



From the Superintendent's Desk

Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

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Dear SAUSD Community,

We are now reaching a critical turning point in this pandemic with the rollout of vaccines. First-line health care workers and some of our most vulnerable populations have already begun receiving vaccines.

SAUSD has been in weekly contact with the Orange County Health Care Agency to ensure we receive the latest information of when vaccines will be available for education workers, which have been identified as one of the initial priority groups.

We expect the vaccine will be available for our nurses, teachers and other essential staff in the coming weeks. We'll share more information soon.



Latest News



Learning Labs to resume

The Orange County Health Care Agency has signed off on the District's plan to resume Learning Labs. Our goal is to restart these Labs, with input from the Board of Education, as soon as possible.

We would likely reopen these Labs in phases, starting small at a few schools, then gradually scaling up to more campuses, similar to the plan the District followed for opening these Labs last fall. Labs will again be limited to groups of 14 or fewer students, run by District Extended Learning staff.

These Labs are aimed at safely supporting students who have connectivity issues at home, with priority given to children identified as McKinney Vento, foster youth, English Learners and students with disabilities.

The District will release a more detailed plan for reopening Learning Labs after Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

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. 10, 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	103.9	25.7%
92703	69,190	118.7	23.5%
92704	90,205	111.7	25.7%
92705	46,883	66.4	17.9%
92706	37,406	103.9	20.4%
92707	62,894	127.7	25.5%
Orange County Averages		67.8	17.1%

Visit 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
- [Agenda will be available here](#)

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