



October 30, 2020

Dear Pacific Ridge School:

I write this morning with an update regarding student density on campus through December 7. I apologize for this letter coming a day later than intended. Yesterday evening, we received information that helped determine the information I am sharing with you – and delayed our decision and communication.

As mentioned in my October 23 letter, if San Diego County continued to report “Red Tier” data and Pacific Ridge School did not have a positive COVID case, we would increase our density to 50% from November 4 through the Thanksgiving holiday. Otherwise we would remain at 33%. Turns out things were not quite that simple.

This week, San Diego’s case numbers per one hundred thousand, when adjusted for extensive testing, came in at 6.5. Therefore, San Diego County will stay in the red tier for at least two more weeks, avoiding further restrictions on businesses and other entities.

However, while we have not had an on-campus COVID case (the case we reported this week involved an individual who has not been on campus this year), a number of on-campus community members have been quarantined because of possible close contact. Then, yesterday evening, we received word that this individual tested positive using a PCR COVID test (a more definitive test than the rapid test initially reported) meaning that all of those close contacts are now officially quarantined for 14 days. Please know that all close contacts have been off campus since Tuesday and none have reported symptoms or a positive test result. However, the number of people in our on-campus community affected and the PCR-positive result lead us to proceed with caution.

Therefore, we will remain at 33% through December 7. This includes the six days after we return from Thanksgiving break. You may recall from my previous letter that we will remain at 33% for one full cycle after the Thanksgiving holiday before considering adjusting density again. Please see the attached schedule.

With Halloween weekend upon us, we ask the following: If you or your child find yourself in a situation where you are unable to wear a face mask or maintain physical distancing, please plan for your child to stay remote next week and take a PCR test before returning to campus.

As always, thanks for your patience, trust, and understanding as we navigate all current, available information and use it to reach the best possible decisions for our community. Please do let me know if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Ogle".

Bob Ogle
Head of School