



Redlands Unified School District

Dear Redlands Unified School District Staff and Families:

This afternoon, Governor Newsom announced that the California Department of Public Health has released new information on [COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-21 School Year](#) and [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs](#), which schools must use to determine whether to reopen schools to in-person instruction.

As you may be aware, San Bernardino County is one of the 32 counties in California that has been placed on the [COVID-19 County Data Monitoring List](#) in response to the elevated rates of disease transmission.

Using health data, Governor Newsom stated that schools can physically open when they have been off the State's monitoring list for 14 consecutive days.

"Schools that don't meet this requirement must begin with Distance Learning," said Governor Newsom.

Therefore at this time, because San Bernardino County remains on the COVID-19 County Data Monitoring List, all Redlands Unified School District (RUSD) Schools will begin the 2020-21 school year in Distance Learning as they will not be allowed to reopen for In-Person instruction.

RUSD will continue to monitor [local COVID-19 data](#) and continue to work collaboratively with the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.

The RUSD [Reopening of Schools Plan](#) includes a robust Distance Learning program which is substantially equivalent to the quality and rigor of classroom-based instruction and includes documented daily live instruction for all grade levels.

The District, the Board of Education and union leaders will now need to re-engage in order to analyze this new Executive Order, its implications and determine the possibility of a return to in-person instruction at a later date.