



Superintendent's UPDATE

Thursday, March 25

Vaccination and Returning to Campus Update

Hello San Mateo education and child care community,

Spring is in the air and so are second dose vaccinations! Because of this week's focus on second dose appointments, more than 52 percent of people vaccinated in San Mateo County have completed their second dose. What an accomplishment!

Although there are still some education workers in need of first-dose shots, the State's vaccine eligibility list expanded on March 15th to include people with certain underlying medical conditions between the ages of 16 – 64 years. And just today, the Governor announced the State's plans to further expand eligibility on April 1 to those aged 50+ and then on April 15, to all others, aged 16 years and older. These rapid expansions reflect an anticipated increase in vaccine supply over the next several weeks.

What does this mean for those education workers still awaiting their first dose appointments? Well, additional opportunities are coming. The San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) is expecting to partner with San Mateo County Health to extend appointment invitations to educators the first week of April. If you wish to be included in these early April events, be sure to confirm with your site/district leaders that your name is active on the SMCOE priority list and then keep an eye out for SMCOE invitations through email.

Congratulations are in order for the Bayshore and Belmont-Redwood Shores school districts for successfully launching their return to in-person learning models this past week, and for the Ravenswood City School District, which also started their pilot program at Costaño School of the Arts and Los Robles-Ronald McNair Academy! As we look ahead to April, we will see students returning to campus in the following districts: Cabrillo Unified (4/5), Brisbane (4/12), Jefferson Elementary (4/12), South San Francisco Unified (4/19), and Pacifica (4/19).

At SMCOE, we continue to provide support and technical assistance to all our schools working hard to safely return students and staff to classrooms while also continuing to follow health and safety protocols that are so effective at reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. San Mateo

County Health leaders have warned of a possible spike in COVID-19 cases as spring break entices people to travel and gather in larger groups. These activities not only pose risk to our community health, but also to the stability of in-person learning schedules. Let's all remain committed to the Four Pillars and to modifying our behaviors to ensure our schools can continue implementing reopening routines. Let's support our students as they aim to finish their school year by connecting in-person with their teachers and their peers.

For more information about scheduling appointments for COVID-19 vaccination in San Mateo County, please review this current list of available pathways.

- Kaiser Permanente is vaccinating all school workers across the Bay Area. If you are a Kaiser member, please read this letter from [Kaiser Permanente](#) and [register online](#).
- Other health care providers are also offering vaccinations, including Sutter Health (PAMF). Be sure to check with your health provider.
- Stanford Health Care is offering vaccines to those at risk of exposure through their work in education and childcare. [Visit their website](#) or call 650-498-9000 to make an appointment.
- Register for notifications from [San Mateo County Health](#), which will contact you if they have openings at one of their clinics.
- Register at the State's vaccination site, [MyTurn](#), and continue to check for vaccination opportunities.
- Some [CVS](#) and [Rite Aid](#) Pharmacies in San Mateo County are now offering the COVID-19 vaccine by appointment only. Visit company websites for information on how to schedule an appointment.
- If you live outside of San Mateo County, register for notifications about vaccination opportunities arranged by the health department in the county in which you live.

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

Take good care,



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