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Dear AESD Families,

You may have heard media reports which have identified that Orange County is now off the state's COVID-19 County monitoring list because Orange County as a whole has met the thresholds identified by the state of California and the California Department of Public Health. In order to exit the list, a county must have a COVID-19 positivity rate below 8%; and the number of cases must be below 100 per 100,000 residents for three consecutive days.

However, as of today, while the data in Anaheim is improving, the positivity rates in zip codes 92801 (10%), 92802 (11.7%), 92804 (9.7%), 92805 (13.4%) and 92806 (10.4%) continue to have approximately twice the COVID-19 positivity rates in comparison to all of Orange County. Even higher positivity rates can be found for the testing centers at Anaheim HS (23.1%) and Magnolia HS (20.7%).

Additionally, based on most recent data on the number of case rates, Anaheim exceeds 200 cases per 100,000 residents which is also more than double the rate for all of OC.

Please know that while we look forward to safely reopening our schools, we are in consultation with the Orange County Health Care Agency and the Orange County Department of Education to determine when a safe reopening should occur in our district. We also continue to closely monitor the Anaheim COVID-19 data regarding the number of cases and positivity rates and will provide updates as these rates continue to change.

As a District we have formed partnerships with local organizations including the University of California Irvine School of Public Health and Latino Health Access to help us monitor the continuing impact of COVID-19 in our community.

Thank you for helping us prioritize the safety and health of our students, staff and families.

Sincerely,
Dr. Christopher Downing
Superintendent