



**April 18, 2022**  
**COVID-19 Vaccination Not Required for Students 2022-2023**

Hello SVUSD Community,

During Spring Break, the California Department of Public Health announced that the COVID-19 vaccination will not be required for students to attend school during the 2022-2023 school year.

On April 14, 2022, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released new guidance regarding adding the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of vaccinations to attend school. The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not fully approved the COVID-19 vaccine for individuals within the 7-12 grade age span. Therefore, the [CDPH Statement on Timeline for COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements in Schools](#) states:

***“To ensure sufficient time for successful implementation of new vaccine requirements, California will not initiate the regulatory process for a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for the 2022-2023 school year and as such, any vaccine requirements would not take effect until after full FDA approval and no sooner than July 1, 2023.”***

As from the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) continues to follow CDPH guidance for the health and safety of its students and staff. **SVUSD will not require the COVID-19 vaccination for students for the 2022-2023 school year.**

Sincerely,  
Dr. Crystal Turner  
Superintendent  
Saddleback Valley Unified School District