



From the Superintendent's Desk

Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

November 15, 2021



Dear SAUSD community,

Santa Ana Unified School District has begun hosting vaccination clinics for children ages 5 to 11 with the support of our community partners. Last Tuesday, the District hosted its first clinic at Willard Intermediate School, where about 200 doses were given to children in this age group. Additionally, two clinics were held on Friday and Saturday at Heroes Elementary School.

As I mentioned before, the District's goal is host as many of these clinics across our school district as possible each week. Information on upcoming clinics will be posted on www.sausd.us, ParentSquare, and the District's social media channels.

We are about to enter a potentially difficult winter season that could see an increase in COVID-19 rates. One of the best ways to ensure our community remains healthy and safe is to increase our overall vaccination rates. Research has consistently shown that vaccines help prevent illnesses, and minimize symptoms for those who do become ill.



Latest News



Stay safe if you travel this holiday season

This upcoming holiday season will allow our families and staff to travel and reunite with their families and friends while enjoying some well-deserved time off. I want to remind everyone to continue to take precautions and practice COVID-19 safety measures. I encourage everyone to continue to follow all guidelines for travel and for large gatherings put in place by local, state, and federal health care agencies.

Santa Ana Unified School District will continue to follow all guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for all families and staff members returning to work or school from travel.

If staff or students have been fully immunized for COVID-19 they may return to school and self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. If staff or students are NOT fully vaccinated they will need to quarantine and may return to school based on the CDPH and CDC guidance. Please review the following information provided by the CDC for travel for more. Also visit www.sausd.us/covid-resources for additional resources and information from SAUSD.

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 Nov. 12, 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	4.9	3.2%
92703	68,242	4.8	1.5%
92704	89,021	5.8	3.2%
92705	47,039	8.8	3.2%
92706	37,260	2.7	1.2%
92707	62,175	5.7	2.4%
Orange County Averages		7.3	2.8%

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



November 19, 2021

Native American Family Outreach

Santa Ana Unified School District will be launching into the application period for the Title VII Indian Education Grant and looks forward to hearing from our Native American families. Please join us to share and learn more.

JOIN US

SAUSD will host a community meeting, which will include food, dancers, and elders representing local tribes.



DETAILS

- 4 to 7 PM, Friday, November 19, 2021
- SAUSD Training Room, 1601 E. Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana, CA. 92701
- Visit www.sausd.us for the latest information
- Call 714-591-7080



Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is composed predominately of parents of individuals with special needs, parents who have students enrolled in school, community members, and school district personnel who advise the Santa Ana Unified School District's Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) on matters related to special education programs and services. The purpose of the CAC is to advocate for individuals with disabilities and to empower parents, caretakers, and members of the community to actively participate and become effective partners in the education of their child(ren).

Please join us on

Thursday, November 18, 2021

from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM for a presentation on:

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Feedback Session

Presented by Dr. Marjorie Cochran, Administrator/LCAP Lead

Click here to join



Zoom Meeting ID: 824 8151 2964
Passcode: SAUSD CAC

All CAC meetings are simultaneously interpreted in Spanish

Upcoming CAC Meetings Date/Topics:

Thursday, December 16, 2021: Transitions
Thursday, January 20, 2022: Overview of the IEP Process

For more information, please go to www.sausd.us/specialeducation

Upcoming Board Meeting

Dec. 6

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

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