



Lowell Joint SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home of Scholars and Champions"



Healthy Families and Staff Newsletter (Update #18)

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September 18, 2020

We continue to thank you for all that you do! Please remember to keep taking a deep breathe, stand in faith, and know that we will exceed in spite of the challenges that come our way = GRIT; we are LOWELL JOINT **STRONG!!** **You are amazing!!**

Everything continues to change every 2-4 days. Governor Newsom's new blueprint for the reopening of the business sectors and schools can be found on the State's new website: COVID19.CA.GOV or at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19CountyMonitoringOverview.aspx>.

We want to continue to remind our families that because Lowell is physically split between Los Angeles and Orange County, we have to follow the more restrictive county orders, which is the Los Angeles County Public Health Department. **Los Angeles County Public Health Department continues not to give us a projected date and suggested it would be later in October or the first of November.** We know how frustrating all of this is and how things constantly change every 2-4 day; we feel the exact same way. We continue to monitor all of the data and County Public Health Departments and anticipate resuming in a Hybrid model within a week or so once Los Angeles County Public Health Department deems it safe to return. This allows staff to make sure their classrooms are ready to welcome our students back. In order to help us prepare and plan, you will see some additional email communications coming out regarding the hybrid schedule, virtual instruction, reopening safety plans, etc. These are all so that we will be ready and keep you updated in preparation for returning; we want our families to be well informed.

These are tough emotional times for all of us and especially our students. We want to demonstrate our love and care for each other and our children and students. "I love you" – hugs – physical activity together are great ways to keep the good emotions flowing. Here are some resources for your consideration.

Suicide Prevention and SPORT2 Resources Page

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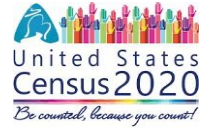
Youth Suicide Prevention Program Channel (YouTube)

http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0019Ly1se6ghxU3y3IrmzuDaapSLFmDbfgejwmlGVimY6stCy7zzMM3yVVVxl0mafTwrXhNMI-K9yOL55shL-rZsE0UmrEqsZfMzC5j60-ORVqRbBOLS5RT3-zYvTHHcLfCwz7tCYdD2hc5bs89z_UFFg==&c=WME00NIL-RqBkObXQb42FTkmNoghfkWYrHDrfKyBHF8NPhYslaf7TQ==&ch=dGOPLpy_Rml20U88b6BuNMdqjsGfLTz_0pIFjM14Kx9z0wbpFgUNw==

Here are a few general updates and reminders:

- We have made an adjustment to our Wednesday instructional schedules so that staff are able to better meet the needs of students. Beginning Wednesday, September 23rd students will continue to report to class from 8:30-9:30 a.m. to meet with their teachers and then have asynchronous activities from 9:30 a.m. on. This provides teachers the time to follow-up with individual students, develop the wide range of lessons and activities for virtual learning, and prepare for our future hybrid instruction. Again, once Los Angeles County Public Health Department deems it safe to return to on-campus instruction.

- ✓ We want to encourage everyone to be an active member of our community, state, and country by making sure your voice is heard – vote. You can register to vote and make sure you are heard at <https://www.vote.ca.gov>.
- ✓ We want to continue to encourage you to participate in the 2020 Census. It's Easy!
ONLINE: visit the Census website and fill out the survey online www.2020census.gov
- ✓ Our Strategic Planning Team continues to plan our next steps toward our return as we follow our **Return to School Adaptable Plan Continuum**. As we continue to prepare for our ultimate return to a Hybrid in-person instructional model, we are also circling back around to prepare for those families who will need/want to continue with a 100% virtual/distance learning model = Virtual Academy. In the next two weeks we will once again be asking **all** families to determine their needs once we are able to return. We anticipate this survey being emailed directly from your principal on the week of October 5th. Again, we do not have an official return to in-person hybrid date from Los Angeles County Public Health Department yet, but we are simply trying to do the pre-planning work.
- ✓ Our partnership Pop-Grocery Distribution partnership with Saddleback church last week provided 275 families with 40 lbs. of food to help them through these rough times. The next Pop-Up Grocery at Rancho-Starbuck will be Friday, October 2nd (9 a.m.-11 a.m.). **THANK YOU!**
- ✓ We are also excited to remind you that our Nutrition Services is able to provide free lunches to anyone from 1-18 years of age. You simply need to drive to any of our six campuses Monday-Friday between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. No paperwork, no mess, simply come on by and Grab-n-Go.
- ✓ Reminder that as we are Zooming, Google Classroom, Streaming, etc. each day, we absolutely must make sure that we work together on proper conduct and as it relates to the topic of pictures and videotaping. We must maintain the students and staff personal legal rights and confidentiality; simply don't do it. Thank you.
- ✓ The entire Lowell Joint Family is to be commended; please remember to give each other and yourself a healthy dose of grace and mercy.
- ✓ We will continue to update everyone bi-monthly, or sooner if needed, so that we work to keep everyone informed and updated on our "road-map", but please remember that they keep changing our map☺.



Please allow me to remind all of us that so many things are out of our control these days, yet we know it is our family and the school family that helps bring stability. Thank you for taking the time to listen, take walks, and give your children/our students the extra hug and "I love you". Grace and mercy seem to be in short supply these days, but it is exactly what our students, our staff, and we ourselves need. Lowell Joint School District is called to speak life into our students, staff, and families; please help us speak life into each other. Your continued strength, compassion, and resilience are an incredible testimony to the shared dedication and commitment of our students, staff, parents, and community; **THANK YOU – WE ARE BLESSED!**

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ATTACHED:

2020/21 Reopening Adaptable Plan Continuum

2020/21 TK-6 and 7-8 Distance Learning Guide Plan