



December 4, 2020

Dear BOUSD Staff & Parent Community,

Out of an abundance of caution for the health, safety and welfare of our students, staff and families, and in response to Governor Newsom's decision yesterday to place the majority of the State of California on an anticipated temporary Stay at Home Order, the Brea Olinda USD will be temporarily transitioning to full time distance learning for all students effective Monday, December 7th through Friday, January 29th.

We will be returning to our current hybrid instructional model on Monday, February 1st, after we have allowed time for the impact of increased holiday infection rates to cycle through the community without negatively impacting our students, staff, schools and instructional program. The significant increase of COVID-19 cases throughout Orange County and in the City of Brea following the Thanksgiving holiday has had a large impact on our school district workforce and our ability to cover employees out due to the need to quarantine. These are reasons to temporarily move in this direction to protect our school community, as we collectively navigate the increase of cases we are experiencing locally and statewide.

This decision was reached in consultation with our School Board, District Leadership, Employee Associations, the County Office of Education and Orange County Health Care Agency. Though this is a local determination, we have utilized all of our resources to make a decision that is in the best interest of the long-term health and safety of our students, staff and families. When we began this journey back to normalcy we knew that there might be setbacks; however we remain committed to moving forward in a responsible manner. This is merely seen as a temporary setback as we move forward.

Our preparations and plans have been successful in safely returning to in-person instruction. As we are finishing our sixth week of hybrid instruction, we are pleased to report we have had no cases of community spread occur in our schools among students or staff. We are taking this step now to ensure we continue to offer a safe learning environment for everyone.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR**

### **Monday, December 7:**

- Elementary asynchronous instruction day (no students on campus) for all BOUSD Hybrid Instruction students
- Secondary students begin Distance Learning
- No change for Independent Study or Online Academy students
- Elementary Teacher planning day

### **Tuesday, December 8:**

- Asynchronous instruction day for elementary students only
- Student material pick-up for elementary students only (not Online Academy students)

### **Wednesday, December 9 - Friday, January 29:**

- District-wide distance learning

### **Winter Break:**

- Monday, December 21, 2020 - Friday, January 1, 2021

### **Monday, January 18:**

- MLK Holiday

### **Monday, February 1:**

- Return to In-person Hybrid Instruction

### **OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

- School sites will be available by appointment only; call the school site to schedule an appointment
- The District Office will be available by appointment only; call the office to schedule an appointment (714) 990-7800

### **ONGOING MEAL SERVICE**

Each Monday and Thursday, our Food Service Department will be distributing curbside, Grab-n-Go Meal Kits containing frozen entrees, fresh fruits and vegetables, and milk.

- Monday will include 3 meal kits (Breakfast and Lunch)
- Thursday will include 2 meal kits (Breakfast and Lunch)

This service is **NO-COST TO ALL**, 0-18 years of age, and will be distributed at the following locations and times:

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| • Arovista Elementary          | 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm (Monday & Thursday)  |
| • Country Hills Elementary     | 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm (Monday & Thursday)  |
| • Laurel Elementary            | 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm (Monday & Thursday)  |
| • Brea Junior High             | 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm (Monday & Thursday)  |
| • Brea Olinda High School      | 7:00 am - 8:30 am (5 Days a week)       |
|                                | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm (Monday & Thursday) |
| • Carbon Canyon                | 10:15 am - 11:15 am (Monday & Thursday) |
| @ Hollydale Mobilehome Estates |   |

### **ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES**

- Postponed until January 4, 2021

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- Stay at Home Guidance with Q&A from [covid19.ca.gov](https://covid19.ca.gov):  
<https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>
- COVID-19 Update from the OCDE Newsroom Article:  
<https://newsroom.ocde.us/coronavirus-update/>

Sincerely,



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