



# West Sacramento Teachers Association

## September 11, 2020



WSTA and WUSD met Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, to check-in and plan future negotiation dates regarding a hybrid/traditional learning model. It is not feasible for the district to create a hybrid learning model at this time for two reasons. One, our [county's risk tier](#) is designated as **Widespread (Purple) Tier**, which means we are not allowed to open for in-person learning at this time. Schools may not reopen fully for in-person instruction until the county has been in the **Substantial (Red) Tier** for two weeks. The second reason is they do not have the resources to support 14 person cohorts that would be required for this model. They are also waiting for additional guidance and clarification from the California Department of Public Health.

County risk level	New cases	Positive tests
<p><b>WIDESPREAD</b></p> <p>Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p>	<p><b>More than 7</b></p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p><b>More than 8%</b></p> <p>Positive tests</p>
<p><b>SUBSTANTIAL</b></p> <p>Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p>	<p><b>4 - 7</b></p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p><b>5 - 8%</b></p> <p>Positive tests</p>
<p><b>MODERATE</b></p> <p>Some indoor business operations are open with modifications</p>	<p><b>1 - 3.9</b></p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p><b>2 - 4.9%</b></p> <p>Positive tests</p>
<p><b>MINIMAL</b></p> <p>Most indoor business operations are open with modifications</p>	<p><b>Less than 1</b></p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p><b>Less than 2%</b></p> <p>Positive tests</p>

During the Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting we also discussed some of our concerns about virtual learning such as students' access to the internet and curriculum, mid-day meetings interfering with our ability to plan, grade, and communicate with families, as well as the vague attendance policy and its time-consuming nature. The need for clear communication regarding confirmed or suspected exposures to COVID-19 was also brought forward.

Our next meeting is October 5<sup>th</sup> to reevaluate the feasibility to plan for a hybrid model based on our county's risk tier, and the District's ability to comply with the state guidance for in-person learning at that time. We will continue to work under the virtual model even if Yolo County transitions to the Substantial (Red) Tier and remains there for two weeks, until an MOU regarding a hybrid model is negotiated **AND** the district is able to fulfill the state requirements.

If you have questions or concerns please contact WSTA at [wsta.covid19@gmail.com](mailto:wsta.covid19@gmail.com).

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