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James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Hello OMSD students, families, staff and community,

On April 2, 2021, I announced that Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) anticipated in-person instruction would safely begin on April 19, 2021. As promised, my office has vigilantly monitored COVID-19 infection rates in San Bernardino County and specifically within the OMSD boundaries.

I am excited to announce that effective, April 7, 2021, San Bernardino County has moved into the less restrictive Orange (Moderate) Tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. The Orange Tier means the spread of COVID-19 has now reduced to a moderate level, as the number of cases continues to decline. You can view the San Bernardino County webpage with COVID-19 updates by [clicking here](#).

Both **Goal #1** (two (2) million doses being administered to those in the lowest quartile of the Healthy Places Index) and **Goal #2** (four (4) million doses being administered to those in the lowest quartile of the Healthy Places Index) have been met and **OMSD is on-track to return to in-person instruction on April 19, 2021.**

The table below reflects current infection rates as it relates to the colored tier system for California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. [Click chart to enlarge.](#)

Goal #2 (Current)	Adjusted Case Rate*	Positivity Rate (PR)	PR - Healthy Equity Index	'As of' Date	Posted Date
State Blueprint	3.4	2.00%	2.00%	March 27	April 6
County of San Bernardino	3.4	1.96%	1.97%	March 27	April 5
City of Ontario	4.4	2.70%		March 27	April 5
City of Montclair	5.7	4.30%		March 27	April 5
OMSD	4.0			March 27	April 5

*The County website does not provide an adjusted case rate by location/district, but the difference between the unadjusted and adjusted case rates have been negligible as of late.

Based on the most current COVID-19 data, all OMSD students in all grade levels will begin the in-person Blended Learning Model at all OMSD school sites on April 19, 2021. **This applies to students/families opting for in-person instruction through our Blended Learning Model.** Students/families who opted to remain on the OMSD Online Learning Model may continue through the end of the school year.

“Our Community, Our Children, Our Commitment, Our Future”

School sites will be disseminating specific information related to your child's schedule in the days ahead. Site based student schedules will create a staggered start for our students over the course of the week of April 19, 2021.

We are excited to welcome back staff and students, for those families who have opted for in-person learning. We also look forward to continuing to provide an exemplary educational experience for those students who will continue with our Online Learning Model through the end of the school year. OMSD remains committed to providing a world-class education to all students.

I want to thank our dedicated teachers, classified support staff and administrators for their unwavering commitment to this wonderful community. I also want to express my gratitude for our amazing students and families for growing and learning through this difficult time.

As we return to in-person work/instruction, I want to again, remind everyone of the importance for continuing to social distance, mask wearing, washing hands frequently and other important safety protocols.

Sincerely,
James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.
Superintendent