



# From the Superintendent's Desk

Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

March 29, 2021



Dear SAUSD community,

As many of you already know, the District announced last week following the Board of Education meeting that SAUSD schools will remain in a remote learning model through the end of the school year.

The District determined that this is the best course of action given the remaining weeks of instruction left, the challenges of switching into a hybrid model this far into the school year, and other factors. Please know these decisions are being thoroughly analyzed and carefully thought out with input from all of our stakeholders.

I know some in our community are ready for instruction to resume in person. That's why we're working to expand our Learning Labs to reach a wide range of students who might benefit the most from learning inside a classroom. Thank you again for all your patience.



## Latest News



Courtesy: Los Angeles Times

### Vaccines for community and staff

The District has now provided more than 10,000 vaccines for employees and SAUSD community members through local partnerships. We are working to secure more vaccination opportunities as the eligibility list continues to expand.

In the meantime, staff and community members can also secure vaccination appointments as they become available through the [Othena app](#), and through clinics such as those offered through [Walgreens](#), [CVS](#), [Albertsons](#), or through their own healthcare provider. More resources on Covid-19 clinics [are available here](#).

I encourage every community member to take advantage of these vaccination opportunities. This will help ensure our community becomes healthier and safer.

## COVID-19 Data

Here are the latest COVID-19 positivity rates and trends for zip codes in Santa Ana

Source: O.C. Health Care Agency (prepared March 23, 2021)

ZIP code	Population	Case Rate per 100,000 (7-day day average, excluding LTCFs & Inmates)	Testing Positivity Percent (7 day avg. + 7 day lag)
92701	55,534	4.4	4.2%
92703	69,190	6	2.5%
92704	90,205	4.1	3.8%
92705	46,883	2.7	1.5%
92706	37,406	5.3	3.5%
92707	62,894	5	3.8%
Orange County Averages		3.5	2.1%

Visit [www.sausd.us/coronavirus](http://www.sausd.us/coronavirus) for free resources and testing information regarding Covid-19.



### More student activities to resume

The District is currently working on a plan to resume Visual and Performing Arts activities as the state continues to ease restrictions for student events.

The District will provide in the next few days more information about how activities such as band, choir, color guard, and others will resume safely. Additionally, the District is exploring how to provide more in-person opportunities for our seniors in coming weeks. Stay tuned.

### Upcoming Board Meeting

**April 13**

- Public session begins at 6 p.m.
- To livestream visit [sausd.tv](http://sausd.tv)
- [Agenda will be available here](#)

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