



From the Superintendent's Desk

Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

September 7, 2021



Dear SAUSD community,

I hope all of you had a chance to enjoy the Labor Day weekend. We're back for our fourth week of the new school year. I want to thank all of our staff, parents and students who have followed safety measures to ensure schools can stay open. Also, I encourage anyone to please offer a gentle reminder to those who might not be wearing masks appropriately to please put them on correctly. Remember that we're all in this together.

A good sign over the past couple of weeks is that COVID-19 positivity rates are leveling off. Although still high, this could be an indication the work we're doing as a community is showing some results.

As part of keeping our community safe, we will soon rollout weekly COVID-19 testing for all of our students and staff as part of the plan approved by the Board of Education recently. We're still working out the final details on when testing will begin. But our goal remains to make testing convenient and the least disruptive as possible for our students and staff. More information will be provided soon.



Latest News

AVAILABLE EVERY WEEK AT LATINO HEALTH ACCESS



FREE COVID-19 testing

Available to anyone, with or without symptoms.

Schedule your free test today!

FREE COVID-19 Vaccines

Available to anyone 12 years older

When:

Every Monday-

Starting 8.9.21

2:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Where:

Latino Health Access

450 W 4th St,

Santa Ana, CA 92701

Vaccine: Pfizer and J&J



When:

Every Tuesday

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Where:

Latino Health Access

450 W 4th St,

Santa Ana, CA 92701



Visit oc.fulgentgenetics.com to register or open the camera on your phone to scan the code and be redirected to the registration website.

Vaccines for community and staff

State guidelines now allow for any individual age 12 and older to receive a Covid-19 vaccination. The District continues to offer up-to-date information on upcoming community clinics through SAUSD partnerships. Information is available by contacting your student's school or by visiting www.sausd.us/vaccines.

The District has now provided about 50,000 vaccines for employees and SAUSD community members through all local partnerships. We are working to secure more vaccination opportunities to ensure all our community members have equitable access.

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 [Walmart](#), [Walgreens](#), [CVS](#), [Albertsons](#), or through their own healthcare provider. More resources on Covid-19 clinics [are available here](#).

NOTICE: MASKS ARE REQUIRED. WALK-Ins welcome
For appointments contact our call center (714) 805-7838.

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 Sept. 3, 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	55,137	14.5	7.6%
92703	68,242	15.1	5.2%
92704	89,021	14.1	8.9%
92705	47,039	23.7	8.1%
92706	37,260	11.9	8.1%
92707	62,175	14.0	8.6%
Orange County Averages		18.6	6.8%

Visit www.sausd.us/covid-resources for free resources and testing information.

FAQ: Returning to School Safely

SAUSD hosted two Town Hall meetings with parents and other community members. As part of these town halls, SAUSD staff collected the most commonly asked questions. Answers to these questions are posted on the district's website at www.sausd.us/covid-resources. Here is a sample:



Q: Are Covid vaccinations going to become mandatory for my child to attend school?

A: At this time, the COVID-19 vaccination is NOT a requirement under the California Health and Safety Code. Under the California Health and Safety Code, Section 120325-120375, schools and pre-kindergarten facilities are required to enforce immunization requirements set by the state, maintain immunization records, and submit reports. For more information on school requirements: www.shotsforschool.org.

Q: Will teachers being vaccinated be mandatory? Will staff be required to show proof of vaccination or get tested twice a week per guidance? Why or why not?

A: Vaccination is not mandated for teachers/staff by CDE at this time. We strongly recommend and encourage vaccination for every staff and students (12 and older). No one is required to show proof of vaccination at any site. But weekly testing will soon be provided for students and staff at every site.

Click here for the full list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Upcoming Board Meeting

Sept. 14

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

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