

# Ontario-Montclair

## School District

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James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.  
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Dear OMSD students, families, staff, and community members:

This communication serves to update our Ontario-Montclair School District (OMS D) community as it pertains to the State of California's "Blueprint for a Safer Economy". The blueprint includes the methodology of how the state monitors counties to determine when schools can open for in-person instruction. This blueprint includes a four-tiered, color system that tracks counties by the number of COVID-19 cases recorded each day and the percentage of positive cases out of the total number of tests administered, both averaged over seven days.

County risk level	New cases	Positive tests
<b>WIDESPREAD</b> Most schools are closed to in-person instruction, unless they meet certain conditions	<b>More than 7</b> daily new cases (per 100k)	<b>More than 8%</b> positive tests
<b>SUBSTANTIAL</b> Schools can reopen for in-person instruction after they have remained in the red tier for 14 days	<b>4-7</b> daily new cases (per 100k)	<b>5-8%</b> positive tests
<b>MODERATE</b> Schools can reopen for in-person instruction based on state and county guidance	<b>1-3.9</b> daily new cases (per 100k)	<b>2-4.9%</b> positive tests
<b>MINIMAL</b> Schools can reopen for in-person instruction based on state and county guidance	<b>Less than 1</b> daily new cases (per 100k)	<b>Less than 2%</b> positive tests

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As of Tuesday, October 13, 2020, San Bernardino County, which includes OMS D boundaries, remains in Purple, or Tier 1 with 10.3 cases per 100,000 residents and 6.5% of test results reported positive over seven days.

**"Our Community, Our Children, Our Commitment, Our Future"**

This simply means that OMSD will continue with online learning for the next several weeks. Until infection rates lessen, OMSD will remain committed to doing the best job possible with online learning. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 trends in our county and specifically in the OMSD local geographic region, which tends to have higher positive rates than San Bernardino County as a whole.

A definitive date has NOT been set for when students will return to in-person instruction. Please be assured all stakeholders will be given ample notification before a change takes place. Until that time comes, we will continue our focus on online learning and know that we all are in this together.

I remind our OMSD families and staff to continue practicing social distancing protocols issued by public health officials. It is important for us to all practice social distancing, wear face coverings, and wash hands regularly.

Sincerely,

James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.  
Superintendent