



# From the Superintendent's Desk

Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

Jan. 4, 2021



Dear SAUSD Community,

I want to wish everyone a happy New Year. We have finally put a difficult year behind us. But we continue to work hard to overcome some of our ongoing challenges as we strive for a safe and healthy 2021.

Our goal remains to return our students back to our campuses as soon as it is safe to do so. This will start with the resumption of our Learning Labs.

We are still working to identify when we will be able to resume both Learning Labs and in-person hybrid instruction. These dates will be based primarily on our efforts to lower our community's Covid-19 positivity rates, along with other factors. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

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## Latest News

**RISKY**  
ARRIESGADO

ochealth CARE AGENCY  
ochealthinfo.com

SANTA ANA  
santa-ana.org/covid19

SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
sauds.us/coronavirus

Latino Health Access  
latinohealthaccess.org

**SAFER**  
MÁS SEGURO

STRONGER TOGETHER  
SAFER APART  
MÁS FUERTES JUNTOS  
MÁS SEGUROS APARTE

### Federal Stimulus Bill Passes

California will receive \$6.8 billion of the \$54.9 billion that Congress provided in Covid-19 relief funding for K-12 schools that the President signed into law Dec. 27.

Ninety percent of funding will be distributed based on how much a school district receives in Title I funding. For Santa Ana Unified School District, this could amount to about \$57-\$58 million in one-time funding.

This latest round should help meet the short-term costs associated with Covid-19 and some of the budget shortfalls facing many school districts. But it won't be enough to address the extra funding needed to address the lost learning that a substantial number of students are experiencing across the state and the rest of the country.

Our District leadership team, with the support of the Board of Education, will work in coming weeks to determine how to most effectively spend these dollars to best serve all of our students.

## 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 Jan. 2, 2021)

ZIP	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	194.5	28.7%
92703	69,190	187.7	27.9%
92704	90,205	172	28.1%
92705	46,883	105.7	20.2%
92706	37,406	167.3	24.7%
92707	62,894	214.2	29.4%
Orange County Averages		53.5	16.9%

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

### Upcoming Board Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 12

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

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