

# RENO REPORT

February 16, 2021

Dear AVS Parents/Guardian,

This week I have several more important updates to share on the progress we are making regarding our goal of safely returning students and staff back to campus for in-person learning. Reopening a school during a global pandemic and being faced with the many obstacles at hand has been taxing on all of us! Your trust, patience, and understanding during this difficult time has been appreciated. We are moving as fast as we can, given the current climate and conditions in which we are forced to operate in.

As you recall from last week's update, we have several State and county requirements to finalize before students may return to in-person learning. When reopening in the Purple (Widespread) Tier the State and county have additional risk mitigation mandates for schools to reopen. Essentially, more risk (Purple Tier) means more required mandates to reopen, less risk (Red Tier) means less required mandates to reopen. Despite State and county reopening guidance changing 13 times over the last year, our team has been working hard to develop and finalize a series of metrics for our students and staff to enter into a safe and sustainable return to in-person learning. Over the last week CDC has clarified testing symptom screening recommendations AND the county has published their Safety Plan Checklist rubric guidance for Site Plan completion, AND AVUSD and AVUTA have an agreed upon MOU. These three pieces have been absolutely critical for AVS to move forward in our planning around students returning to in-person learning.

## **REOPENING in Purple Tier (Under 25/100K for 5 days, as previously met) Requirements:**

District must have their Safety Plan Checklist and Site Plan approved by county. The county has 7 days to approve or deny the plan. Once approved, the plan needs to be posted to website for 5 days before reopening. An MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) labor agreement needs to be in place, and the Covid Prevention Cal-Osha plan needs to be posted to website.

## **REOPENING in Red Tier (under 7/100K for 5 days, not yet met) Requirements:**

District must have their Safety Plan Checklist and Site Plan posted to website, while in the Red Tier, no approval process is needed from county. The plan needs to be posted to website 5 days before reopening. An MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) labor agreement needs to be in place, and the Covid Prevention Cal-Osha plan needs to be posted to website.

## **CURRENT AVS PROGRESS UPDATES on the REOPENING PLANS:**

**CPP Cal-Osha Safety Plan:** This plan is completed and has been uploaded to our website.

**Site Safety Plan:** This plan was previously submitted to the county and was rejected as we did not have a rubric guidance document available to show us what was specifically needed in the 7-page plan we submitted. Having received the rubric last Thursday, our team is already making plan adjustments with a resubmission of the site safety plan this week. (again, if we are in the Purple Tier, the county has 7 days for approval). Should we revert to the Red Tier, no approval is needed at the county level.

**MOU Update:** As indicated earlier in this update, AVUSD and AVUTA have a signed return to in-person learning agreement around two different scenarios; Returning in the Purple Tier (Scenario A), and Returning in the Red Tier (Scenario B).

Within the agreement, both scenarios include a 5-day "lead-up to launch in" preparation plan before having students return to campus. These 5 days will include teachers and staff engaging in daily live check-ins with their students every morning on each of the 5-days. They will take attendance and provide asynchronous work for their students (this model meets the instructional minutes' requirement, and will be school/instructional days for our students). AVS staff will utilize the remainder of the time on these 5 days to complete multi-day new required in-person small group safety protocol training with all staff, collection of student materials, finalizing curriculum/lessons, classroom furniture layouts, lesson planning for families who wish to stay in distance learning once we return, and preparing their deployment of communication on the new site safety protocols to students and parents. I anticipate the 5 day "lead up to launch in" period to take place over a Monday-Friday period and be ready to welcome the students the following Monday back to campus. I should also note over the course of this 5-day period, Mrs. Axell, and Ms. Hausman will undertake a practice check-in drill with students and parents. This is designed to give our youngest students the opportunity to practice our health screening entry check-in at designated stations and for our K and 1 students to familiarize themselves with the campus, each other, and their teachers.

**PURPLE PLAN (Scenario A): RE-OPEN in the PURPLE TIER:** Staff will return to in-person teaching while in the Purple Tier, (under 25/100K) as long as all staff has been offered the full vaccination. Full vaccination is defined as staff being offered shot 1, shot 2, plus a 10-day vaccine efficacy period. To date all staff has been offered a vaccine, all staff have confirmed appointments this week, and some have even already received it! I want to thank those in our community who assisted in reaching out to the Board of Supervisors to ensure teachers and staff were a priority in being offered the vaccine.

Based upon our projected vaccination timeline from the county and to ensure all staff are fully vaccinated, and assuming all AVS State and county plans have been approved, **we have a potential start date of in-person learning on March 29th**, which is the Monday after spring break. Here is Scenario A's 5 step timeline:

1. February 15th-19th: ALL Staff has CONFIRMED AVS Shot 1 Appointments during this week.
2. 28 days later, Shot 2 administered (Moderna vaccine)
3. March 15th-19th: AVS Shot 2 (In this model...this would be our "lead up to launch in" week.) In the calendar, this is conference week, we may move our conference week into April as needed.
4. March 19th-March 29th (Spring Break 3/20-3/28) Post +10 days for full Moderna efficacy
5. March 29th (Monday after Spring Break) We open!

As a reminder, while trying to reopen in the Purple Tier, under this scenario, we need to ensure the county approves our Site Safety Plan Checklist which the approved plan needs to be posted to our website 5 days prior to reopening, and we need to ensure the vaccine timeline for staff stays on point.

**RED PLAN (Scenario B): RE-OPEN in the RED TIER:** Staff will return to in-person teaching while in the Red Tier without vaccination, which means should the county move into the Red Tier, we would need to wait 5 consecutive days to ensure the county stays in the Red Tier, then add our 5 days "lead up to launch in" plan on the backside of that. Should we go into the Red Tier in the next two weeks, it could expedite our return to in-person learning by a week or so prior to the March 29th date found in Scenario A.

The Red Tier has two routes in which the county may enter into the Red Tier:

**Red Tier Route 1: Red Tier through 7/100K:** This is the toughest way to get into the Red Tier as the county would need to have 5 straight days of less than 35 new cases per day, it's possible, but not likely to happen prior to our March 29th Purple Tier target return date found in Scenario A.

**Red Tier Route 2: Red Tier through the Health Equity Index:** You may recall me previously sharing information about this last October/November when the State introduced it. This is the "Accelerate to Red" model which current guidance allows the county into the Red Tier with a less than 8% positivity rate, (which the county has been in for some time), AND having the Health Equity index below 5% for two consecutive weeks. Under this model, the 14-day timeline would be in place, then the 5 day "lead up to launch in" making a total of at least 19 days before reopening the campus to in person learning. The Health Equity Index currently stands at 8.4%, but county officials anticipate a possible drop in this index over the next couple of weeks (due to the increased vaccine being brought into less advantaged areas of the county, and the continued positive impacts of the last stay @home order).

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As you can see we have a **Purple Plan (Scenario A)** and we have a **Red Plan (Scenario B)** which outlines our return to in-person learning. The target date of March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is now in place should we continue to remain in the Purple Tier, have designated plans approved by local authorities, and ensure staff has been offered the full vaccination timeline as indicated above. It is too early to activate the Red Plan (Scenario B) as the metrics have not been met and there is no timeline in place to indicate when they will be met.

In order for all of you to have a better sense of what school will look like for your child, I have included a 4-page information guidance slide deck with an emphasis on the site conditions that will be in place when we return.

As always, if you have any questions, please email me at [mreno@alexandervalleyusd.org](mailto:mreno@alexandervalleyusd.org)

Sincerely,

Mr. Reno

## **STUDENTS TO RETURNING TO IN PERSON LEARNING AT AVS**

The AVS staff is going to do all we can to ensure that your child's return to school experience is going to be a positive one. We are working hard on fine tuning many systems to help keep your child safe when your child returns to campus. Upon returning to campus, our work with our students will have a social and emotional emphasis embedded in our instruction. Recognizing this, our staff will be engaging students through learning outcomes and activities which promote learning not only from our core content lessons, but also incorporates and creates the space for individual and collective social and emotional healing and growth.

With this in mind, AVUSD is under strict guidance and mandates from the State and County as to site safety protocols that will be in place upon your child returning to campus. The next few slides will provide a better understanding of the guidance we are required to follow in order to maintain a safe and sustainable reopening of in-person learning for students and staff at AVS. This guidance will evolve and adjust as health and safety conditional mandates are received from State and county officials.

### **AVS Students Returning to In-Person Learning**

#### **Drop Off/Pick Up**

Scheduling will include a 30-minute flex window for drop off/pick up. This will allow students to maintain physical distancing upon entering our campus through the designated health check in stations.

#### **Health & Safety**

- K-6 mask wearing mandate (all wear masks, except to eat or drink)
- Students will remain in classroom cohorts, no intermixing of K-6 students
- Parent need to complete daily home health checks before arriving to campus
- AVS Staff will check student no touch temperature at campus entry check-ins
- Sick children will be sent to isolation room for parent immediate pick up.
- Each classroom cohort will review campus safety rules daily
- Should anyone in your direct household family become Covid-19 positive, you will alert the school immediately and make arrangements for your child to enter into our distance learning model.

### **Health & Safety (continued)**

- Drinking water fountains turned off, water bottles are needed from home
- Mandatory handwashing before snack and lunch
- Classroom desks are spaced 6' apart
- Students and staff will maintain 6' social distancing (when feasible)
- No shared student materials, sports equipment, snacks, or supplies
- Rotational sanitization cleaning daily by custodial staff
- Students will need to follow directionally marked walkways
- All assemblies and gatherings of mixed student cohorts is prohibited
- No field trips, No Aftercare, and No Visitors on Campus
- Students and staff who have symptoms of Covid-19 or have been exposed to someone with Covid-19 will be sent for testing pending guidance
- AVUSD will follow all mandated testing requirements by CDC, California Department of Public Health, and our Local Health Department

### **Lunch & Recess**

- School offered lunch will be bag lunch only and will be delivered to classrooms
- Students will eat recess snacks and lunch in classrooms or designated outdoor space
- Students will have dedicated restroom classroom cohort breaks
- Students will have specific play zones and classroom cohort recess times

### **Enrichment Course Offerings**

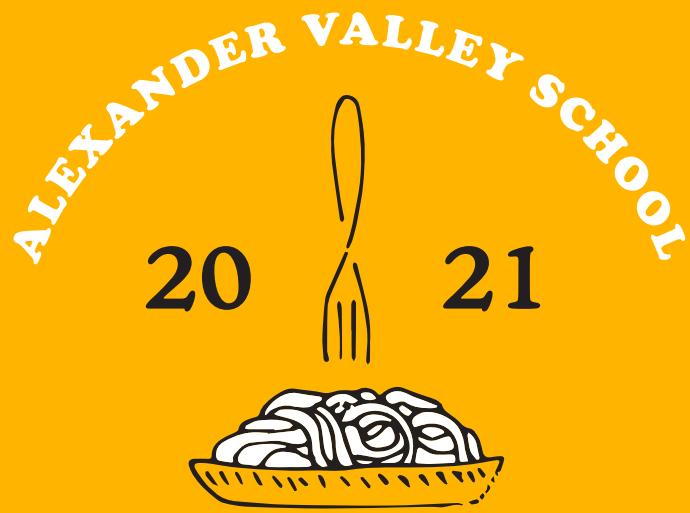
- Enrichment Courses (Science, Garden/Life Science, PE, Spanish, Art, and Music) will take place in each cohort classroom, students will not change classrooms for this instruction. Garden and PE (pending weather) will be outdoors

### **Bus Service & After Care**

- Due to maintaining the integrity of student cohorts, Bus Services and After Care are postponed until further notice.

**A classroom or school closure may occur if AVUSD and Local Health Department determine that a multiple case outbreak “in school transmission” occurred over a 14 day period. This could result in a Cohort or the entire Campus moving back into Distance Learning.**

- **14 day Classroom Closure:** should a member within a classroom cohort test positive for Covid-19, that individual will need to isolate for 10 days before returning to the cohort. Should additional positive cases be identified within the same cohort, the entire classroom cohort may revert back to distance learning for 14 days.
- **A 14 day School Closure (moving back to distance learning) may occur should any of the 3 situations develop:**
  - An outbreak has occurred in 25% or more (meaning 2 or more classroom cohorts) in the school within a 14-day period.
  - At least three outbreaks have occurred in the school AND more than 5% (meaning 6 students or staff) of the school population is infected within a 14 day period.
  - The LHO may also determine school closure is warranted for other reasons, including results from public health investigation or other local epidemiological data.



# 65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Spaghetti Dinner

(of course we are doing this!)

**DRIVE THROUGH at AV HALL!  
MARCH 6TH 2021**

**COME GRAB SOME SPAGHETTI AND HELP US CONTINUE  
THIS 65 YEAR TRADITION IN ALEXANDER VALLEY!**

Although we can't be together this year, let's celebrate our tradition and our amazing community the way we do it best...with spaghetti!

**PICK UP AT AV HALL BETWEEN 4:30-7**

**SPAGHETTI • SALAD • BREAD**

**2 dinners for \$30 • 4 dinners for \$50**

**BUY TICKETS:**

**<http://alexandervalleyusd.ejoinme.org/togospaghettidinner>**



Dear Friends of Alexander Valley School,

So much has taken place since the AVS Spaghetti Dinner and Auction held last March. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted nearly every aspect of life as we knew it. With 2021 well underway, we remain hopeful that brighter days lie ahead.

Although this school year has looked far different from any other in the history of AVS, we are grateful for the monumental efforts of teachers, staff, parents, and more who have come together to help our students continue to learn and thrive.

In adapting to current guidelines, this year's AVS 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction will look different as well. To prioritize the safety, health and well-being of all-involved, this year's event will be held in a drive-thru format.

**Please join us for the  
AVS 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction Drive-Thru!**

**Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021**

**Time: 4:30-7pm**

**Location: Alexander Valley Hall — 5512 Highway 128 in Geyserville**

**Tickets can be purchased online at [alexandervalleyusd.ejoinme.org/togospaghettidinner](http://alexandervalleyusd.ejoinme.org/togospaghettidinner) or checks can be mailed to the Alexander Valley School at 8511 Highway 128 Healdsburg, CA 95448.**

Every ticket purchase and/or contribution helps AVS remain a special place to grow children's hearts and minds, this year and always. Thank you for your generosity and support. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Lauren Biasotti  
Auction Chair

Questions? Please contact Lauren Biasotti @ [auctionavs2017@gmail.com](mailto:auctionavs2017@gmail.com).

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**Please respond by March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021—thank you!**

- Spaghetti Dinner for 2 @ \$30
- Spaghetti Dinner for 4 @ \$50
- Riddle Rack Raffle Ticket (everyone wins!) @ \$25 ea.
- Contribution of any amount—thank you!



## 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner

AVS Families,

**The show must go on!!!!!!**

With all the COVID restrictions, this year things will have to be different. Instead of having all the families donate two food items, can all the families please donate a minimum of \$10 per child towards purchase of food, supplies, etc.

The donations can be dropped off at the office when you drop off work (either cash or check), venmo or paypal.

Venmo- @Dalia-Nieto

Checks payable to Dalia Nieto

Paypal- [dals23@hotmail.com](mailto:dals23@hotmail.com)

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support!

Lauren Biasotti



# Healdsburg Little League

A Positive Youth Sports Program in Action

[www.healdsburgbaseball.com](http://www.healdsburgbaseball.com)

[www.healdsburgsoftball.com](http://www.healdsburgsoftball.com)



## Calling All Baseball and Softball Players

Ages 6 through 16

Healdsburg Little League (HLL) 2021 season is about to begin!

HLL is open to all players who live, or attend school in  
**Healdsburg, Geyserville and Northern Windsor.**

**The current State of California and Sonoma County Health Orders do allow for outdoor youth sports activities.**

We will begin 16-person Cohort Practices (13 players and 3 coaches, max) and Skill-Building Activities, immediately (Purple Tier).

We could begin as early as Feb 20.

HLL has completed a full COVID-19 Response Plan for all operations.

Games will start as soon as possible. (Red Tier)

*Cohort Practice teams may be re-drafted for game play.*

**\$100 total registration**

Payable in stages:

\$50 due at paperwork collection.

\$50 due at uniform distribution (Red Tier)

**\*\*Sibling Discount \$10.00\*\***

**\*\*Scholarships are available\*\***

Baseball Age – as of Aug 30 2021

Softball Age – as of Jan 1 2021

**Register online**

[www.healdsburgbaseball.com](http://www.healdsburgbaseball.com)

**Outdoor Paperwork Collection**

**Saturday February 13**

**11 am – 2 pm**

**Parking lot on corner of Center Street and Plaza Street  
(across from El Farolito)**





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Softball

## Llamando a todos los jugadores de béisbol y sóftbol De 6 a 16 años

¡La temporada 2021 de Healdsburg Little League (HLL) está a punto de comenzar!

HLL está abierto a todos los jugadores que viven o asisten a la escuela en

**Healdsburg, Geyserville y Windsor al norte.**

**Las actuales Órdenes de Salud del Estado de California y del Condado de Sonoma permiten actividades deportivas para jóvenes al aire libre.**

Comenzaremos las prácticas de cohorte de 16 personas (13 jugadores y 3 entrenadores, máximo) y las actividades de desarrollo de habilidades, inmediatamente (nivel morado).

Podríamos comenzar el 20 de febrero.

HLL ha completado un plan de respuesta COVID-19 completo para los juegos.

Los juegos comenzarán lo antes posible (nivel rojo)

*Los equipos de práctica de cohorte pueden ser redactados nuevamente para el juego.*

### \$ 100 registro total

Pagadero por etapas:

\$ 50 debido en la recolección de documentos.

\$ 50 debido en distribución del uniforme (nivel rojo)

\*\* Descuento para hermanos \$ 10.00 \*\*

\*\* Becas disponibles \*\*

Edad del béisbol: a partir del 30 de agosto de 2021

Edad de Softbol - a partir del 1 de enero de 2021

### Registro en línea

[www.healdsburgbaseball.com](http://www.healdsburgbaseball.com)

Colección de papeleo al aire libre

Sábado 13 de febrero

11 am - 2 pm

**Estacionamiento en la esquina de Center Street y Plaza Street  
(frente a El Farolito)**



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