



From the Superintendent's Desk

Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez



February 7, 2022

Dear SAUSD community,

I continue to remain encouraged by the sharp decrease in our COVID-19 positive cases in our schools since the surge following the winter break. As of last Friday, we have seen an 85% decrease in the number of COVID-19 positive cases among students compared to the second week of January, the peak of the surge.

We have also seen a 7 decrease over the same time in the number of students absent because of quarantine or because they are COVID-19 positive. These are strong indicators that we continue in the right direction.

There has been some discussion across the region and state regarding easing restrictions for schools as our rates continue to fall. This includes possible changes to masking policies in schools. At this point, SAUSD continues to follow all masking guidelines provided by healthcare agencies. SAUSD will only change these guidelines if local and state health experts indicate this is a safe path to follow. We will provide updates as they become available.



Latest News

SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

WEEK OF: FEB. 7-12, 2022

SAUSD is offering free COVID-19 testing for the community. No appointment necessary.

MONDAY

8 AM - 6 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, 92701
8 AM - 6 PM @ SA VALLEY HS, 1801 S. GREENVILLE ST., 92704

TUESDAY

8 AM - 6 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, 92701
8 AM - 6 PM @ SA VALLEY HS, 1801 S. GREENVILLE ST., 92704

WEDNESDAY

8 AM - 6 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, 92701
8 AM - 6 PM @ SA VALLEY HS, 1801 S. GREENVILLE ST., 92704

THURSDAY

8 AM - 6 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, 92701
8 AM - 6 PM @ SA VALLEY HS, 1801 S. GREENVILLE ST., 92704

FRIDAY

8 AM - 6 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, 92701
8 AM - 6 PM @ SA VALLEY HS, 1801 S. GREENVILLE ST., 92704

SATURDAY

8 AM - 12 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, 92701
8 AM - 12 PM @ SA VALLEY HS, 1801 S. GREENVILLE ST., 92704

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SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRUEBA GRATUITA DE COVID-19

SEMANA: FEB. 7-12, 2022

SAUSD ofrece pruebas de COVID-19 gratuitas para la comunidad. No se necesita cita previa.

LUNES

8 AM - 6 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, 92701
8 AM - 6 PM @ SA VALLEY HS, 1801 S. GREENVILLE ST., 92704

MARTES

8 AM - 6 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, 92701
8 AM - 6 PM @ SA VALLEY HS, 1801 S. GREENVILLE ST., 92704

MIÉRCOLES

8 AM - 6 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, 92701
8 AM - 6 PM @ SA VALLEY HS, 1801 S. GREENVILLE ST., 92704

JUEVES

8 AM - 6 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, 92701
8 AM - 6 PM @ SA VALLEY HS, 1801 S. GREENVILLE ST., 92704

VIERNES

8 AM - 6 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, 92701
8 AM - 6 PM @ SA VALLEY HS, 1801 S. GREENVILLE ST., 92704

SÁBADO

8 AM - 12 PM @ SAUSD, 1601 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, 92701
8 AM - 12 PM @ SA VALLEY HS, 1801 S. GREENVILLE ST., 92704

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Free community COVID-19 testing

Santa Ana Unified School District this week is continuing free Covid-19 testing for the community at various locations.

Check the adjacent flyers for details on clinics for Feb. 7 to Feb. 12. No appointments are necessary, and any Santa Ana community member is eligible.

Please scan the QR code, or visit [accuratelabtesting.com](https://www accuratelabtesting.com), 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 Feb. 4, 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	101	6.8%
92703	68,242	106.1	8.8%
92704	89,021	111	7.2%
92705	47,039	88.4	14.4%
92706	37,260	105.8	7.6%
92707	62,175	119.9	7.6%
Orange County Averages		87.4	14.1%

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



Latest education news from across the region

EDSOURCE: After setbacks, dyslexia screening for young students moves forward in California schools -- With a major push from Gov. Gavin Newsom, California is moving closer toward screening all kindergartners and first graders for dyslexia.

EDSOURCE: Children acted out more during distance learning, parents say, deepening learning loss-- While some parents worry about whether in-person learning is safe given the latest viral surge, others are bracing for the fallout of yet another unstable school year.

LA TIMES: Free money: California offers up to \$225 to open a college savings fund for a child --California's official college savings plan is again offering low- and moderate-income households an incentive to start socking money away for their kids' higher education. This week the plan, dubbed ScholarShare 529, announced a new round of grants that will provide up to \$200 in matching contributions, plus \$25 for new sign-ups.

THE HECHINGER REPORT: We struggle to measure quality child care — and even more to fund it – An early experiment shows promise.

Upcoming Board Meeting

Feb. 8

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

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