

From the Superintendent's Desk

Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

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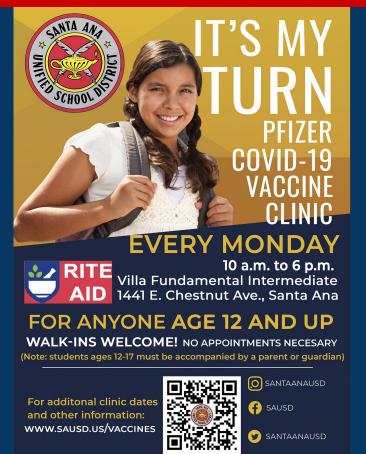
Dear SAUSD community,

The state last week provided new, less-restrictive guidance regarding masks, social distancing and other safety protocols. The new guidelines from the Governor and Cal OSHA end physical distancing requirements for all workers and allow most fully vaccinated employees in many workplaces to stop wearing masks.

However, there are some key exceptions. These include all K-12 schools, where everyone, regardless of vaccination status, has to continue wearing an appropriate face covering and must follow social distancing rules.

Our district staff continues working with local and state health agencies to ensure SAUSD is providing the safest possible environment for our students and staff. As safety protocols continue to evolve, we will make sure our students, parents and staff receive the necessary information.





Latest News

Vaccines for community and staff

New State guidelines now allow for any individual age 12 and older to receive a Covid-19 vaccination. The District continues to offer each weekly Pfizer vaccination clinics through a partnership with <u>Rite-Aid</u>. Registration information is available by contacting your student's school or by visiting <u>www.sausd.us/vaccines</u>.

The District has now provided close to 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.

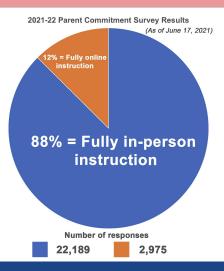
In the meantime, staff and community members can also secure vaccination appointments as they become available through the <u>Othena app</u>, and through clinics such as those offered through <u>Walmart</u>, <u>Walgreens</u>, <u>CVS</u>, <u>Albertsons</u>, or through their own healthcare provider. More resources on Covid-19 clinics <u>are</u> <u>available here</u>.

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 June 15, 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	55,534	0.5	1.1%
92703	69,190	0.6	0.5%
92704	90,205	1.3	1.5%
92705	46,883	0.0	0.2%
92706	37,406	2.7	1.7%
92707	62,894	0.9	1.3%
Orange County Averages		0.8	0.6%

Visit <u>www.sausd.us/vaccines</u> for free resources and testing information regarding Covid-19.



Parent commitment survey results

As we prepare for the start of the new school year, we're surveying our families to determine their instruction preference for their children to help prepare our campuses. To date, the District has received about 25,000 responses to our commitment survey.

The latest results show an overwhelming preference for in-person instruction, with 88% of respondents selecting this option, while 12% are opting for a fully online instruction model. I want to assure all our families choosing full, in-person learning that we will have space for their child at a school. We will also continue providing a rigorous instruction model for those families who aren't ready yet to send their children back in person. Our goal remains to fully support all our students regardless of how instruction is delivered.

Upcoming Board Meeting

June 22

- Public session begins at 6 p.m.
- To livestream visit <u>sausd.tv</u>
- Agenda will be available here

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