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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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**Update - Our Plans for our Full Return to In-Person Instruction in Sacramento Schools**

Dear Sacramento County Catholic Elementary School Community:

I am writing to update you on our plans for a full return to in-person instruction in Sacramento County schools. This past Tuesday, September 29, Sacramento County provided information that, due to a drop in Covid-19 cases, the county moved from the purple to the red tier. This change is significant because all schools may reopen after the county has been in the red tier for fourteen days; for Sacramento County, that date would be October 14, provided that trends remain the same.

Sacramento County began a return to in-person instruction for grades TK-6 under a waiver in early September. Should the county reach the 14 required days in the red tier on October 14, students in grades 7 and 8 will then be allowed to return to in-person instruction. We have found it best to allow for a gradual return to campus by grade levels, so I am giving Sacramento schools until October 19 for all grades to be back on campus. Schools will continue to offer families a choice of in-person instruction or remote learning.

If Sacramento schools reopen because the county is on the red tier, as planned, all students are eligible to return to class. If this does not happen, we will remain under the waiver program for grades TK-6; I will keep you apprised of any changes. In either case, we will use the same return-to-school protocol, viewable here: [www.scd.org/2021schools](http://www.scd.org/2021schools). Our high schools have their own plans for a return to campus, which they will share with their communities when they are finalized. Your school's principal will communicate exact plans for your school in the coming days.

It is up to all of us to remain vigilant and keep infection rates down, so thank you for doing your part, and thank you for your continued support of Catholic education.

Peace,

Lincoln Snyder  
Superintendent and Executive Director of Schools  
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