



From the Superintendent's Desk

Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

Feb. 8, 2021



Dear SAUSD Community,

We are making some significant gains in our fight against the pandemic. Beginning this weekend, SAUSD, in coordination with the Orange County Health Care Agency, will host vaccine clinics at school/District sites for our Santa Ana community members and staff ages 65 and older.

These vaccination clinics will start on a small scale initially. Our schools will reach out to families who have eligible family members to schedule appointments.

Eventually, we plan to ramp up these efforts as more vaccines become available for individuals in other age groups, as well as a wider range of education workers. More information to come.



Courtesy of Madison Elementary

Latest News

Phase 3 - 12 Schools February 8

Elementary

1. Adams
2. Carver
3. Davis
4. Diamond
5. Greenville
6. Romero-Cruz Academy
7. Taft

Intermediate

8. MacArthur

High School

9. Lorin Griset
10. Saddleback

Learning Labs Now at 33 Schools

We are now serving 1,204 students across Learning Labs in 33 campuses. Listed on the left are the 8 campuses that reopened Learning Labs on Monday. We expect to open Labs at another 12 of campuses next week. We continue to believe that our Labs are among the safest places for children in our community.

High School Sports Conditioning to Resume

Santa Ana Unified School District has approved a plan to allow student athletes to return to conditioning programs and even to compete in sports allowed by the most current guidelines from CIF and health care experts. Under CIF and California Department of Public Health, athletes can again participate in outdoor, socially-distant conditioning, practice, and skill building within designated small pods.

SAUSD Cares February

This month is "We Care February" at SAUSD, where we highlight the different resources we offer to our students and community to support a range of social-emotional needs. Additionally, this month we are providing a calendar with daily activities to help promote self-care. [Click her for more information.](#)

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 Feb. 7, 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	69.2	16.2%
92703	69,190	67.7	13.4%
92704	90,205	66.4	17.3%
92705	46,883	43	11.6%
92706	37,406	60	15.8%
92707	62,894	65.2	14.6%
Orange County Averages		39	10.9%

Visit www.sausd.us/coronavirus for free resources and testing information regarding Covid-19.

More news on efforts to reopen schools

- EdSource: [Add \\$4 billion more for schools, community colleges to revenue projections](#)
- Los Angeles Times: [With 25,000 vaccines, L.A. elementary schools could reopen as soon as possible](#)
- New York Times: [‘The word of the year is fluid’: The pandemic brings a new teaching style](#)
- OC Register: [High school sports are up and running again in Orange County](#)



Upcoming Board Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 9

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

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