



# San Pasqual Valley Unified School District

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**Rauna Fox**  
District Superintendent

To: Parents/Guardians, Students, Community Members

RE: School Reopening Information

Schools within the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District are scheduled to begin the 2020-2021 school year on August 12, 2020. There are various factors that will determine which mode of instruction will be available for our students throughout the school year. The San Pasqual Valley Unified School District is working in conjunction with the Imperial County Public Health Department, the Imperial County Office of Education (ICOE), and all other Imperial Valley school districts to develop an appropriate learning model for students conducive to existing health conditions related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are focusing on the capability to provide a safe environment for students and staff while working to ensure the ability to mitigate mass exposure to school populations.

ICOE and our Imperial County School Districts are committed to the following principles as we move toward reopening our schools:

1. Our focus/priority is on a genuine effort to ensure we meet the critical and varied needs of our students and families in a safe and responsible manner.
2. No schools will return to on-site instruction or other student activities unless and until we are permitted to do so by the County Public Health Officer in accordance with the County Roadmap to Recovery stages.  
<http://www.icphd.org/health-information-and-resources/healthy-facts/covid-19/roadmap-to-recovery/>
3. Once permitted to return to on-site instruction and other student activities, all school districts will follow the federal, state, and local guidance related to school reopening.  
<https://www.icoe.org/covid-19/recovery-efforts>
4. As schools reopen, they will do so in coordination and collaboration with their local stakeholders in order to meet their local community needs.
5. Local community needs in each district will be based on local health circumstances, student/staff needs, resources available, and the needs and expectations of each school community.
6. Models of delivery for the 2020-21 school year may include a combination of distance learning and in-person instruction. Each district will determine the most appropriate model given their local context throughout the year.
7. An effective distance learning program is likely to be a core model in most districts throughout the year. This is expected in response to the potential for school closures that would force students into this model, the need to keep some students and staff in a remote model for health and safety reasons, and parent expectations or concerns within each district.



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The San Pasqual Valley Unified School District has formed four work groups, led by district administrators and management team members, focused on the following areas:

- Reducing Transmission Among Employees, led by Alina Sanchez ( [asanchez@spvUSD.org](mailto:asanchez@spvUSD.org) ), Jimmy Evaro, ( [jevoro@spvUSD.org](mailto:jevoro@spvUSD.org) ), and Dr. Thien Hoang, ( [thoang@spvUSD.org](mailto:thoang@spvUSD.org) ) focused on ensuring protocols are in place to limit the risk of exposure by and between staff. The work of this group can be found in the Office and Operations COVID-19 Response Plan at [http://www.spvUSD.org/documents/documents/covid-19/SPVUSD Office and Operations COVID-19 Response Plan Working \(June 23 2020\).pdf](http://www.spvUSD.org/documents/documents/covid-19/SPVUSD%20Office%20and%20Operations%20COVID-19%20Response%20Plan%20Working%20(June%2023%202020).pdf)
- Maintaining Healthy Business Operations, led by Kish Curtis ( [kcurtis@spvUSD.org](mailto:kcurtis@spvUSD.org) ) and Karen Medel ( [kmedel@spvUSD.org](mailto:kmedel@spvUSD.org) ) focused on policies and practices to ensure that employees understand their leaves, ensure screening practices are in place and in alignment with the Imperial County Public Health Department guidelines, ensure policies are in place for social distancing and the use of face coverings, and procedures and practices are in place for cleaning and Disinfecting. The work of this group can be found in the Office and Operations COVID-19 Response Plan at [http://www.spvUSD.org/documents/documents/covid-19/SPVUSD Office and Operations COVID-19 Response Plan Working \(June 23 2020\).pdf](http://www.spvUSD.org/documents/documents/covid-19/SPVUSD%20Office%20and%20Operations%20COVID-19%20Response%20Plan%20Working%20(June%2023%202020).pdf)
- Maintaining a Healthy Work Environment, led by Jorge Munoz ( [jmunoz@spvUSD.org](mailto:jmunoz@spvUSD.org) ), Stacey Garcia ( [sgarcia@spvUSD.org](mailto:sgarcia@spvUSD.org) ), and Ruben Gonzalez ( [rgonzalez@spvUSD.org](mailto:rgonzalez@spvUSD.org) ) focused on the provision of personal protection equipment (PPE), cleaning schedules, and training and signage regarding hand washing, face coverings, and physical distancing. The work of this group can be found in the Office and Operations COVID-19 Response Plan at [http://www.spvUSD.org/documents/documents/covid-19/SPVUSD Office and Operations COVID-19 Response Plan Working \(June 23 2020\).pdf](http://www.spvUSD.org/documents/documents/covid-19/SPVUSD%20Office%20and%20Operations%20COVID-19%20Response%20Plan%20Working%20(June%2023%202020).pdf)
- Instructional Models, led by Mary Kay Monson ( [mkmmonson@spvUSD.org](mailto:mkmmonson@spvUSD.org) ), Juan Morales ( [jmorales@spvUSD.org](mailto:jmorales@spvUSD.org) ), and Jesse Moe ( [jmoe@spvUSD.org](mailto:jmoe@spvUSD.org) ) focused on creating the instructional models to be utilized when school is open, with a focus on transitioning from full distance learning to a traditional model as the health situation allows. The work of this group will be presented to the San Pasqual Valley School Board for approval at the July 21, 2020 Special Meeting.

If you have any insight you want to add to the above groups, please email the appropriate task force leader. We are interested in hearing your voice in these matters.

Regardless of whether we begin the school year in the Distance Learning Model or the Blended Learning Model, we will be issuing devices to students in all grade levels who need one. If you have not completed the survey to let us know you will need a device for your child you can still do so at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7PTGHLN> . So far we have 158 responses, and it is vital that you complete the survey in order to allow us to have sufficient devices on hand.

**In order to be issued a device from San Pasqual Valley Unified School District, your child must have a completed 2020-2021 registration packet with proof of residency.** You may pick up a registration packet from the front of the school offices Tuesday – Thursday from 8-3, and you may also leave completed registration packets there as well. There will be two boxes marked completed and new forms. Please note that on July 16<sup>th</sup>, the Elementary and Middle School Office will be closed so those packets can be picked up at the District Office.

If you do not wish to come to the offices, you can access the packet electronically under the parents tab at [www.spvUSD.org](http://www.spvUSD.org) or directly by clicking [https://www.spvUSD.org/documents/documents/Registration Packet.pdf](https://www.spvUSD.org/documents/documents/Registration%20Packet.pdf). At this time the document is not fillable; however, you may fill it out by hand and send it back via email by scanning the document or taking a picture of all documents. You must include copies of your proof of residency or your packet will not be complete.

For those parents who will need clothing vouchers from the Quechan or Cocopah Tribes signed, our offices will post office hours in August to allow times for those to be signed. Remember that they will not be signed if you do not have a completed registration packet that includes proof of residency.

Our ultimate goal is to welcome students and staff back to their campuses in a traditional setting as soon as possible. Unfortunately, it seems current health conditions may prevent that from happening initially. We are working to provide the best distance learning or hybrid instructional model possible until a traditional educational setting is an option for our community. At the July 21, 2020 Special Board Meeting the Board will decide the model that will be used to open the 2020-2021 school year. Following the Board Meeting, the parents will be notified of the decision and procedures to follow via mail, [www.spvUSD.org](http://www.spvUSD.org), and social media. All communications will be publicized in English and Spanish. We thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rauna Fox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rauna Fox  
Superintendent