



Return to School Board Update

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Federal Vaccination Update

CDC: Virus is riskier than vaccines

A new study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the risk of illness, hospitalization and death following the shots is far lower than the danger from becoming infected with the highly contagious and often deadly virus.

Three health threats have surfaced among some vaccinated people: blood clots and the Guillain-Barre Syndrome neurologic disorder after the Johnson & Johnson shot, and heart inflammation after the Pfizer or Moderna shots, which use a messenger-RNA technology.

But the CDC analysis found that the risk in adults from the vaccines to be minimal compared to the virus that causes COVID-19, which has infected 35 million Americans.



Federal Vaccine Update Cont.

Fauci eyes vaccine's full OK in weeks

The U.S. government's top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, said Sunday he was hopeful the Food and Drug Administration will give full approval to the coronavirus vaccine by month's end and predicted the potential move will spur a wave of vaccine mandates in the private sector as well as schools and universities.



Federal Vaccination Guidance

White House pushes student shots:

WASHINGTON >> The White House, worried that coronavirus vaccination rates among young people are lagging as the school year approaches, is enlisting pediatricians to incorporate vaccination into back-to-school sports physicals and encouraging schools to host their own vaccination clinics as part of a new push to get students their shots.

The initiative, announced Thursday by Education Secretary Miguel Cardona, is part of a broader “return to school road map” aimed at getting students back to in-person learning this fall.



State Vaccination Requirements

California to mandate COVID-19 vaccines for health workers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California will require all its roughly 2.2 million health care and long-term care workers to be fully vaccinated against the coronavirus by Sept. 30.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom said last month he would require health care workers to either be vaccinated or submit to weekly testing.

But the new order issued Thursday by the California Department of Public Health does not give health care workers a choice. It says all must be fully vaccinated by the end of September.



Patient and Visitor Vaccination Policy

August 10, 2021

To our Patients and Families:

The California Department of Public Health issued a state order effective Wednesday, August 11, 2021, requiring all hospital visitors to provide proof of vaccination status or proof of a negative COVID-19 test within the last 72 hours prior to entering the hospital. To comply with these state requirements and to help keep our community healthy, PIH Health will be adopting the following procedures.

Visitors will only be allowed to enter by showing one of the following:

- Vaccination card, photo of a vaccination card, vaccination passport, photo of a vaccination passport (must include visitor's name, and date of each vaccination).
- Hard copy of a negative COVID-19 test result in which the test was taken less than 72 hours prior to entrance (must include the visitor's name and date of test).



LA County COVID Update

Amid growing COVID concerns, L.A. County sees possible 'leveling off' of virus' growth

The statistical news, however, continued to be grim: 3,672 new cases, a total not seen since early February, taking the total since the pandemic began to 1,315,313.

The more hopeful news: Ferrer said the county's current rate of new cases is 21.1 per 100,000 residents, a drop from 24 per 100,000 last week. The average daily rate of people testing positive for the virus is 4.73%, down a full percentage point from last week.

"Although today's rate will likely change somewhat over the coming days as additional test results are reported, **this does suggest** to us that our rise in cases may be leveling out," Ferrer said.



LA County Vaccination Requirements Cont.

Get the shot or get tested: Board affirms coronavirus vaccination mandate for LA County workers

Leaders approved a policy that all county government workers be vaccinated. Now comes the hard part. Working out the details.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Aug. 10, unanimously ratified an executive order for all the county's more than 100,000 employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or be tested weekly for the virus.

In the process of assuring compliance, there could ultimately be some exemptions, including medical and religious issues, officials said Tuesday.



New California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

State Public Health Officer Order of August 11, 2021

TO: All Californians

FROM: TOMÁS J. ARAGÓN, M.D., Dr.P.H. State Public Health Officer & Director

SUBJECT: Vaccine Verification for Workers in Schools

I, as State Public Health Officer of the State of California, order:

1. This Order applies to the following facilities: public and private schools serving students in transitional kindergarten through grade 12, inclusive, except that it does not apply to home schools. Further, it does not apply to childcare or to higher education.



New CDPH Health Order Cont.

All schools identified in this Order must verify vaccine status of all workers

- A. Pursuant to the [CDPH Guidance for Vaccine Records Guidelines & Standards](#), only the following modes may be used as proof of vaccination:
1. COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control & Prevention or WHO Yellow Card) which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided and date last dose administered); OR
 2. a photo of a Vaccination Record Card as a separate document; OR
 3. a photo of the client's Vaccination Record Card stored on a phone or electronic device; OR
 4. documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider; OR
 5. digital record that includes a QR code that when scanned by a SMART Health Card reader displays to the reader client name, date of birth, vaccine dates and vaccine type; OR
 6. documentation of vaccination from other contracted employers who follow these vaccination records guidelines and standards.



New CDPH Health Order Cont.

B. Schools must have a plan in place for tracking verified worker vaccination status. Records of vaccination verification must be made available, upon request, to the local health jurisdiction for purposes of case investigation.

C. Workers who are not fully vaccinated, or for whom vaccine status is unknown or documentation is not provided, must be considered unvaccinated.



New CDPH Health Order Cont.

II. Testing requirements:

- A. Asymptomatic **unvaccinated** or incompletely vaccinated workers are **required to undergo** diagnostic screening testing.

- B. Workers may be tested with either antigen or molecular tests to satisfy this requirement, but unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers must be tested at least once weekly with either PCR testing or antigen testing. Any PCR (molecular) or antigen test used must either have Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or be operating per the Laboratory Developed Test requirements by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.



New CDPH Health Order Cont.

- VII. This Order shall take effect on August 12, 2021, at 12:01 am.
- Facilities must be in full compliance with the Order by October 15, 2021.



Here are the crucial back-to-school answers that California parents need

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[Back-to-school 2021](#) marks the third academic year the education of California's 6 million children has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



What are the key protocols that must be in place as schools reopen in California?

- [California](#) has [mandated masks](#) for all K-12 students when indoors with a few exceptions, which are intended to be rare and not simply based on parent and student preference or discomfort. The Los Angeles Unified School District, and likely other districts, also requires masking outdoors.
- Teachers and staff must be vaccinated or submit to weekly coronavirus testing.
- Although neither the state nor the CDC is requiring physical distancing, schools are urged to keep students distanced as much as possible. When masks are not being used, such as when students are eating or drinking, physical distancing becomes more important, even essential, in the view of some experts.

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What are the key protocols that must be in place as schools reopen in California? Cont.

- Recommendations also call on schools to [optimize ventilation](#) in indoor spaces. Portable air purifiers also are being used in some cases. Even just opening one or more windows helps with ventilation.
- Facilities are supposed to be **frequently** cleaned.
- **Increased** hand-washing is expected.
- There will be **limited or no sharing** of school supplies.



What is the state mask mandate?

The California Department of Public Health's mask rules for schools are as follows:

- Masks are optional outdoors.
- K-12 students are required to mask indoors (with exemptions for children younger than 2 or who have a medical condition), and mask enforcement on campus is left to school personnel.
- Exempted individuals are expected to wear a nonrestrictive alternative such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge.

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DUSD Revised Outdoor Mask Protocol



All students indoors or outside will be required to wear a mask unless eating or drinking.



Outdoor masking requirements will follow the indoor masking exemptions for individuals



Competitive team sports will continue to follow LACDPH youth sports and CIF guidance.



Students in PE and other outdoor activities that can allow for physical distancing may remove their masks with teacher approval.

Does California require COVID-19 vaccines for eligible students?

- No, not currently for K-12 students. Children 12 and younger are not yet eligible for the vaccine.
- Public health officials, however, continually stress the importance of vaccinating eligible children — especially now with the highly infectious Delta variant

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Are vaccines required for teachers and school staff?

- Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Wednesday that proof of vaccination or regular testing would be required for all school employees — a policy that some school districts have already independently put in place.
- Some 1,000 public school districts as well as private schools will be affected by the order, **which is set to take effect Thursday and gives schools until Oct. 15 to comply fully.**

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What Happens if Student or Staff has positive confirmed COVID test?

- Infected individuals must self-isolate.
- Close contacts who are **not vaccinated must quarantine for up to 10 days**.
- It is **recommended** that close contacts **who have been vaccinated** and exposed be tested for coronavirus infection.
- Institutions must report all coronavirus cases to the county health department, and county health officials will “be aggressive” about contact tracing.

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What are parents entitled to know about positive cases at their school?

- Following confirmation of a positive case Generally, those who may have been exposed to the infected person will receive direct communication.
- “If your child or you have an exposure, you will be notified that you had an exposure. ... You will get notified either by us or by the school administration,” L.A. County Public Health Department Director Barbara Ferrer said in a recent town hall meeting.
- Previously, the definition was based on the length of time a person was exposed to an infected individual. But now the situation has become more complicated:
 - **Were both people wearing masks?**
 - **Was the exposure indoors or outdoors?**
 - **Were either of them vaccinated?**
- In cases of notification, parents should not expect to learn the identity of the infected individual as schools can't provide medical information or records about another person.

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District Website - <https://web.dusd.net/coronavirus/>



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COVID Safety Plan



COVID Dashboard

Downey Unified School District COVID-19 Dashboard: 2021-22

The Downey Unified School District and our schools are committed to providing accurate and transparent information regarding COVID-19 cases on our campuses and work locations, while also maintaining privacy and confidentiality for our students and staff. The data below represents the number of confirmed active COVID-19 cases among District students and staff on its campuses (in-person instruction only). This data is updated regularly.

School/Location Type	School/Location	Number of Students (In-Person Only)*	Number of Staff - Certificated & Classified (In-Person Only)	Current Confirmed Cases**	
				Students	Staff
Secondary Schools	Doty Middle	1,217	148	0	0
	Griffiths Middle	1,194	160	1	2
	Stauffer Middle	1,243	163	0	1
	Sussman Middle	1,018	165	2	0
	Columbus High Woodruff Academy	242	67	0	0
	Downey High	4,036	309	5	1
	Warren High	3,225	301	0	0
	Downey Adult School	80	50	0	0

What should I do if my child is exposed at school?

- **Health experts recommend** that unvaccinated individuals who have been exposed to the coronavirus quarantine for up to 10 days. Quarantine may end after Day 7 for exposed students who remain asymptomatic, if a test is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative, but they must continue to monitor their health and adhere to COVID-19 prevention precautions through Day 14.
- **It's also recommended** that vaccinated individuals who have been exposed be tested for the virus.
- There is **no quarantine required** for vaccinated individuals.

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Will classrooms or schools be closed by outbreaks?

- A cluster of three or more potentially linked cases at one school over 14 days could represent an outbreak and could lead to having a group of students or even a class quarantine at home.
- Decisions on how a school handles an outbreak will be made in concert with local public health authorities.

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Local District Vaccination Requirements

Long Beach Unified will require employees to get COVID-19 vaccine or be tested regularly.

Long Beach Unified, the state's fourth largest school district and the city's biggest employer, will require all employees to get vaccinated for COVID-19 or be tested weekly, Superintendent Jill Baker said Monday, Aug. 9.

About 75% of the LBUSD's 12,000 employees have already been inoculated, Baker said in a Monday phone interview, but "we're hoping to bring that up with this announcement, that many more will take advantage of the widespread opportunity to get vaccinated."



Vaccination Update from Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)



"I also want to share that we have decided to proceed with **our plan to require LACOE employees to either show proof of vaccination or submit to weekly COVID-19 testing effective Tuesday, Sept. 7.**"

This decision follows the lead of the federal government, the State of California, Los Angeles County and other government agencies, including the cities of New York, Los Angeles, Long Beach and Pasadena.

LAUSD Requires Shots for Teachers

The order to get vaccinated by Oct. 15 extends to volunteers, staff and contractors.

All employees in the Los Angeles Unified School District must be vaccinated against COVID-19 by Oct. 15, interim Supt. Megan Reilly announced Friday — an order that puts it at the forefront of school systems across the country that are mandating strict coronavirus safety measures for employees and students.

The L.A. Unified requirement — endorsed by the teachers union — is sweeping in its impact, applying to outside contractors and parent volunteers as well as employees.

The union said its board of directors approved the vaccine mandate “overwhelmingly.”
The UTLA board had previously voted to “not oppose” a vaccine mandate.

Exemptions will be limited. There will be a process for documenting those “who cannot take the vaccine due to disability or sincerely held religious belief,” according to information posted by the school system.

Employees who don’t get a vaccine face discipline and could lose their jobs.

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District Timeline to Comply with State Health Order

- August 18 - Notification sent out to all staff 18 that district will be asking for vaccination verification
- August 23-27 – All staff will provide verification of vaccination via upload of documents
- September 1 – Start weekly testing for unvaccinated employees
- September 7 – Provide update to Board

Union Collaborations

- Today district met with presidents of all three unions, DEA, CSEA Unit 1 and 2, to begin to discuss the effects new state health order and specifics of staff COVID-19 testing.
- District will continue to meet with all bargaining units

Upcoming DUSD Vaccination Clinic #4

Downey High School Aug 26, 2021

Myturn.ca.gov

Location Name	Location Address	Vaccination / Shot #1 of 2 Day / Date	Vaccination / Shot Day #2 of 2 Day / Date
Downey High School <small>Partner: Clinica Medica Hispana (Paramount)</small>	11040 Brookshire Ave Downey, CA, 90241 In the school Theater, C- building	Thursday August 26, 2021 3:30 – 7:30PM	Thursday September 16, 2021 3:30 - 7:30PM

Early Enrollment (8/16/2021) - Elementary

School	In-Person	Online	Total
Alameda Elementary School	747	118	865
Carpenter Elementary School	414	0	414
Gallatin Elementary School	688	74	762
Gauldin Elementary School	539	64	603
Imperial Elementary School	494	52	546
Lewis Elementary School	784	82	866
Old River Elementary School	584	56	640
Price Elementary School	725	91	816
Rio Hondo Elementary School	740	65	805
Rio San Gabriel Elementary School	710	44	754
Unsworth Elementary School	619	33	652
Ward Elementary School	529	66	595
Williams Elementary School	621	87	708
Total (8/16/2021)	8194	832	9026

Early Enrollment (8/16/2021)- Secondary

Secondary Enrollment Report 21-22			
School	In-Person	Online	Total
Doty Middle School	1182	124	1306
Griffiths Middle School	1151	84	1235
Stauffer Middle School	1172	102	1274
Sussman Middle School	856	124	989
Columbus High School	158	17	175
Downey High School	3935	292	4227
Warren High School	3112	223	3335
Total	11575	966	12541



Secondary Class Size Stabilization

- Typically takes **first two weeks of school** to balance out class sizes. This process was made more difficult with creation of online sections.
- **Students continue to show up** even after school starts and other students are "no shows".
- **"No Shows"** will be dropped midweek to support our goal to have classes balanced by the end of this week.



Questions