



# From the Superintendent's Desk

Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

January 31, 2022



Dear SAUSD community,

I wanted to wish all our community members a [Happy Lunar New Year](#) and recognize [Black History Month](#). It will always be the District's goal to highlight and celebrate our rich diversity and different cultures.

Meanwhile, we continue to see more good news as our COVID-19 positivity numbers continue to dramatically improve since we returned from the winter break. We had 70% percent fewer students testing COVID-19 positive last week compared to two weeks prior. The number of students in quarantine has also dropped at a similar level.

All this is because of the tremendous efforts by our staff, students, and families to follow all safety protocols. Our weekly testing of students and staff at each site has also helped us limit the spread of the virus. Our trends in SAUSD mirror those from across the region, a signal that we are near the end of this latest surge.



Garfield Elementary School

## Latest News



SANTA ANA UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

### FREE COVID-19 TESTING

WEEK OF: JAN. 31 - FEB. 5, 2022



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

accuratelabtesting.com

#### 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  
5 PM - 8 PM @ SANTA ANA HS, 520 W. WALNUT ST., 92701

#### 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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### PRUEBA GRATUITA DE COVID-19

SEMANA: ENERO 31 - FEB. 5, 2022

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



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#### 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  
5 PM - 8 PM @ SANTA ANA HS, 520 W. WALNUT ST., 92701

#### 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

## 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 Jan. 31 to Feb. 5. No appointments are necessary, and any Santa Ana community member is eligible.

Please scan the QR code, or visit [accuratelabtesting.com](http://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 Jan. 31, 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	156.6	31.5%
92703	68,242	148.4	27.9%
92704	89,021	161.4	29.8%
92705	47,039	131.2	25.7%
92706	37,260	128.8	28.7%
92707	62,175	176.7	32.3%
Orange County Averages		130.8	18.2%

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



### Latest education news from across the region

[EDSOURCE: California ready to launch \\$3 billion, multi year transition to community schools](#) -- In coming weeks, California will embark on a massive undertaking to convert several thousand schools in low-income neighborhoods into centers of community life and providers of vital services for families as well as students.

[EDSOURCE: What are the best masks for children to wear at school during the omicron surge? | Quick Guide](#) -- As the more highly transmissible omicron variant continues to be the country's dominant Covid strain, health experts are recommending adults and children upgrade from cloth or surgical masks to higher quality masks such as KN95s or KF94s.

[LA TIMES: Removing Indigenous concepts from ethnic studies sends a terrible message to California's students](#) -- By removing the Indigenous concepts In Lak'ech and Ashe from California's Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum to avoid litigation, state leaders send the message that these cultures are not worth fighting for.

[EDUCATION WEEK: Can Online Tutoring Help Schools Dig Out of Pandemic Learning Holes?](#) – An early experiment shows promise.

### Upcoming Board Meeting

Feb. 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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