



# SAN MATEO- FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Letter from Superintendent Rosas  
Friday, March 19, 2021

## Update on Physical Distancing Guidelines

Dear SMFCSD Staff and Families,

Last week the Hybrid TK-2 and Special Day Classes returned to school and this week grades 3-5 returned with new health routines in place. Thank you to everyone who has supported this effort and for continuing to follow the health and safety guidelines that make this possible.

Positive news continued as this week we learned that San Mateo County moved to the Orange Tier. Additionally, you may have seen that this morning, based on recent published studies, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that it is decreasing its recommendation of 6-foot distancing in schools to 3 feet of distance between students in some classrooms depending upon conditions. COVID-19 distancing guidelines have been a determining factor in reopening our schools so we appreciate these positive changes.

Since CDC recommendations have changed, we anticipate that San Mateo County Health, by which we are governed, will also update their guidance for schools. Once that guidance is established, District response to new distancing guidelines will take planning, collaboration, Board action, negotiation and County approval. These steps will take some time and your continued support and patience are appreciated as we navigate these important changes.

Further information can be found in this [San Mateo County Office of Education news release](#).

Sincerely,  
Joan Rosas, Ed.D.



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