



October 8, 2020

## **An Update on Preparations for Reopening School**

Greetings, ABLE Families!

San Joaquin County moved from the purple to red on the state's color coded COVID-19 monitoring system which started the clock ticking on our ability to reopen for live instruction. Here is an update:

- We continue to hold the health and safety of students, their families, and staff as our top priority.
- Staff continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation city, county, and state-wide including the progress of schools within San Joaquin County that have partially reopened.
- Staff also continues to develop a comprehensive plan for reopening that employs the best practices for health and safety.
- When we do return to live instruction families will have the option of continuing in distance learning for the time being.
- In planning for reopening we must also anticipate challenges based on the facts that most health experts expect a "second wave" of infections, that we are soon entering the regular flu season, and that extended breaks at Thanksgiving and Christmas could produce new spikes in infection.

Without a crystal ball we cannot, of course, know what will or will not happen.

So, we are proceeding cautiously and monitoring all available information to inform our decisions.

After we present our plans to the ABLE Governing Board of Directors we will post our plans for reopening on Monday, October 26.

Please, please, PLEASE make sure you have completed the online survey to indicate your family's preference for in-person instruction or distance learning once we set a reopening date. [Complete the survey here.](#)

Thank you,

**Clem Lee, Superintendent**