



RETURN TO SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

March 2, 2021

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Vaccinations Cont. -

L.A. Unified to get 40% of county school staff vaccines

BY HOWARD BLUME

Forty percent of coronavirus vaccines available for school staff in Los Angeles County will go to the L.A. Unified School District through a new distribution formula designed to help reopen campuses sooner in areas hardest hit by the pandemic and student learning loss.

The number of doses available next week is expected to be announced Thursday, but based on last week's allotment, there would be about 10,000 doses available per week countywide for the education sector, according to the state health department. There are about 691,000 education-sector workers in L.A. County, according to the county Department of Public Health. That figure includes workers in child care, private schools and higher education.

The number of doses sent to L.A. County is [expected to increase](#) in the coming weeks.

The new distribution formula divides the school systems into five groups, each representing about 20% of public school students. L.A. Unified, the second-largest school district in the nation with 465,000 students, counts for two zones all by itself. Besides equity factors, doses also are allotted based the number of school employees already providing services in person.

Vaccinations Cont. -

LA County, city, school-district sites gear up for Monday's massive new wave of vaccine-seekers

By [STAFF AND NEWS SERVICE REPORTS](#) | Press Telegram

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With an estimated 1.2 million more people eligible for coronavirus vaccines on Monday, March 1, Los Angeles County will operate with its largest-ever infrastructure for delivering the sought-after inoculations this week.

Meanwhile, L.A. Unified School District officials will unveil a mega-clinic at the SoFi Stadium complex in Inglewood, aimed specifically at vaccinating district employees.

Paul Simon, chief science officer with the county Department of Public Health, said L.A. County expects to receive a total of 269,000 doses this week, up from 211,000 last week. With the county setting aside many doses for people who are due for the second shot of the two-dose regimen, a total of 103,000 doses will be available this week for the three sectors of workers and for people aged 65 and over.

Of those 103,000 doses:

- 35.8% (36,874) will be allocated to people 65 and over;
- 27.6% (24,428) will go toward food and agriculture workers, including grocery workers;
- 30.3% (31,209) will be allocated for the education/child care sector; and
 - **DUSD will receive 600 doses for employee vaccinations**
- 6.2% (6386) will be directed to emergency services and law enforcement.



DUSD Vaccine Updates



- We want to first make sure you are aware that the general education sector appointments are now open through [MyTurn](#).
- In addition, as you may have heard last week, the State of California announced a plan to allocate 75,000 doses to education workers **statewide**. On Sunday, the State informed us that the Los Angeles County education sector will receive a small additional allocation of 2,800 vaccinations as part of this effort. We expect to receive additional doses in the coming weeks and expand the allocation across districts.
- Per the State's instructions to allocate based on equity and the hardest hit areas, LACOE will allocate these additional 2,800 vaccines (**DUSD 330**) according to the equity formula we shared with you last week, prioritizing districts with the highest need communities to receive this initial allocation. These doses will be allocated via single-use Accessibility Codes to be used on the MyTurn website. Districts receiving codes will be notified by LACOE in a separate email by the end of day today



Whittier Vaccination Latest

- **600 shots** designated for DUSD



Vaccination MPOD at Whittier PIH



- **Where: PIH Health Whittier Hospital- 12401 Washington Blvd. Whittier, CA 90602**
- The clinic will begin upon completion of the previously scheduled 65 and over vaccination session.
 - We will let you know when a precise start time is determined.
 - **REMINDER: 65+ Second Shot March 12.**

Whittier MPOD Registration



- Since Elementary schools are eligible for return in Purple Tier, the district is prioritizing shots for elementary staff.
- A Google Survey has been developed and will be distributed by H.R. to determine their current vaccination status.
- PIH has received our vaccines at their site today.
- They are scheduling a second date for us this week as they can only serve 1000 people per day.
- They are working with LADPH and My Turn to finalize the process.

Vaccination to Reopen – AB/SB 86

ED Code 32092.

(a) The Government Operations Agency shall prioritize COVID-19 vaccination for all persons in Tier 1B pursuant to the State Department of Public Health's Vaccine Allocation Guidelines for COVID-19 Vaccine equally statewide.

(b) The Government Operations Agency, through the state's third party administrator for COVID-19 vaccination, shall prioritize a set number of appointments for education sector staff under Tier 1B described in subdivision (a), in partnership with local educational agencies, childcare providers, and labor organizations, and shall provide related direct outreach to, and support for, education sector staff.

(c) Of the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccines available to the state, 10 percent shall be offered to childcare and K–12 education sector staff.

*(d) This section **shall not be construed** as inferring that vaccination of school staff or pupils is a prerequisite for providing in-person instruction.*

CDC - Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Mitigation – February 26, 2021

Vaccination for teachers and staff, and in communities as soon as supply allows

- Teachers and school staff hold jobs critical to the continued functioning of society and are at potential occupational risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2. State, territorial, local and tribal (STLT) officials should consider giving high priority to teachers in early phases of vaccine distribution. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that frontline essential workers, including those who work in the education sector (teachers and school staff), be prioritized for vaccine allocation in phase 1b, following health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities (phase 1a).
- **Vaccinating teachers and school staff can be considered one layer of mitigation and protection for staff and students. Access to vaccination should **not be** considered a condition for reopening schools for in-person instruction.**

CDPH on Vaccinations

- Vaccines for K-12 Schools
CDPH strongly recommends
that all persons eligible to
receive COVID-19 vaccines
receive them at the first
opportunity

COVID-19 and
Reopening In-Person
Instruction Framework
& Public Health
Guidance for K-12
Schools in California,
2020-2021 School Year

January 14, 2021





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ELEMENTARY PARENT
RETURN TO
SCHOOL COMMITMENT
- RESULTS

Surveys collected resulted in
an 83.2% return (total students)

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| In-Person Hybrid | 55% |
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| Remain Full D.L. | 45% |
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Secondary Re-Commitment Distance Learning and In-Person Hybrid

- Commitment window was November 12 to November 16th
- **We will have secondary parents re-commit prior to return**

Secondary Final DL-Hybrid

| School | DL | Hybrid |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Doty | 53% | 47% |
| Griffiths | 52% | 48% |
| Stauffer | 56% | 44% |
| Sussman | 58% | 42% |
| Columbus | 56% | 44% |
| Downey | 60% | 40% |
| Warren | 57% | 43% |
| Total Percentage | 57.0% | 43.0% |



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COVID-19 reporting and public health requirements, instruction support grants, the Cal Grant Program, and learning loss mitigation – Assembly Bill 86/Senate Bill 86

Governor and legislative leaders have announced an agreement today

The revised legislation is expected to be heard in committee on Tuesday, receive a floor vote on Thursday and get the Governor's signature by the end of the week.

Here are some current highlights of the deal:

- \$2 billion in Proposition 98 funding will be available for school districts offering in-person instruction by April 1, 2021.
- In-person instruction requirements differ depending on the county tier as defined by the Blueprint for a Safer Economy.
- An additional \$4.6 billion will be distributed to all school districts, proportionally based on LCFF with an additional \$1,000 for each homeless student, intended for learning recovery.
- The majority of the \$4.6 billion will have broad flexibility and can be used for in-person programs and services through August 31, 2022.

New School Reopening Deal Details Cont. -

- Bill codifies that education workers are in Tier 1b and that **the state will reserve a minimum of 10 percent of available vaccines** in each county for education workers.
- ***Funding Contingency.*** LEAs must provide in-person instruction in order to receive funds from the In-Person Instruction Grant.
- **For elementary schools (Kindergarten through Grade 6):**
 - **Purple Tier:** Offer optional in-person instruction to all students required to be offered in-person instruction to special education students and all students in Kindergarten through grades 1 and 2.
 - When eligible to provide in-person instruction based on COVID-19 industry sector guidance: Offer optional in-person instruction to all students in Kindergarten through grades 1 and 2, and to all students in grade 3 through grade 6, inclusive.
- **For middle schools and high schools (Grades 6-12):**
 - When eligible to provide in-person instruction based on COVID-19 industry sector guidance: Offer in-person instruction to all prioritized students and to all students in at least one full-grade level.



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DEA Collaborations Update

Met on Friday 2/26/21

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Better Together!

- As a result of the leadership from our Board of Education and in positive collaboration with the Downey Education Association (DEA), staff is excited to recommend that our Early Childhood and TK-5th grade general and special education students return to each of our thirteen elementary school campuses on **Monday, March 29th, 2021.**

Journey Slide

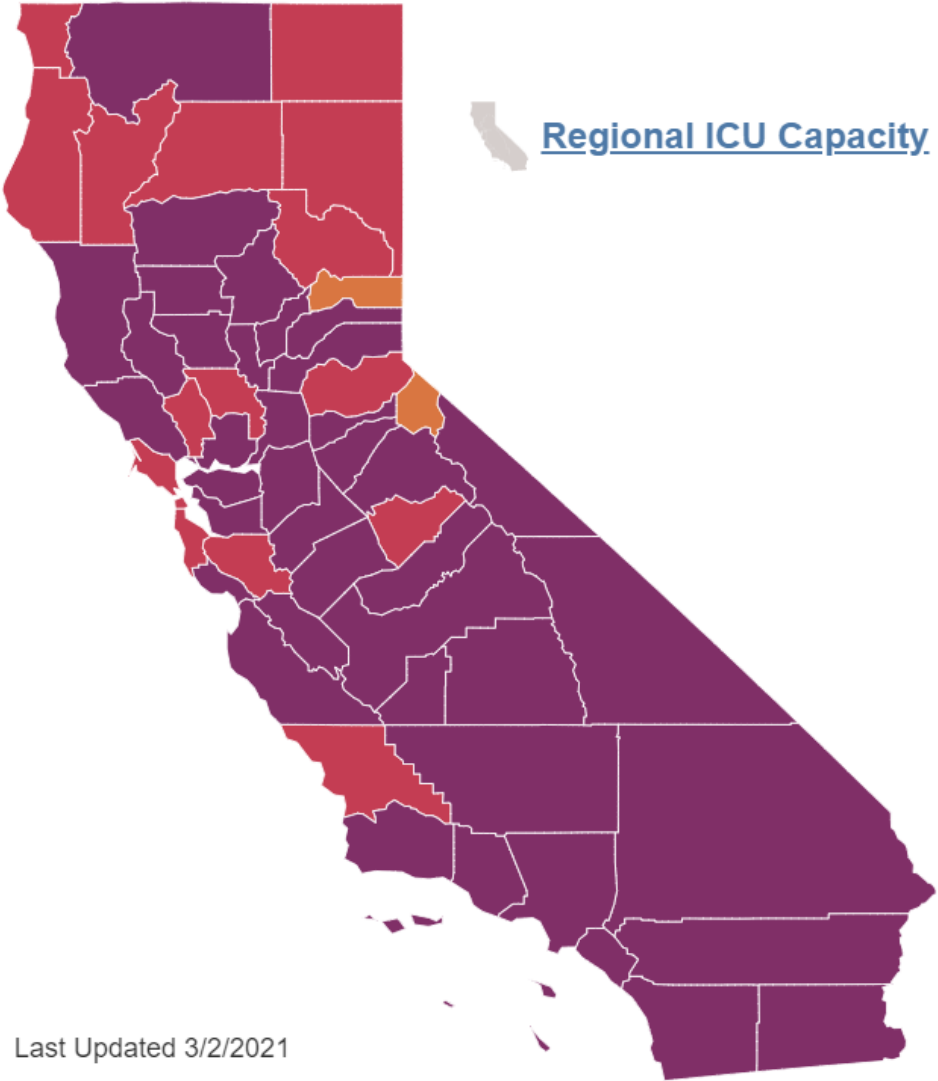
- 3/2-Work with DEA to prepare for Zoom meeting with teachers
- 3/2-Teacher schedule survey is sent out
- 3/3-Elementary teacher Zoom discussion with Q&A to discuss proposed schedules
- 3/8-Teacher schedule survey window closes (Round 1)
- 3/10 & 3/17-Staff meetings to review Return to School Procedures
- 3/11-Teacher schedule survey window closes (Round 2)
- 3/11 & 3/12-Finalize teacher schedule process
- 3/15-Communicate school schedules with families/provide transition time
- 3/25 & 3/26-Teachers back in classes
- 3/29 Hybrid Return for all elementary schools Early Childhood, TK-5th



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Tier assignments may occur any day of the week and may occur more than once a week. Select a county to see what region it's in.



STATEWIDE METRICS

10.2 New COVID-19 positive cases per day per 100K

3.7% Positivity rate (7-day average)

25.2% ICU availability

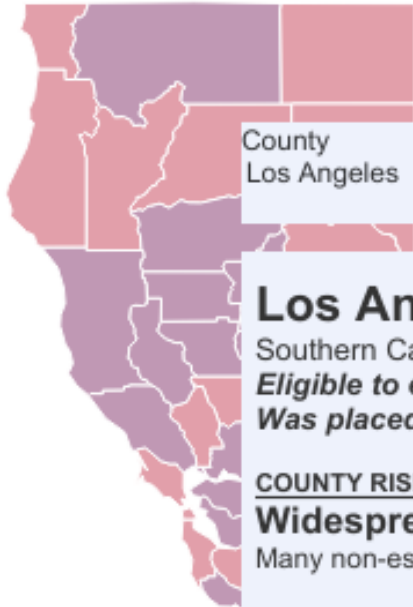
Find a county

Click on the map for updated metrics

COUNTY RISK LEVELS

| | Counties | Population | |
|-------------|----------|------------|-------|
| Widespread | 40 | 34,961,771 | 87.1% |
| Substantial | 16 | 5,163,157 | 12.9% |
| Moderate | 2 | 4,232 | 0.0% |

Last Updated 3/2/2021



County
Los Angeles

STATEWIDE METRICS

- 10.2 New COVID-19 positive cases per day per 100K
- 3.7% Positivity rate (7-day average)
- 25.2% ICU availability

Close
ⓧ

Los Angeles County

Southern California Region
Eligible to exit Regional Order effective 1/25/2021
Was placed on Regional Stay Home Order 12/6/2020 3:59 PM

COUNTY RISK LEVEL
Widespread*
 Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed

COUNTY METRICS
 9.7 New COVID-19 cases per day per 100K
 7.2 Adjusted case rate for tier assignment
 3.5% Positivity rate (7-day average)
 5.1% Health equity quartile positivity rate

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3 weeks prior 2/9 | 2 weeks prior 2/16 | 1 week prior 2/23 | Current 3/2 |
| Widespread | Widespread | Widespread | Widespread |

*See California Blueprint Data Chart for tier determination



- Widespread
- Substantial
- Moderate

Last Updated 3/2/2021

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CURRENT COUNTY CONDITIONS: ADJUSTED CASE RATES

| DATE | 10-day Case Rate | Adjusted Case Rates |
|------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 3/2/31 | 16740 | 7.2 |
| 2/23/21 | 20846 | 12.3 |
| 2/16/21 | 31556 | 20.0 |
| 2/09/2021 | 46531 | 31.7 |
| 2/02/2021 | 69036 | 38.7 |
| 1/26/2021 | 93567 | 48.2 |
| 1/19/2021 | 138975 | 75.3 |
| 1/12/2021 | 144797 | 77 |
| 1/05/2021 | 136671 | 65.8 |
| 12/29/2020 | 137463 | 66.4 |
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Possible Dates to Reopen Secondary Schools - Grades 6-12

There is no pathway to
open in Purple
"Widespread" Tier.



L.A. County must be in
the Red "Substantial Tier
for secondary schools to
be eligible to open.

Breakdown of the Tiers



| County risk level | Adjusted case rate* 7-day average of daily COVID-19 cases per 100K with 7-day lag, adjusted for number of tests performed | Positivity rate** 7-day average of all COVID-19 tests performed that are positive | |
|---|--|--|--|
| | | Entire county | Health equity quartile |
| <p>WIDESPREAD</p> <p>Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p> | <p>More than 7.0</p> <p>Daily new cases (per 100k)</p> | <p>More than 8.0%</p> <p>Positive tests</p> | |
| <p>SUBSTANTIAL</p> <p>Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p> | <p>4.0 – 7.0</p> <p>Daily new cases (per 100k)</p> | <p>5.0 – 8.0%</p> <p>Positive tests</p> | <p>5.3 – 8.0%</p> <p>Positive tests</p> |

SUBSTANTIAL

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Red Tier Determination



- Determination of meeting the Red Tier criterion: Similarly, schools are now eligible to open the first day a county is in the Red Tier (i.e., the Wednesday following the Tuesday announcement of the weekly county tier assignments on the Blueprint website), without a five consecutive day waiting period. This recognizes that counties need to have met Red Tier criteria for two weeks prior to entering into the Red Tier, and therefore the Blueprint calculation captures more than a five-day period of lower and downward trends in the numbers.
- Finally, to support calm and safe reopenings, the guidance now provides a three-week eligibility window for re-opening after a county has met the relevant metric for school re-opening, regardless of increases in case rates during that time or reversion back to the Purple tier.

Next Steps with Associations

- Scheduled to meet this Thursday to finalize Elementary Hybrid Return to School M.O.U.
- Will meet with CSEA Unit 1 and Unit 2 to finalize M.O.U.



Questions

