

Park Day Post - Update on Governor Newsom's Briefing

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Dear Park Day Families,

We're about to share with you important information that you may have seen on your own in the news about Governor Newsom's press conference held today at noon. After careful consideration and in consultation with Alameda County and other experts, **we still plan to proceed with welcoming K-6 students to campus for in-person instruction starting on Wednesday, December 9. We will invite our 7th and 8th grade students to campus the week of December 14 for an abbreviated enrichment activity.** Karen and Jules will share more detailed information in separate posts.

Please do read on to learn more about the Governor's press conference today and subsequent information from the County. At noon today, Governor Newsom shared that the state had realized its highest new daily case count of the pandemic. As a result, Newsom said he was "pulling an emergency brake" and announcing a "regional" stay at home order in California based on a region's available intensive care unit capacity.

California is Pulling an Emergency Brake

To blunt the surge and save lives, California is introducing a Regional Stay-at-Home Order.

Californians need to:

- Stop gathering with those outside your household
- Keep it outside and keep your mask on

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/3 - 12/14

- **Holiday Toy Drive**

12/4

- **Program Admin Drop-in Office Hours**

12/6

- **Curative COVID-19 Testing Day**

12/7 & 12/8

- **Distance Learning Days**

12/8

- **DJA Presents Transgender Youth Advocate Hillary Whittington**

12/9

- **Signups Open for Curative COVID-19 Testing**

The governor then defined the state by five regions: Northern California, Southern California, the San Joaquin Valley, Bay Area, and greater Sacramento. **The stay at home order will apply to areas where ICU capacity falls under 15%.** During the press conference it was predicted that the Bay Area region would potentially hit that 15% threshold in mid-to-late December.

Regions + ICU Capacity Projections	
Region	Projected date to fall below 15% ICU Capacity
Bay Area	Mid-Late December
Greater Sacramento	Early December
Northern California	Early December
San Joaquin Valley	Early December
Southern California	Early December

The governor went on to share that schools that have received permission to open would be able to remain open even under the new stay at home order. About two hours later, during our weekly call with the Alameda County Department of Public Health, Dr. Nicholas Moss, the county’s infectious disease specialist, underscored that he fully supports schools remaining open during this time as long as their opening plans were received and approved by the county prior to the purple tier designation. (Reminder: Alameda County suspended its waiver process in favor of opening all schools.) This applies fully to our plans for the K-6 learning program. Our 7/8 plans had not yet been approved at the time the Governor moved the county back into the purple tier last month.

Regional Stay-At-Home Order
Sectors that will remain open when a region is placed into the Stay-At-Home, include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools that have received a waiver - Critical infrastructure - Retail (20% capacity to reduce exposure) - Restaurants (take-out and delivery)

- Social Justice Initiative Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

12/13

- Curative COVID-19 Testing Day.

12/16

- Signups Open for Curative COVID-19 Testing

12/20

- Curative COVID-19 Testing Day.

12/21 - 1/1

- No School - Winter Break



Regional Stay-At-Home Order

Sectors that will be temporarily closed when a region is placed into the Stay-At-Home include:

- Bars
- Wineries
- Personal Services
- Hair Salons / Barbershops

As we have just experienced with the recent break, many community members, families and staff alike, chose to travel. **Governor Newsom is making it very clear that all non-essential travel is temporarily banned across the state. We urge our community to follow this directive.**

**All non-essential travel
is temporarily restricted
statewide.**

I remain grateful to our community for the flexibility and resilience you continue to show. This is a hard year, and the load has not yet lifted. I still believe there is hope on the horizon with the promise of a vaccine, along with the willingness of all of us to remain together in support of each other and with students at the center.

A Park Day Movie Premiere!

Grab some popcorn and red vines and tune in tomorrow for the world premiere of our Annual Fund campaign video! This year's campaign launched with a bold goal of raising \$380,000 to meet this moment and to grow into the next phase of our school. Funds raised not only support our program and help meet the financial demands of responding to COVID-19, but they will also launch us into our bright future. Donations to the Annual Fund are the most impactful way to support Park Day School, and we thank you for giving generously!

REOPENING INFO

Reopening Family Handbook

Click here for the [Reopening Family Handbook and to review the Community Agreement](#)

Reopening Calendars

- [Kindergarten - 1st Grade](#)

- [2nd - 3rd Grades](#)

- [4th - 5th Grades](#)

- [Middle School](#) is on campus for blocks of time on Wednesdays

ParkDay@Home

- [Click here for Q&A Video](#)



REMINDERS / TIPS

Check out all the **Opt-In Community Groups** on ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!

Seeking **Parenting Resources**? We've got you covered.

Navigate school-related tech issues on the school's **Technology & Tips** section of the website.

People of Color Conference

We are excited that nine members of our staff are attending this year's People of Color Conference Wednesday-Friday of this week! This year's conference theme is **New Decades: New Destinies** and the focus will be on Challenging Self, Changing Systems, and Choosing Justice. Arjuna, Joyce, Jules, Marisa, Grecia, Michelle, Susan, Jackie, and Angela plan to divide and conquer and to bring back wisdom, ideas, and paths forward back to our community. Stay tuned.

Strategic Planning Survey~One More Day!

We appreciate all of the members of our community who have shared their experiences, perspectives, and vision with us via the first of our strategic planning surveys. This **survey** will remain open for one more day and we want to hear from you.

Be well.
Angela



SCHOOL NEWS

Park Day School Community Holiday Gift Guide

Looking for ways to support members of the Park Day School community? Do you own a business or sell your art? Does your child have an Etsy shop? There are so many wonderful businesses, artists, and creative people in our community that we've decided to put together a Holiday Gift Guide to uplift Park Day makers and business owners. **[Click here for more information!](#)**

