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Students at Wildwood Elementary School in Yucaipa returned to school on April 6. Photo by Rachael M. Gustuson

## Secondary students return April 14 with afternoon schedule *Masks are mandatory*

By KAREN DASILVA  
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When secondary students in the local school district return to campuses next week, they will follow schedules similar to those in elementary schools.

The hybrid schedule released by the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District has students who choose to return to some in-person learning on April 14 back on campuses in the afternoon, while continuing online instruction in the morning and on Mondays, just like elementary students, who returned to campuses on April 6.

Also like elementary students, sixth- through 12th-grade students have been divided into two groups, with Group A on campus from 12:35 to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and Group B with the same schedule on Wednesday and Friday.

Families had the choice to move to the hybrid schedule or remain in distance learning for the remainder of the school year, which ends June 9.

In anticipation of students' return to campuses, the school district has installed filtration systems in the HVAC units, placed air purifiers in every classroom and will check temperatures when students arrive on campus.

"We are going to do daily temperature checks at schools," said Eric Vreeman, assistant superintendent of Business Services who has overseen the district's health and safety protocols, at a special board meeting in March. "We have those at schools, those are ready to go. They are not required, but we feel like we would like to continue with that practice at least until the end of the year."

At the special meeting, Superintendent Cali Binks said she had been asked a lot about face coverings. They will be mandatory.

"I have been asked about when can we go without masks and those kinds of things and that is when there are no more tiers," Binks said. "That is the current understanding. But, we also all know that guidance changes weekly."

Should a student forget their mask, the school will provide one.

"We do have face coverings for students," Vreeman said. "We ask them to bring them to school, but if they do not bring them, then we do have face coverings at the school."

For now, students and teachers will physically distance at six feet.

"In secondary schools, our plan is to keep all the desks in the classrooms and then designated certain desks for certain periods. If a student came in first period and then the next period, the second-period student came in, they wouldn't share the same desk," Vreeman said.

To further help with ventilation, doors and windows will be kept open when possible.

"We do feel that we have all the proper safety equipment. We have the proper planning. We have been preparing all year. We have worked with everyone. It has been a great team effort," Vreeman said.

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## Yucaipa council discusses its annual Goals and Objectives

By MICHELLE LOPEZ  
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Yucaipa City Council met on March 22 and discussed objectives for the newly proposed fiscal year 2021-2022, which also included the new Cares Act funding.

Throughout the years, council has conducted an annual series of study sessions resulting in the city council adopting a set of short, mid and long-term goals and objectives, many of which directly translated into service level options/priorities in the budget process.

This year the discussion also included the CARES Act funding made available to the city. However, City Manager Ray Casey reminded the community that the CARES Act funding is a one-time funding mechanism.

The newly proposed FY 2021-2022 through 2022-2023

short term objectives/goals were surveyed with councilmembers individually and the highest priority according to council included: Adding sidewalks on Avenue E (Bryant to Fifth Street), between intersections; Internal/external customer service enhancement/streamline process, especially for smaller projects; Make significant progress in Wildwood Interchange Project Approval Environmental Document; Selecting a location for and design another pickleball site; Additional police officers; Additional cameras in city-wide surveillance system; and a paramedic squad.

CARES Act funding relative to sheriff's department and police services: Councilmember Jon Thorp recused himself for the first

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Melody Davidsmeier greets her students.

## Wildwood Elementary students go back to school

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In a historical day, students were dropped off at school, donning masks, this

past week. Wildwood Elementary School students from T-K through fifth grade, returned to campus on

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