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Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



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Dear Parents / Guardians:

We are preparing to begin another historical school year in which school staff, families, and children return to school with COVID-19 circulating in our community. This summer we have safely operated childcare, summer camps and youth activities. Together we can create a safer environment for our children to learn. As we prepare to return to school, we need to stay vigilant and increase our readiness for change.

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- California law requires all children enrolled in state schools, both public and private, to have certain immunizations. Marin County schools are required check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry. These requirements remain in effect for students enrolled in distance learning. Visit <https://www.shotsforschool.org/> to learn more about school vaccination requirements.
- Marin County Public Health is recommending all children and parents receive the influenzae vaccine. During the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, where COVID-19, like influenza, causes respiratory symptoms, it is even more critical to assure widespread flu vaccines.
- Limit travel and social activity to limit COVID-transmission in your household.
- Instruct your child in safely wearing and taking off face covers, proper hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Do not send a child to school if they exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19. Learn more about daily home symptom screening at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>.
- We are now entering power outage and wildfire season. Visit <https://readymarin.org/get-ready/ready-kids/>, make a family plan, build an emergency kit, and practice your plan.

Thank you for working together with us to get our children back-to-school and keeping schools open.

Sincerely,

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