

# Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

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# SAUSD

The Future Begins Here

Dear SAUSD community,

Orange County continues to experience a surge in pediatric respiratory illnesses—primarily from [Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\)](#), which is impacting our local hospital systems. RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can cause severe infection in infants and older adults. RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways in the lung) and pneumonia in children younger than 1 year of age in the U.S. People with RSV infection typically have; fever, cough, runny nose, and wheezing. In very young infants with RSV, the only symptoms may be irritability, decreased activity, and breathing difficulties.

OC is currently in Tier 3 with pediatric hospitals at or beyond capacity, multiple adult hospitals seeking regulatory waivers to add/expand pediatric capability, regional bed availability has diminished & pediatric nurse staffing is waning. SAUSD is asking all families to be vigilant for symptoms and seek medical help if needed.

## Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) SYMPTOMS

INFANTS	CHILDREN	ADULTS
Irritability Poor feeding Lethargy Apnea (pauses in breathing) Fever (not always present)	Runny nose Decreased appetite Cough Sneezing Fever	Runny nose Sore throat Cough Headache Fatigue

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If you or your child is having difficulty breathing, go to the nearest Emergency Department immediately or call 911.

## Latest News

### COVID/FLU & RSV TESTING



SAUSD is offering COVID/Flu and RSV testing for the community. No appointment is necessary, but preferred. Any questions or concerns? Visit the school site for student questions, or email us at CovidTaskForce@sausd.us for staff questions. For any technical inquiries, call the MedLab2020 call center at (714) 974-2020.

#### MONDAY

- 8 AM - 4 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. Chestnut Avenue, 92701
- 8 AM - 4 PM @ SA Valley HS, 1801 S. Greenville St., 92704
- 8 AM - 4 PM @ Mendez Fund. Inter. School, 2000 N. Bristol St., 92706

#### TUESDAY

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#### WEDNESDAY

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#### THURSDAY

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#### FRIDAY

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### PRUEBAS DE COVID/GRIPE Y VSR



SAUSD está ofreciendo pruebas de COVID/Gripe y VSR para la comunidad. No es necesaria una cita, pero es preferida. ¿Alguna pregunta o inquietud? Visite el sitio de la escuela para preguntas de los estudiantes o envíenos un correo electrónico a CovidTaskForce@sausd.us para preguntas del personal. Para cualquier consulta técnica, llame al centro de llamadas de MedLab2020 al (714) 974-2020.

#### LUNES

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#### VIERNES

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### Community COVID-19, RSV and flu testing

Santa Ana Unified School District this week is continuing COVID testing for the community at various locations. Additionally, the District will provide testing for Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and offer flu vaccinations.

Check the adjacent flyers for details on clinics. No appointments are necessary, but preferred, and any Santa Ana community member is eligible.

Please visit [www.othena.com/santa-ana](http://www.othena.com/santa-ana) to register prior to your visit to help expedite the process.

## 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. 23, 2022)

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	1.8	5.4%
92703	68,242	5.9	2.6%
92704	89,021	7.1	7.6%
92705	47,039	4.6	7.3%
92706	37,260	7.3	4.3%
92707	62,175	5.7	7.1%
Orange County Averages		6.8	6.8%

Visit [www.sausd.us/covid-resources](http://www.sausd.us/covid-resources) for free resources and testing information.

### State releases 2022 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) scores

The California Department of Education recently released assessment data from the spring 2022 administration of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). As expected, assessment results released revealed the academic impacts of pandemic-era disruptions for all schools and districts across the state, underscoring the need for ongoing accelerated learning and support.

This is the case in Santa Ana Unified School District as well, where the data showed that 30.6% percent of students tested met or exceeded the standard in English Language Arts, while 18.6% met or exceeded the standard in math.

To see school-level data or for more specific information on this testing process visit <https://bit.ly/CAASPP22>. Parents and guardians can also contact their child's school if they have additional questions.



**California Assessment  
of Student Performance  
and Progress**



### Upcoming Board Meeting

**Dec. 13**

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

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