

Superintendent Update

COVID-19, Mask/Vaccine Mandates & Other Updates

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SPU COVID-19 Updates

- ▶ 21 Cases this school year ($\frac{1}{2}$ in November)
 - ▷ 13 non-school impacts
 - ▷ 8 minimal school impacts
- ▶ On-Site COVID Testing (Antigen & PCR)
 - ▷ Symptomatic
 - ▷ Exposure (“modified quarantine”)
 - ▷ Post Holiday & At-Home Testing Kits

Mask Mandate Update

- ▶ Current
 - ▷ Masks mandated indoors when students are present
- ▶ Effective Wednesday, 12/15/21
 - ▷ Masks mandated in all indoor spaces (Statewide Indoor Mask Mandate)
 - ▷ To be re-evaluated 1/15/22

Vaccine Mandate Overview

- ▶ Governor's vaccination requirement not yet in effect.
- ▶ All vaccine mandates issued by the Governor includes broad "personal belief" exemptions
- ▶ Legality of vaccine mandates currently in place (i.e., San Diego Unified School District) are being challenged in court.

Governor's *Potential* Mandate

- ▶ 10/1/21, Governor announced he has directed CDPH to add the COVID-19 vaccine to list of required vaccinations to attend in-person instruction
- ▶ To commence the semester after which the FDA grants full approval for the gradespan (K-6th & 7th-12th)

Vaccine Status

- ▶ Currently FDA has granted Pfizer vaccine:
 - ▷ Full approval for ages 16+
 - ▷ Emergency approval for ages 5-15
- ▶ Full approval for grades 7-12th expected before 7/1/22
- ▶ Full approval for grades K-6 TBD

Personal Belief Exemption

- ▶ Current 10 required vaccinations for school do not include a Personal Belief Exemption
- ▶ To add COVID-19 vaccination to this list, the Legislature and Governor would need to pass a law to add it.
- ▶ Would require a $\frac{2}{3}$ supermajority in both houses
- ▶ Earliest effective date: January 2023

So, what does that mean for kids @ SPU?

- ▶ Short answer . . . nothing yet
- ▶ If 7th-12th grade mandate goes into effect 7/1/22, broad personal belief exemption in effect
- ▶ Earliest projected date mandate could take effect in law (i.e. without personal belief exemption) 1/1/2023

What is the role of the school board?

- ▶ Advocate for students
 - ▷ Academic, Social, Emotional, Safety, etc.
- ▶ Maintain fiscal and legal integrity
- ▶ Keep the Superintendent in line!
- ▶ **The school board does not determine mask mandates, vaccine requirements, or other health directives.**

Partner Feedback

- ▶ PTO
- ▶ School Site Council
- ▶ DELAC
- ▶ Teachers' Union

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Questions & Comments

Other Updates

- ▶ Expansion of TK
- ▶ Extension of School Day (ELO-P)
- ▶ Transition to By-Trustee Area Governing Board elections
- ▶ Facilities Projects
- ▶ Opioid Awareness Week (1/10/22-1/14/22)
- ▶ Staff & Student Recognition
- ▶ Holiday Shows and Break

