

# Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

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# SAUSD

The Future Begins Here

Dear SAUSD community,

I wanted to highlight that based on legislation that passed last year, [it's now a requirement for every graduating senior in California to submit an application for college financial aid](#) — or take steps to opt out.

Grants and low-interest loans have long been available at the federal and state levels as a way to make college more accessible and affordable. But experts say California still ranks around 30th in the nation in application rates, leaving roughly \$550 million on the table each year.

[Assembly Bill 469](#), signed into law in October, is intended to maximize the number of students who apply for and receive funding for higher education. It specifically requires school districts to make sure all 12th-graders complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a California Dream Act Application, or a district-provided opt-out form beginning in 2022-23. SAUSD will soon provide more information.



## 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](mailto:CovidTaskForce@sausd.us) for staff questions. For any technical inquiries, call the MedLab2020 call center at (714) 974-2020.

#### MONDAY

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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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### 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](mailto:CovidTaskForce@sausd.us) para preguntas del personal. Para cualquier consulta técnica, llame al centro de llamadas de MedLab2020 al (714) 974-2020.

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### Community COVID-19 testing

Santa Ana Unified School District this week is continuing Covid-19 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, and any Santa Ana community member is eligible.

Please scan the QR code 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. 3, 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	2.1	3.1%
92703	68,242	3.1	3.1%
92704	89,021	3.7	4.8%
92705	47,039	3.9	5.7%
92706	37,260	5.4	7.3%
92707	62,175	3.9	5.3%
Orange County Averages		4.9	5.0%

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

## Don't forget to Vote Tuesday

I want to encourage everyone who is eligible to vote for the upcoming November 8 general election. This includes all our youth in this community, especially those who will turn 18 before the election.

In California, the last day to register was October 24. However, California allows voters to conditionally register up until election day and submit a provisional ballot.

For voters in SAUSD, you will have the opportunity to vote on Measure H, an initiative involving term limits for members of the board of education. One of the most effective ways to ensure your voice is heard is to cast your ballot. Visit [ocvote.com](http://ocvote.com) or for more registration information and other resources.



## Upcoming Board Meeting

**Nov. 8**

- 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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