## Introduction to the Health & Safety Guidebook: Tools & Resources to Support a Safe Return to Schools

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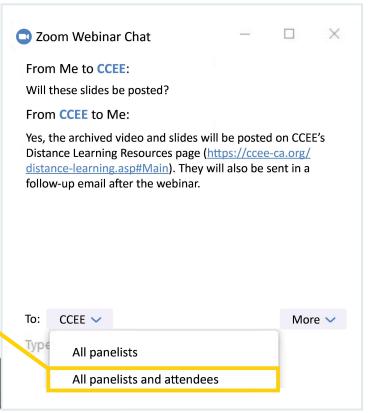
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# WHY A "GUIDEBOOK"?

- → Aligning with Current Vision and Mission
- → Keeping Students and Staff Safe
- Designing for Equity
- Addressing the Social-emotional and Academic Needs of Students









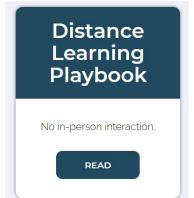
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#### What happens when we are back on campus?

- Protective Equipment
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- ✓ Preparing Staff
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# HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDEBOOK

- Why is the Guidebook important?
- → What is the science and rationale behind the guidance?
- → Why is it critical to bring students back to schools?
- → How can we move from challenge to innovation?







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A Deeper Dive into Cohorts with our State Board President,
Dr. Linda Darling Hammond

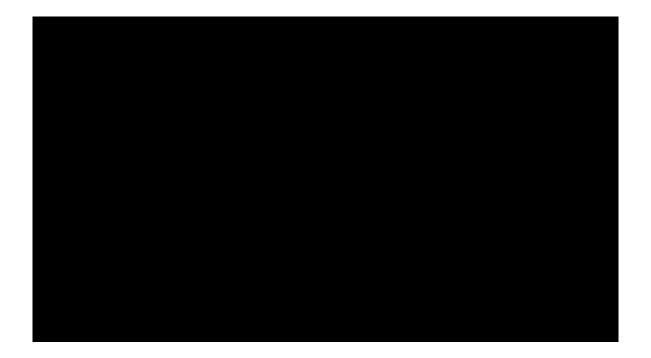






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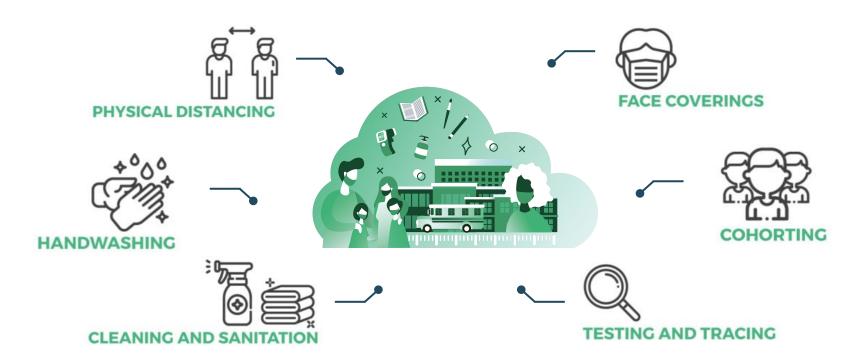








#### SIX KEY CONSIDERATIONS









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#### Video Series: Experts Explain The Science Behind The Guidance



















#### SAMPLE LETTERS

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#### + ESTABLISHING TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION

#### **TOOLS**

- - Sample letters for various scenarios ranging from local closures to cases on campus to reopening are available from SDCOE and from LACOE.
  - Sample social media posts and visuals from LACOE.
  - Sample social media posts, voice messages, web copy, and situational responses
    are available for free from this national communication firm. Make sure to edit
    sample text provided to align with current guidelines and state mandates.







#### Update on COVID-19 Watchlist

Dear Parents/Guardians:

You may have heard the news that the County of San Diego was removed from the state's COVID-19 watchlist and wonder what it means for [district name].

While this is encouraging news that could help pave the way for us to reopening schools this fall, there are also some important things to keep in mind.

These numbers will need to stay within the acceptable range for at least 14 days before schools in San Diego County will be allowed to reopen without a waiver. Even if we are allowed to return to in-person instruction, it doesn't mean that we will right away. We have not yet set a date for when our programs will return to in-person learning.

The process for reopening remains the same. For the last several months, we have been developing reopening plans to ensure we do everything possible to ensure healthy environments for our students and employees. District leadership has also been working with our employee associations to develop memoranda of understanding that address conditions in our schools before employees return to school sites.

We are closely monitoring the situation and will continue to work with local public health as we move forward. I will also continue to share updates as they become available. You can also find the most current information on our district's reopening plans [add location].

I appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we adjust to these ever-changing conditions.

Sincerely,

[Superintendent name]

#### Actualización Sobre la Lista de Vigilancia de COVID-19

Estimados Padres/Tutores:

Tal vez haya escuchado en las noticias que el Condado de San Diego salió de la lista de vigilancia estatal para COVID-19 y se está preguntando lo que esto significa para [district name].

Aunque es una noticia alentadora para acercarnos más a volver a abrir las escuelas este otoño, también hay puntos importantes que debemos tener en mente.

Los números tienen que permanecer dentro de la tasa aceptable por lo menos durante 14 días antes de que las escuelas del Condado de San Diego tengan permitido volver a abrir sin necesidad de una exención. Aunque tengamos permiso de regresar a clases presenciales, no quiere decir que lo haremos inmediatamente. Aún no se ha fijado una fecha para la cual nuestros programas regresen a la educación presencial.

El proceso de reapertura sigue siendo el mismo. Durante los últimos meses, hemos estado desarrollando los planes de reapertura para asegurar que se haga todo lo posible para garantizar un ambiente sano para nuestros estudiantes y personal. Los directores del distrito también han estado trabajando con nuestras asociaciones de empleados para desarrollar memorandos de entendimiento que abordan las condiciones de las escuelas antes de que los empleados puedan regresar a los planteles.

Estamos vigilando de cerca esta situación y seguiremos colaborando con los oficiales locales de salud pública a medida que avancemos. Seguiré enviándoles información actualizada conforme salga, y también puede encontrar la información más reciente acerca de los planes de reapertura de nuestro distrito en [add location].

Le agradezco su flexibilidad y comprensión mientras nos ajustamos todos a estas condiciones en constante cambio.

Atentamente.

[Superintendent name]







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#### WHAT'S NEXT?

- → Ongoing updates
- → The Continuity of Learning effort
- Support and technical assistance opportunities









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