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San Mateo County to Update Guidance for Schools

Redwood City — Yesterday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released new [guidance](#) that allows for three feet of physical distance between students in some classrooms depending on conditions. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and California Department of Education (CDE) are reviewing the new federal guidelines and updating the [Industry Guidance for Schools](#) to align with the CDC.

As the State completes its updates, San Mateo County Health aims to quickly align its local guidance with CDC and State guidance.

Currently, six feet of distance is required in San Mateo County schools. Until a change is finalized, schools will continue to follow the six-foot recommendation as well as other [San Mateo County Health guidance](#) as reflected in each school or district's approved reopening plan.

Once the new local guidance is published, schools will be required to submit an addendum to their existing plans, outlining any changes in protocols as a result of the updated information.

San Mateo County Health will continue to work closely with the San Mateo County Office of Education and school leaders countywide to develop strategies that support the implementation of any new guidance.

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