder - If we want our daughters back in school in-person we must follow some simple guidelines, even and especially when it’s hard to do so. Everyone must wear a facemask outside of the home, maintain physical distancing, and eliminate interactions to the extent possible both personally and as a family with those outside of our household. We are all in this together. There is only one way to do this; we are all part of the solution.”

Resources



Resources, policies, processes and other information can be found on the Notre Dame High School website, under "[Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) NDB Community Updates](#)". The link for this site is located on the front page of the website.

This presentation will be posted on our [Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) NDB Community Updates](#) webpage later today.