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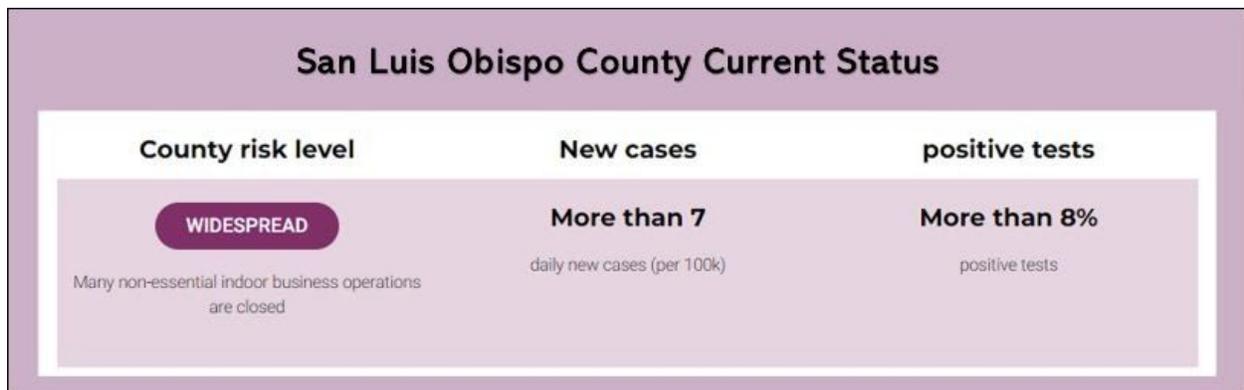
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***Paso Robles Joint Unified School District: What does the PURPLE Tier mean for our schools?***

Paso Robles, CA – Background: On November 16, 2020, the Governor announced San Luis Obispo County, California has been moved back into the PURPLE TIER for COVID-19. NOTE: As of November 16, 2020, the State has announced that tier assignments will no longer occur only on Tuesdays, they may occur any day of the week and may occur more than once a week.

<https://www.emergencyslo.org/en/currentrestrictions.aspx>



**What does this mean for our return to in-person schools?** All schools that are currently open for hybrid/in-person classes will remain open and we can continue with our phased implementation for returning students to campus. **All elementary schools in Paso Robles Joint Unified School District are currently open.** We will continue with our hybrid reopening plan, in consultation with Public Health.

- 1st and 2nd Grades will return to in-person school tomorrow, November 17, 2020.
- 3rd-5th Grades will return to in-person school on December 1, 2020.

**Secondary Schools** (Middle and High Schools): Will **not** be able to reopen for in-person schools until our county is off the Purple Tier, and on the Red Tier for 14 days. We are hopeful that this will still align with our Reopening plan for January 2021. We will keep our parents, students, and community informed as we continue to get information from Public Health and the State of California.



Please note that we are following strict guidelines for our schools to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff. We have increased cleaning procedures, staff health screening, daily temperature screening upon entry, updated sanitation procedures and ventilation, and an approved hybrid reopening guide which has our schools at half capacity in each classroom and campus. Additionally, as a side note, we have over 800 employees in Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, and currently less than half of one percent of our employees are COVID positive. We also test all employees for COVID-19 every two months (50% of employees every month).

It is very important to note that if any parent, child, family member, or staff who is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, have a positive COVID-19 test, or know of exposure to a person with COVID-19, that person must refrain from coming onto our campuses. We must stop the spread of this virus so that we can return to school safely. (STOP the SPREAD: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>)

Paso Robles Joint Unified School District remains dedicated to the safe return of both students and staff to our campuses. We believe that in-person instruction for all students is necessary and vital for the success of the district. We thank you for your continued support and partnership.

For additional information: <https://sites.google.com/pasoschools.org/reopen>

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