

COVID-19 Update October 2021

Vaccination

California Vaccine Mandate:

- Students will be required to be vaccinated for in person learning starting the term following FDA full approval of the vaccine for their grade span (7-12 and k-6).
- The regulations will take effect at the start of the following term, meaning either January 1st or July 1st, whichever comes first.
- Based on current projections for full approval for ages 12+, the CDPH anticipates the requirement would apply to grades 7-12 starting on July 1, 2022.

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- COVID-19 vaccine requirements will apply to all “pupil[s] of any private or public elementary or secondary school
- This mandate will be a condition of in-person attendance. A student who is not vaccinated may remain enrolled in independent study, but may not attend in-person instruction.
- All staff will be required to be vaccinated no later than when the requirement takes effect for students.
- Requirements established by regulation, not legislation, must be subject to exemptions “for both medical reasons and personal beliefs.”

Masks

From California Department of Public Health release on October 20, 2021

- “Ongoing vigilance is critical to protect against COVID-19. This is particularly important for schools, where many children are not vaccinated. Although infection rates are decreasing, more than 25 counties continue to experience high transmission, as classified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.”
- “Due to these considerations, California is reaffirming its current approach to COVID-19 prevention and containment in schools and will continue to maintain the universal indoor mask mandate in K-12 schools and will continue to monitor conditions through the winter.”