

# *Lowell Joint* SCHOOL DISTRICT

*"Home of Scholars and Champions"*



*Healthy Families and Staff Newsletter* (Update #22)

## *Lowell Joint* **STRONG**

December 4, 2020



I am guessing your head is spinning in circles like mine, yet I personally know that our Lowell Joint family continues to be **AWESOME**. We are **SO** blessed to have incredible students and families with such heart, compassion, care, grace and mercy. We continue to stand in faith as we are **LOWELL JOINT STRONG** and we will stand strong against the storms that come our way. Our current storms will subside and Lowell Joint School District will continue to be the beacon/lighthouse of educational excellence, which is **100% due to our students, families, teachers, staff, and leaders; THANK YOU!**

I am sure our Lowell Joint Families saw the news from the Governor and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) that California is facing a new stay-at-home order. Governor Gavin Newsom announced Thursday that regions of California where hospitals are in danger of exceeding capacity will be subject to a new stay-at-home order. The new order will go into effect within 48 hours if that region's intensive care units (ICU) capacity drops below 15%. Our region includes the following counties: Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Louis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura. Considering that Lowell Joint is a part of this Southern California region, we could expect to face stay-at-home orders as soon as the end of this weekend or early next week, according to the Governor's office. The new order does not apply to school districts and campuses that are already open for in-person learning, according to Orange County Health Officers Dr. Clayton Chau and LA County Public Health Officer Dr. Ferrer. But it will close many nonessential businesses, such as in-person dining in restaurants, hair and nail salons. "This is the most challenging moment since the beginning of this pandemic," said Newsom. "We are being called to do everything in our power to get through the next few weeks and months, and once we get through this, we will enjoy another side of this." The order will last at least three weeks from the date it goes into effect in a given area. For additional information, please visit [covid19.ca.gov](https://covid19.ca.gov). You are also probably aware that some districts who reopened for in-person instruction, within the past few weeks, are now moving back to 100% distance learning. This continues to be an every changing time, but again we know that Lowell Joint will withstand the storms and exceed even stronger when this comes to a close.

We are working with our Board of Trustees and our Strategic Planning Team to work through these new health orders and data to help guide our next steps forward as we continue to implement our [Adaptable Plan Continuum](#). Please plan on receiving another Healthy Families Update early next week with more information related to our revised projected reopening timeline. Our goal is to keep our Lowell Joint Family well informed, while trying to limit the amount of constant change. We cannot thank our entire Lowell Joint Family enough for all of your patience, mercy, and grace as we serve together and exceed through these storms of life.

### **Updated tracking numbers for the California color-coded tiered system:**

#### **The LA County Public Health Department**

- Spread/case rate (#/100K citizens- target is <7/100K): Current data is **20.2/100K**. This was 7.6. ☹
- Test positivity percentage (target is <8%): Current data is 7.0%. This was 3.8%. ☹
- Health Equity (accounting for high poverty aspects; no real target yet): Currently is not available. This was 6.8%. ☹

#### **The Orange County Public Health Department**

- Spread/case rate (#/100K citizens- target is <7/100K): Current data is **22.2/100K**. This was 5.6. ☹
- Test positivity percentage (target is <8%): Current data is 8.8%. This was 3.3%. ☹
- Health Equity (accounting for high poverty aspects; no real target yet): Currently is not available. This was 5.5%. ☹

The most current data is located on the State COVID19 webpage ([State Link](#)). National data summary from John Hopkins: [John Hopkins COVID Resource Center](#). Governor Newsom's new blueprint can be found on the State's new website: COVID19.CA.GOV or [California Department of Public Health](#).

# THANK YOU – YOU ARE A BLESSING!

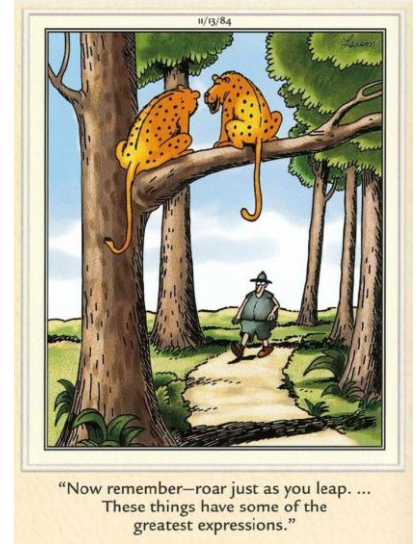
## LOWELL JOINT STRONG!!

*A littler laughter helps bring joy....*

*If feels like we are all this guy at times....*



*Social Distance fishing....*



"Now remember—roar just as you leap. ...  
These things have some of the  
greatest expressions."