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Dear Parents / Guardians:

We have begun a historical school year in which children, school staff, and families have returned to school - virtually. If we stay vigilant and follow public health guidance, we can safely and successfully return to in-person schooling. Today the COVID-19 case rate in Marin County is 110.4 cases per 100,000 persons. Our goal is maintaining a case rate less than 100 cases per 100,000 persons for 14 consecutive days, which will allow schools to reopen for in-classroom instruction. Please take time to review the following “back to school” requirements and recommendations:

- California law requires all children enrolled in state schools, both public and private, to have certain immunizations. Marin County schools are required check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry. These requirements remain in effect for students enrolled in distance learning. Visit <https://www.shotsforschool.org/> to learn more about school vaccination requirements.
- Marin County Public Health is strongly encouraging all children, families, and school staff to receive the influenzae vaccine. During the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, where COVID-19, like influenza, causes respiratory symptoms, it is even more critical.
- Limit travel and social activity to limit COVID-transmission in your household. Remember children can only participate in up to two childcare and youth programs simultaneously.
- Instruct your child in safely wearing and taking off face covers, proper hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Do not send a child to school if they exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19. Learn more about daily home symptom screening at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>.
- We are now entering power outage and wildfire season. Visit <https://readymarin.org/get-ready/ready-kids/>, make a family plan, build an emergency kit, and practice your plan.

Thank you for working together with us to get our children back to school and keeping schools open.

Sincerely,

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