

# Current Conditions Board Update

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# COVID-19's global death toll tops 5 million in under 2 years



The **global death toll** from COVID-19 topped 5 million on Monday, less than two years into a crisis that has not only devastated poor countries but also humbled wealthy ones with first-rate health care systems.

Together, the United States, the European Union, Britain and Brazil — all upper-middle- or high-income countries — **account for one-eighth of the world's population but nearly half of all reported deaths.** The U.S. alone has recorded over 745,000 lives lost, more than any other nation.

# More than 120,000 US kids had caregivers die during pandemic



- ♦ The number of U.S. children orphaned during the COVID-19 pandemic may be larger than previously estimated, and the toll has been far greater among Black and Hispanic Americans, a new study suggests.
- ♦ More than half the children who lost a primary caregiver during the pandemic belonged to those two racial groups, which make up about 40% of the U.S. population, according to the study published Thursday by the medical journal Pediatrics.
- ♦ During 15 months of the nearly 19-month COVID-19 pandemic, more than 120,000 U.S. children lost a parent or grandparent who was a primary provider of financial support and care, the study found. Another 22,000 children experienced the death of a secondary caregiver — for example, a grandparent who provided housing but not a child's other basic needs.

# Los Angeles OKs one of strictest US vaccination mandates



- ♦ Los Angeles leaders on Wednesday approved one of the nation's strictest vaccine mandates a sweeping measure that requires the shots for everyone entering bars, restaurants, nail salons, gyms or even a Lakers game.
- ♦ The City Council voted 11-2 in favor of the ordinance that will require proof of full vaccination starting Nov. 4.
- ♦ The ordinance would require people to be fully vaccinated to enter indoor public spaces including shopping malls, restaurants, bars, gyms, sports arenas, museums, spas, nail salons, indoor city facilities and other locations. Current vaccine eligibility includes people age 12 and up.
- ♦ Negative coronavirus tests within 72 hours of entry to those places would be required for people with religious or medical exemptions for vaccinations.

# Can I get the flu and COVID-19 vaccines at the same time?



Yes, you can get the shots in the same visit.

- ♦ When COVID-19 vaccines were first rolling out in the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended waiting 14 days between the shots and other immunizations as a precaution. But the agency has since revised its guidelines and says the wait is unnecessary.
- ♦ The CDC and other health experts point to past experience showing that vaccines work as they should, and any side effects are similar whether the shots are given separately or in the same visit.
- ♦ “Staying up to date on all vaccinations will be especially important this year, experts say.
- ♦ Since people were masked and staying home, last year’s flu season barely registered. This year, it’s unclear how intense the flu season will be with more places reopening.

# University of California issues mandatory flu vaccine order for students and staff

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The University of California has issued an executive order requiring all students, staff and faculty to receive their flu vaccinations on or before Nov. 19. The 10-campus university is allowing people to opt out of the vaccine by Nov. 19 as well. Anyone opting out must wear face masks on campus through the end of the flu season even if COVID-19 requirements are relaxed by the respective county or university system.

“With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing, the potential confluence of infections from COVID-19 and influenza poses a threat to the health and safety of the UC community and the public at large,” officials said in a UCnet article.

# Choosing the jobs to keep their jobs

Los Angeles Times

99% of L.A. Unified teachers comply with vaccination deadline, obviating the need for a contingency plan.

Faced with getting a COVID-19 vaccine or losing their jobs, thousands of hesitant Los Angeles school-district employees opted for a last-minute job, allowing them to access schools and offices Monday and resulting in 99% compliance among classroom teachers and 97% among all staff.

The high compliance rate — which includes those with an approved medical or religious exemption — fended off the need for a longer-term contingency plan that officials launched Monday in case the final vaccination rates were lower. Under that plan, thousands of supervisors and staff from central and regional offices were deployed to campuses and classrooms; some supervised classrooms or filled in for missing custodians and food-service workers, and police officers worked overtime.

# About 1,500 LAUSD employees granted accommodations for coronavirus vaccine exemptions



District continuing to review requests from workers seeking exemptions from COVID-19 vaccination mandate.

Los Angeles Unified has approved accommodations for approximately 1,500 employees seeking a medical or religious exemption to the district's COVID-19 vaccination mandate for staff, the district reported on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Accommodations may include assigning employees to remote work, placing them on temporary leave or having them draw down their "benefitted time," a spokesperson for the district shared in an email.

Approximately 175 of the approved accommodations were based on a medical condition or disability while about 1,325 accommodations were based on a sincerely held religious belief, according to the district.

About 600 employees, or 40%, have been assigned to remote work through the district's online independent study program.

# L.A. and San Diego districts face litigation over requiring jabs to attend class in person

Los Angeles Times

## Lawsuits target student vaccine mandate

California's two largest school districts — Los Angeles and San Diego — are targeted in lawsuits challenging their student COVID-19 vaccination mandates, alleging the vaccines are too new and that unvaccinated children face discrimination and the denial of their equal right to a public education.

Both school systems were ahead of the state in requiring student vaccines as a measure to make campuses safer and to limit spread of the coronavirus in the community — and their mandates are more comprehensive than the state requirement, which has yet to be codified into law.



Governor Newsom signed an Executive Order for a school-age vaccine mandate. This means that the California Department of Public Health will add the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of vaccinations required for in-person school attendance - this list currently includes vaccines for measles, mumps, and rubella among others. Accordingly, this Executive Order will go into effect once a vaccine is granted full approval for children. Currently, vaccines only have emergency approval for children, but Pfizer is seeking full approval; Pfizer currently has been granted full approval for adults.

- COVID-19 vaccine requirements will apply to all students of any private or public elementary or secondary school(s).
- COVID-19 vaccine requirements will be phased-in by grade span, grades K-6 and 7-12 to promote a smooth transition.
- A student who is not vaccinated may remain enrolled in independent study but may not attend in-person instruction.
- Requirements established by regulation, not legislation, are subject to exemptions for both medical reasons and personal beliefs.
- Based on current projections that are pending final CDC/FDA full approval and guidance for ages 12+, the state anticipates the requirement would apply to grades 7-12 starting on July 1, 2022.

# Eyeing a hole in K-12 mandate for COVID vaccine

Los Angeles Times

Lawmakers worry that a broad exemption for personal beliefs will undermine the effort

SACRAMENTO — When Gov. Gavin Newsom said last week that California would require students to be vaccinated against COVID-19, a critical caveat was tucked within the nation-leading announcement: Parents can opt their children out of inoculation based on personal beliefs.

Newsom did not define the criteria for obtaining those exemptions, leaving the task to state public health officials. Now, lawmakers are expressing concerns that allowing broad exemptions in the mandate will undermine the state's effort to protect schools if too many families decide against vaccination.

Under California law, students are allowed to skip vaccines required for in-person attendance at K-12 schools after a doctor says it's medically necessary to do so. Because the law applies only to previously approved immunizations, the state must offer broader personal belief exemptions for all newly mandated vaccines unless lawmakers and Newsom override that requirement.

# FDA panel backs Pfizer's low-dose COVID-19 vaccine for kids



The U.S. moved a step closer to expanding COVID-19 vaccinations for millions more children as government advisers on Tuesday endorsed kid-size doses of Pfizer's shots for 5- to 11-year-olds.

A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel voted unanimously, with one abstention, that the vaccine's benefits in preventing COVID-19 in that age group outweigh any potential risks. That includes questions about a heart-related side effect that's been very rare in teens and young adults despite their use of a much higher vaccine dose.

The FDA isn't bound by the panel's recommendation and is expected to make its own decision within days. If the FDA concurs, there's still another step: Next week, the CDC will have to decide whether to recommend the shots and which youngsters should get them

# Monthly DUSD Vaccination Clinic Totals



Location and Dates	Provider	Adults Vaccinated	Youth (12-18 years) Vaccinated	Total Vaccinated
Clinic #1 - Downey High School Tuesday, July 13, 2021 Tuesday, August 3, 2021	Paramount Family Pharmacy	126	211	337
Clinic #2 - Warren High School Wednesday, July 14, 2021 Wednesday, August 4, 2021	Clinica Medica	35	102	137
Clinic # 3 - Stauffer Middle School Thursday, July 22, 2021 Thursday, August 12, 2021	Clinica Medica	100	156	256
Clinic # 4 - Downey High School Thursday, August 26, 2021 Thursday, September 16, 2021	Clinica Medica	112	132	244
Clinic #5 - Warren High School Thursday, September 9, 2021 Thursday, September 30, 2021	Clinica Medica	82	168	250
Clinic #6 - Griffiths Middle School Thursday, October 14, 2021	Clinica Medica	15	35	50
<b>Total:</b>		<b>470</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>1,274</b>

DUSD Vaccination  
Clinic #6  
Second Shot –  
Thursday,  
November 4

## FREE COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC | 12+

**Thu, Oct. 14th** | Griffiths Middle School  
**3:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

### HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- Bring photo ID or proof of age.
- Minors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- Show proof of appointment through [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov).
- No insurance needed. However, if you have insurance, please bring insurance card. Vaccines are FREE.
- Required to wait 15 minutes for observation.

Second dose scheduled for November 4th  
Vaccination questions? Call (562) 469-6589

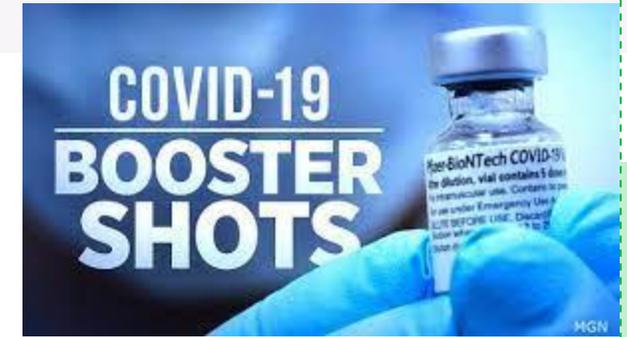


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# DUSD Staff Booster Shots

- ◆ Wednesday, November 10th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm
- ◆ Working on signup procedure
- ◆ Location - TBD



# FDA OKs mixing COVID vaccines; backs Moderna and J&J boosters



- ♦ U.S. regulators on Wednesday signed off on extending COVID-19 boosters to Americans who got the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine and said anyone eligible for an extra dose can get a brand different from the one they received initially.
- ♦ But before more people roll up their sleeves, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will consult an expert panel Thursday before finalizing official recommendations for who should get boosters and when.
- ♦ Specifically, the FDA authorized a third Moderna shot for seniors and others at high risk from COVID-19 because of their health problems, jobs or living conditions — six months after their last shot. **One big change:** Moderna's booster will be half the dose that's used for the first two shots, based on company data showing that was plenty to rev up immunity again.
- ♦ For J&J's single-shot vaccine, the FDA said all U.S. recipients, no matter their age, could get a second dose at least two months following their initial vaccination

# White House details plans to vaccinate 28M children ages 5-11



- ♦ Children ages 5 to 11 will soon be able to get a COVID-19 shot at their pediatrician's office, local pharmacy and potentially even their school, the White House said Wednesday as it detailed plans for the expected authorization of the Pfizer shot for elementary school youngsters in a matter of weeks.
- ♦ Federal regulators will meet over the next two weeks to weigh the safety and effectiveness of giving low-dose shots to the roughly 28 million children in that age group.
- ♦ The Biden administration noted that the expansion of shots to children under 12 will not look like the start of the country's vaccine rollout 10 months ago, when limited doses and inadequate capacity meant a painstaking wait for many Americans.
- ♦ The country now has ample supplies of the Pfizer shot to vaccinate the children who will soon be eligible, officials said, and they have been working for months to ensure widespread availability of shots. About 15 million doses will be shipped to providers across the U.S. in the first week after approval, the White House said.
- ♦ More than 25,000 pediatricians and primary care providers have already signed on to dispense the vaccine to elementary school children, the White House said, in addition to the tens of thousands of drugstores that are already administering shots to adults.

# NEWS RELEASE



## Los Angeles County Administers Boosters to Residents

LA County is now administering boosters for all three FDA-approved vaccines; Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director, Rochelle P. Walensky, endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation for a booster dose of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

Los Angeles County residents eligible for a booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine include those who received the second of the two-dose vaccine series at least 6 months ago and are either:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18 and older who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18 and older who work or live in high-risk settings

For people who received the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are also recommended for everyone who was vaccinated two or more months ago.

All eligible individuals are allowed to choose a different brand from their original vaccine as a booster.

# FDA paves way for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations in young kids



The Food and Drug Administration on Friday **paved the way for children ages 5 to 11** to get Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine.

**The FDA cleared kid-size doses** — just a third of the amount given to teens and adults — for emergency use, and up to 28 million more American children could be eligible for vaccinations as early as next week.

**One more regulatory hurdle remains:** On Tuesday, advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will make more detailed recommendations on which youngsters should get vaccinated, with a final decision by the agency's director expected shortly afterwards.



# COVID-19 Testing Update

Testing approx. 300 staff  
per week

Testing approx. 475 athletes  
per week

# COVID-19 Testing Schedule

	# STAFF to Test	MON	TUE	WEDS	THURS	FRI
<b>ELEMENTARY</b>						
Alameda	24	X	X	Jessica	X	X
Carpenter	15	X	X	X	Sophia / Luz	X
Gallatin	11	Ched	X	X	X	X
Gauldin	30	X	X	X	Jessica	X
Imperial	20	X	X	X	Stephen	X
Lewis	20	Tran	X	X	X	X
Old River	19	X	X	Tran	X	X
Price	17	X	X	Stephen	X	X
Rio Hondo	15	X	X	X	Laura	X
Rio San Gabriel	16	Laura	X	X	X	X
Unsworth	18	X	X	Laura	X	X
Ward	13	X	Ched	X	X	X
Williams	19	X	Stephen	X	X	X
PACE (On-line)	5	X	X	X	Tran	X
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>						
Doty	22	X	Laura	X	X	X
Griffiths	26	X	X	Ched		X
Stauffer	28	X	Tran	X	X	X
Sussman	23	X	Jessica	X	X	X
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS +</b>						
Downey	85	<i>DHS Fulgent Testing Station, Monday – Thursday from 12:30-4:30pm</i>				X
Warren	60	<i>WHS Fulgent Testing Station, Monday – Thursday from 12:30-4:30pm</i>				X
Columbus/WAS & DAS	11 20	X	X	X	Ched	X
*Transp./Grounds Dept.	21	X	X	X		X
<b>DISTRICT</b>						
DHH Itinerant	21	X	X	Alex/Joy	X	X
District Office (DO)	60	X	X	1:00-3:45pm TTC Room	X	X

# Revised Middle School Sports Schedule

GAMETIMES: 2:15, 3:10, & 4:05 p.m.

Weekly testing for all athletes and coaches that are not vaccinated

## **Middle School Volleyball Schedule 2021-22**

- **Monday, November 29, 2021 – Weekly testing begins**
- **Wednesday, December 1, 2021**
- **Monday, December 6, 2021**
- **Wednesday, December 8, 2021**
- **Monday, December 13, 2021**
- **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**



# Recommended (Revised) Site Visitor Guidance

Outside visitors, PTA, etc, will be allowed to return to all DUSD school sites as long as:

- Visitor activities are conducted outdoors
- Visitors follow district's outdoor masking policies



# Questions



