



Superintendent's UPDATE

Thursday, March 4, 2021

Vaccination Update

Hello San Mateo County Education and Child Care Community,

The word of the week is definitely “vaccine” as the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) and local child care leaders have worked with our key partners to help direct thousands of school and child care workers to vaccination opportunities occurring throughout the week and coming weekend.

Using SMCOE’s priority list for vaccinating education staff, San Mateo County Health opened up two vaccination clinics for Tier 1B workers, including those in the child care and school sectors, Kaiser San Mateo County is holding weekend events for prioritized school staff at its Redwood City and South San Francisco facilities, and Crescendo MD is providing vaccinations for child care workers and school staff at its Menlo Park site. We are immensely grateful to our health provider partners for leaning so far in to help get our county’s school workers vaccinated.

On top of these local events and clinics, the State of California organized educator vaccination events at the Oakland Coliseum for today and tomorrow. We also received 500 single-use codes from the State to allow school staff to make appointments for vaccinations this week at a variety of facilities across the Bay Area, including at the Coliseum.

When we began this planning, we never dreamed we would have completed so many vaccinations for the education community this quickly. Our local process has provided a boost of hope and optimism for education leaders, school staff, and families.

We don’t yet have the complete picture for what next week will hold, but we anticipate several smaller vaccination events occurring next week and weekend. For those education staff working in a San Mateo County school who have not yet completed their first vaccination, we encourage you to connect with your school leader to ensure your name is in the queue. SMCOE, First 5 San Mateo, and the 4Cs are all working round the clock to ensure we get completely through our lists for our Tk-12 and childcare workers as efficiently as possible.

If you haven’t already, be sure to sign up for [San Mateo County Health’s](#) notifications and register on the state’s [MyTurn](#) website. Opportunities for receiving vaccination appointments outside our local priority process may come up unexpectedly through private health providers or other regional pathways.

We want to continue to direct those in the early learning community to check the [4C's website](#) for current information.

This week I sign off with optimism and hope. We will continue to carefully observe the safety protocols of the [Four Pillars](#), but we are making our way back to school.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Magee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Magee
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools