

Metrics for Returning to In-Person Instruction Through the On-Site or Hybrid Model



In accordance with Governor Brown’s [Executive Order 21-06](#), the following table is required mandatory guidance for public schools, school districts, public charter schools, and education service districts. It is advisory for private schools.

Small Counties = Less than 15,000 Medium Counties = 15,000-29,999 Large Counties = 30,000 or more

| Public School Instructional Model Requirements and Options <i>Public schools must provide a CDL option for students and families that choose to remain off-site.</i> | County Case Rate <i>Per 100,000 people over 14 days in large counties</i> | County Case Count <i>Over 14 days for small and medium counties</i> | County Test Positivity <i>Over 14 days for medium and large counties</i> |
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| Public K-12 schools <i>must</i> offer an On-Site or Hybrid option | <200.0 | <60 | <10.0% |
| Public Elementary schools <i>must</i> offer an On-Site or Hybrid option <i>*Public middle and high schools are not required to initially open to in-person instruction and may limit to CDL only as needed to address any current transmission within a school.</i> | 200.0 to ≤350.0 | 60 to ≤90 | ≤10.0% |
| Public schools <i>may</i> limit to Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) <i>*K-12 public schools are not required to initially open to in-person instruction and may limit to CDL exclusively if needed to address any current transmission within a school.</i> | >350.0 | >90 | >10.0% |
| <p><i>*Schools should <u>not</u> reduce in-person instruction or revert to CDL based on county metrics if the school can demonstrate the ability to limit transmission in the school environment. When county trends increase to a new tier on this chart (green-to-yellow or yellow-to-red), pausing expansion of additional in-person learning and maintaining access to current in-person learning for schools that have it in place is recommended.</i></p> <p>If schools have met the requirements and begun operating, and then metrics move to a more restrictive threshold (yellow or red), schools are not required to shift from operating with 3 feet of physical distance to 6 feet of physical distance.</p> <p>A Local Public Health Authority (LPHA), in partnership with the school and district leadership, may call for a shift in physical distancing requirements, including in response to an outbreak or transmission¹ within the school.</p> | | | |

Note: If the applicable metrics place a county in different rows of this table, the more restrictive operating status is indicated and advised. For example, if a large county has a case rate of 185 and test positivity of 15% - CDL is indicated and advised unless already operating in-person.

¹ What constitutes transmission in a school is an LPHA decision. As a general guide to monitor limited introduction or spread an LPHA can look for at least three cases with likely in school transmission over the prior 4 weeks.