



THIS WEEK AT GRAUER

The Grauer School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT: The Latest Pandemic Research-Based Data

In Encinitas, the 7-day rolling average case rate increased nearly 80% over the previous week's rate. The Delta variant is more dangerous and twice as infectious. Physicians call the Delta variant "younger, sicker, quicker," as it is sending many 20- and 30-year-olds to the hospital. These new patients are almost all unvaccinated.

The Grauer School is looking forward to returning to our enriched educational program for the 2021-2022 school year and engaging students in what we do best: expeditionary learning. The more vaccinated students we have on campus, the more safely we can return to field trips, van travel, expeditions, and sports competitions.

Although Grauer has no requirements for students, vaccination is proving to be the best, safest path out of this pandemic. Want data? More than 160 million Americans have received the vaccine, and every reputable organization has reconfirmed its safety and efficacy. (Here at The Grauer School, we have a file of 142 vaccine research studies--we confess that, as academics, when we hear influencers like talk show hosts and personal trainers touting hearsay and invalid data it can be frustrating, and we've never seen so much of this.) Here is a link to more real data:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/fully-vaccinated-people.html>

The San Diego County Office of Education is following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for masking-up indoors, regardless of vaccination status. The Grauer School, of course, will comply. Even for those who are vaccinated, masks mean additional safety. You're less likely to get a breakthrough infection when masked, and if you do get sick, the illness is shown to be less severe. One of the strongest advantages for parents getting their kids vaccinated is that they do not have to quarantine in the event of a potential exposure. In the event of a close contact with a COVID-positive individual, unvaccinated students in San Diego County will be required by the authorities to quarantine off-campus for a minimum of 10 days. Please understand that, if any Grauer student tests positive for COVID-19, our administration will be required by law to coordinate with County health officials, conduct extensive schoolwide contact tracing, arrange for home education, and establish COVID testing.

Here's a [useful website](#) with links that will help you easily locate vaccination locations in California. Help us make Grauer continue to be incredibly safe. Grauer's small size, indoor masking, extremely strong air filtering systems, and outdoor classrooms continue to provide safety measures. We'll be holding plenty of outdoor classes this fall.

We look forward to starting the school year off in-person on Tuesday, August 24.