



Dear St. Francis Families,

At the September 14 Board meeting, it was announced that the St. Francis School District will be transitioning to the hybrid instructional model starting on October 5. The purpose of this communication is to provide an overview of the process. Future communications will come from Building Principals about what the school day will look like. In this letter, we will share:

- A description of hybrid instruction.
- Why are we transitioning from virtual instruction?
- Transition timeline from virtual to hybrid.
- Can families opt out of hybrid or in-person instruction?
- How will the hybrid instruction model be implemented? Is it subject to change?

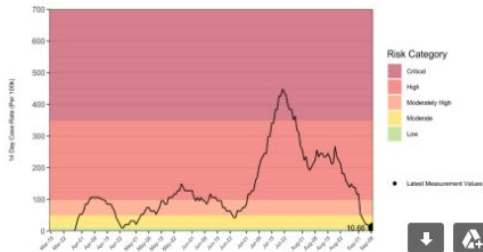
**Definition of Hybrid Instruction** - St. Francis is implementing a synchronous Cohort A/Cohort B Model. Students will be grouped by last names (A-K) and (L-Z). Cohort A (A-K) will attend school in-person on Monday and Tuesday and attend school virtually Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Cohort B (L-Z) will attend school in-person on Thursday and Friday and attend school virtually on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

**Testing Summary: August 26 -September 8, 2020**

	Total Tests	Percent Positive
Saint Francis	207	0.5%

Burden of Disease August 26 -September 8, 2020  
St. Francis

1 laboratory confirmed positive cases divided by population of 9,381 = .0001066 multiplied by 100,000 = 10.66



**Why are we transitioning from virtual**

**instruction?** The community's health has improved to a level where hybrid instruction is viable. Please note that we will monitor the community's health regularly. I have weekly meetings with local health department officials.

With the implementation of SeeSaw and Schoology as a learning management system, we are now able to effectively deliver instruction in a virtual, hybrid, or in-person environment. We will continue to use the technology for the foreseeable future. A future

communication will explain the metrics in more detail..

## Transition Plan to Hybrid Instruction



Week 1 (October 5): Students will only be present one day per cohort, Monday (A-K) or Thursday (L-Z). Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday all students are virtual. Staff will be in buildings all 5 days.



Week 2 (October 12): Students will only be present two days per cohort, Monday, Tuesday (A-K) or Thursday, Friday (L-Z). Wednesday - all instruction will be virtual. Staff will be in buildings all 5 days.

### **Can families opt out of hybrid or in-person instruction?**

Yes, families can opt out of hybrid or in-person instruction. A Google Form will be sent to Willow Glen and Deer Creek families. For the St. Francis High School, email SFHS Principal, [Mr. Lewandowski](#). Families opting out of hybrid or in-person will continue to receive their instruction through SeeSaw (Willow Glen) or Schoology (Deer Creek or SFHS).

### **How will the hybrid instruction model be implemented? Is it subject to change?**

The District will remain in the hybrid model of instruction until further notice. If positive cases occur, classrooms, grade-level or whole schools are subject to closure on short notice. Individuals directly impacted by a positive case will be notified.

**Health and Isolation Room** - This past summer, SFSD hired a full-time nurse. If students or staff exhibit symptoms of the Coronavirus, they will be evaluated, isolated and then sent home.

**School Board Mandated Face Covering.** Anyone present in SFSD buildings is expected to wear a face covering as mandated by the School Board unless in a private office. Face coverings are recommended outside and at all school events and activities.

Lastly, the health of schools and community depends on you. Please consider that your actions and activities impact everyone who will attend schools. We know that some positive cases will occur despite all of the implemented precautions such as face coverings, frequent hand washing, physical distancing, and enhanced cleaning protocols.

Be well,

Dr. Mark Elworthy