



Superintendent's UPDATE

Thursday, February 18

Vaccination Update

Hello San Mateo County Education and Childcare Community,

It's been an encouraging week in San Mateo County on the COVID-19 front. On Tuesday, we reached an Adjusted Case Rate of 9.6 bolstered by a positivity rate of 2.8% and a health equity rate of 4.6%, all of which points us in the direction of the Red Tier of the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#).

We also have exciting news to announce on the vaccine front. With the support of San Mateo County Health, we will begin to implement our county's equity-focused priority process for vaccine distribution to education workers. This means that our highest priority group of education workers based on their in-person work status and the student populations they serve, will begin receiving access to appointments for two one-day events at the San Mateo County Event Center within the next two weeks.

Between these two San Mateo County educator vaccination events and the opportunity for San Mateo County education workers to schedule appointments through the Oakland Coliseum site (<https://myturn.ca.gov/>), we are feeling optimistic about our progress in getting all education workers vaccinated as quickly as possible. Though vaccine supply continues to be less than adequate, we will continue to work closely with Kaiser San Mateo, Sutter Health/PAMF, and San Mateo County Health in the weeks ahead to ensure we are doing all we can to address the vaccination needs for our education community.

For the early learning community, First 5 San Mateo County and San Mateo County 4C's have also been working with San Mateo County Health on a vaccination plan for childcare and early learning workers. Please continue to check the [4C's website](#) for more information.

While we are busy organizing vaccination events, we are also providing opportunities to learn more about the science and efficacy of vaccines, especially the vaccines combatting COVID-19. Check out our next Better Together webinar on the topic of vaccines – Thursday, February 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Register here](#). And as always, please continue to check [San Mateo County Health's](#) and the [San Mateo County Office of Education's](#) websites for information on vaccinations, including frequently asked questions.

If you have questions about this message, please contact info@smcoe.org.



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