

*This email is going to all PFT Members*

*March 20, 2021*

Dear PFT Members,

Good news! Governor Newsom has signed SB 95 which extends COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave. This state bill is very similar to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) that was in effect in 2020. It takes effect on March 29, 2021 and will be applied retroactively going back to January 1, 2021. An overview of the bill from CFT is attached. In addition to the COVID related leave provisions of FFCRA, this leave can also be accessed for vaccine appointments or side effects. So if you had to call in sick and fill out a P-9 for vaccine side effects or for any other qualifying reason under this legislation, it should be returned to you under this legislation once it takes effect. I will be talking to the district to find out the process they will use to apply this leave retroactively and will get back to you soon.

The CDPH released new physical distancing guidance today in alignment with the CDC's recommendation. The new guidance indicates the teacher and other staff desks should remain 6 feet away from student and other staff desks and that maintaining a minimum of 3 feet between student chairs is strongly recommended. You can read the details [here](#). They have also modified school reopening eligibility. All schools are eligible to open if case rates are below 25 per 100K. This applies to both elementary and secondary schools.

In Unity,

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