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To: Rim of the World Unified School District Community
From: ROWUSD
Date: November 2020
Re: Statewide COVID19 Tier System from the Blueprint for a Safer Economy

In order to understand reopening for both elementary and secondary schools, we must learn how to interpret the tiered system in our state. On August 28, 2020, Governor Newsom presented an updated framework for the reopening of schools and the economy described as the “Blueprint for a Safer Economy.” The Blueprint replaced the previous county monitoring system and present a 4-tiered system with each tier designated by a different color and level of “county risk level:”

- Purple Tier: “Widespread”
- Red Tier: “Substantial”
- Orange Tier: “Moderate”
- Yellow Tier: “Minimal”

When our county receives the category as being in the “red tier” for 14 days our secondary schools (MPH, RHS and MHS) can begin to transition to in-person education. As a county we remain in purple but as a district we are often in orange or red. An elementary waiver can be approved in any of the tiered categories as long as school districts meet the 12 safety standards. For Rim of the World, our waiver was approved due to the fact that we have these 12 safety protocols in place. To see a copy of our waiver please go to our website:

<https://www.rimsd.k12.ca.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=2394>

Criteria of Designation of Tiers and In-Person Instruction

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) uses 2 main indicators to determine county risk levels: number of daily new cases per 100,000 and percentage of positive tests. County must also maintain an average number of people testing each week.

County Risk Levels	Daily New Cases (per 100K)	Positive Tests
Widespread (Purple)	More than 7	More than 8%
Substantial (Red)	4-7	5-8%
Moderate (Orange)	1-3.9	2-4.9%
Limited (Yellow)	Less than 1	Less than 2 percent

Data is reviewed weekly, and tiers are updated on Tuesdays. You can follow our data as a Rim community and as a county on the following website: <https://sbccovid19.com/>

As stated previously, we are in the process of creating these 1-page documents so that we can educate our staff and community on a variety of topics that relate to COVID19 and our schools.