

RENO REPORT

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Dear AVS Parents,

NEW “FOUR TIER” STATE COVID-19 MONITORING SYSTEM

Some of you may have already learned that over the last week California has come out with a new “Four Tier” Covid-19 state monitoring system replacing the former “County Watch List” system. The details of the new system continue to unfold, but I wanted to share with all you as much as I know at this time.

This new state monitoring system as seen in the chart below incorporates two metrics instead of six as previously found in the prior county watch list system. The two metrics used in this system include data collection by taking the 7-day average of new Covid-19 cases as well as the overall test positivity rates within those 7 days. The baseline county tier color rankings were set on August 31st and placed Sonoma County in the **Purple/Tier 1** range indicating widespread community transmission of the virus.

Measures*	Higher Risk → Lower Risk of Community Disease Transmission			
	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
New cases**/100,000 population per day (7 day average; 7 day log)	>7	4-7	1-3.9	<1
Positive tests (%) (7 day average; 7 day log)	>8%	5-8%	2-4.9%	<2%

In this model, the California Department of Public Health assess indicators weekly with the first weekly assessment being released today, September 8th. Once that data is released, it appears... a county will remain in a specific tier for a minimum of three weeks before being able to advance to a different tier. A county can only move forward one tier at a time, even if metrics qualify for a more advanced tier.

I will keep you updated as I receive more information from the California Department of Public Health, SCOE, and our County Public Health office. I anticipate more and more information coming out about this new system in the next couple of weeks. This system will have a direct impact on determining our plans for an eventual reopening of AVS to “in-person” learning.

On another note, we have partnered with Healdsburg Unified to provide Free Grab and Go meals during distance learning for our students and their siblings. Your annual income is not taken into consideration for the Grab and Go meal program, please see flyer for more details.

Have a good week,

Mr. Reno