

Student COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate Update

May 24, 2022



Status



- September 2021: Vaccine Mandate Roadmap approved by the Board of Education.
- Mandate Implementation set for January 2022 was delayed due to operational concerns and considerations prohibiting feasible implementation of the Roadmap on the schedule adopted by the Board. A trial court ruling did not delay later implementation because a stay of that ruling was granted by the Court of Appeal, allowing us to proceed.
- Legislation mandating vaccines is pending at the State level.
- February 2022: Student Vaccine update to Board with Summer and Fall 2022 implementation. Resolution approved on March 8, 2022.
- April 2022: Sen. Pan bill SB-871 (removing personal belief exemptions) put on hold.
- April 2022: California delayed COVID-19 vaccine mandate for students.
- **May 2022: Proposal to postpone our board approved student vaccine mandate until July 2023.**



Why Changed Circumstances Allow Us to Postpone Our Mandate

1. Current student vaccine rates for those FDA approved (16 and older) is high at 80%.
2. There is low in-school transmission and other epidemiological considerations.
3. Strong supports and other mitigation strategies in place.
4. Create alignment with the state and apply the mandate to a broader age range when implemented.

1. Vaccine rates

COVID Immunization Data San Diego County Immunization Registry

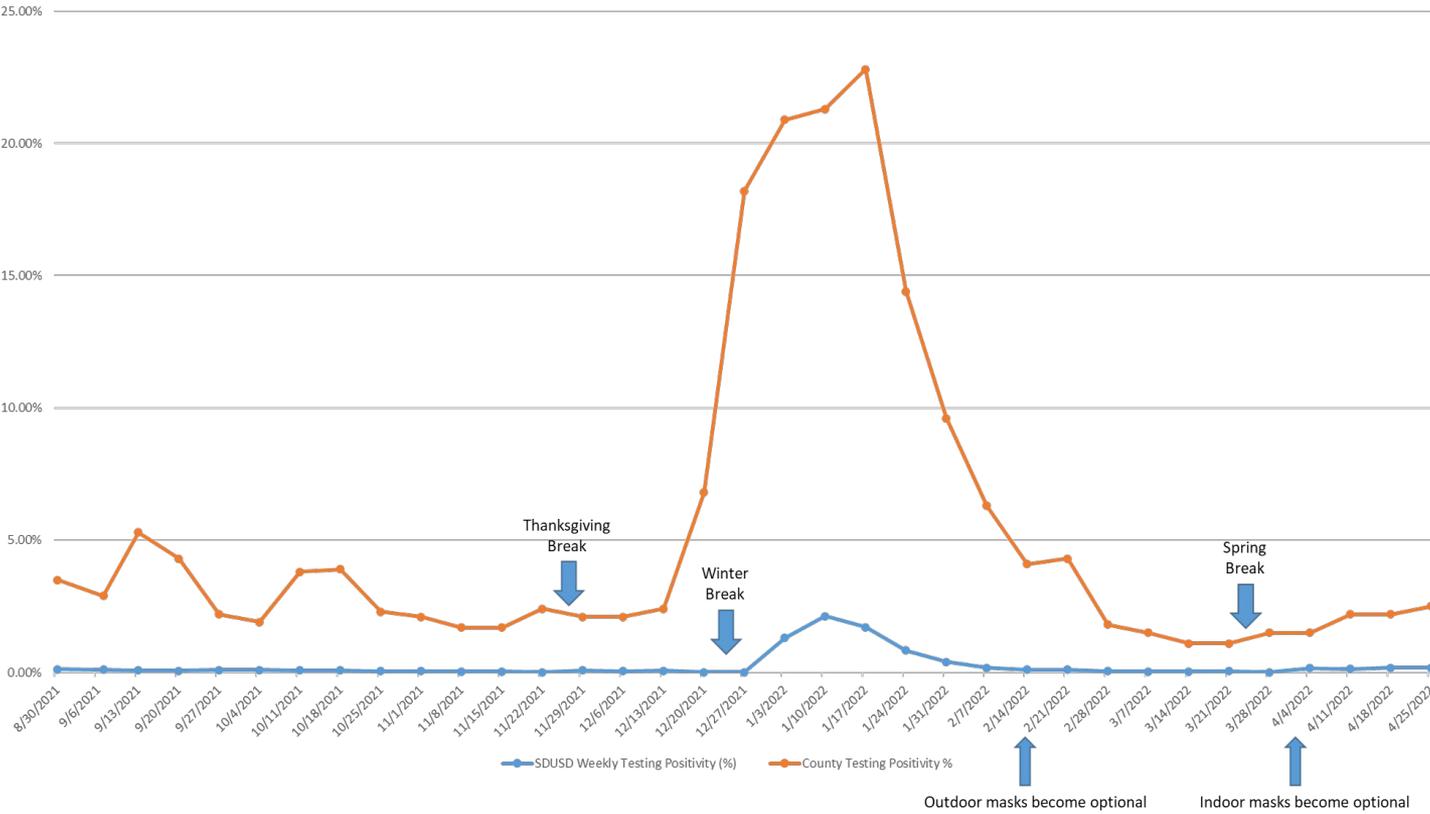
San Diego Immunization Registry Report	SDUSD Student Vaccine Detail, As of April 2022						
		Fully Vaccinated		Partially Vaccinated		Not Vaccinated	
	Population	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Students age 5 -11	49,586	20,753	42%	2,513	5%	26,320	53%
Students age 12 -15	26,314	17,728	67%	1,015	4%	7,571	29%
Students age 16+	16,776	13,399	80%	739	4%	2,638	16%
Combined - Students age 12+	43,090	31,127	72%	1,754	4%	10,209	24%
Combined - Students age 5+	92,676	51,880	56%	4,267	5%	36,529	39%



2. Low In-School Transmission & Epidemiological Considerations

- There is **limited evidence of widespread classroom transmission of the virus**, especially with current ventilation safeguards remaining in place and with encouragement to voluntarily wear masks indoors.
- As new variants come into existence, the **original vaccines have lost a significant margin of effectiveness to prevent new infections after the first two months**.
- By closely monitoring community case rates, local wastewater samples and classroom surface testing for virus, **the District will increase its mitigation measures during high transmission periods as a protection against spread** (e.g., resume mask mandates when necessary; temporarily re-restrict large indoor gatherings).

Testing Positivity Rate SDUSD Compared to San Diego County





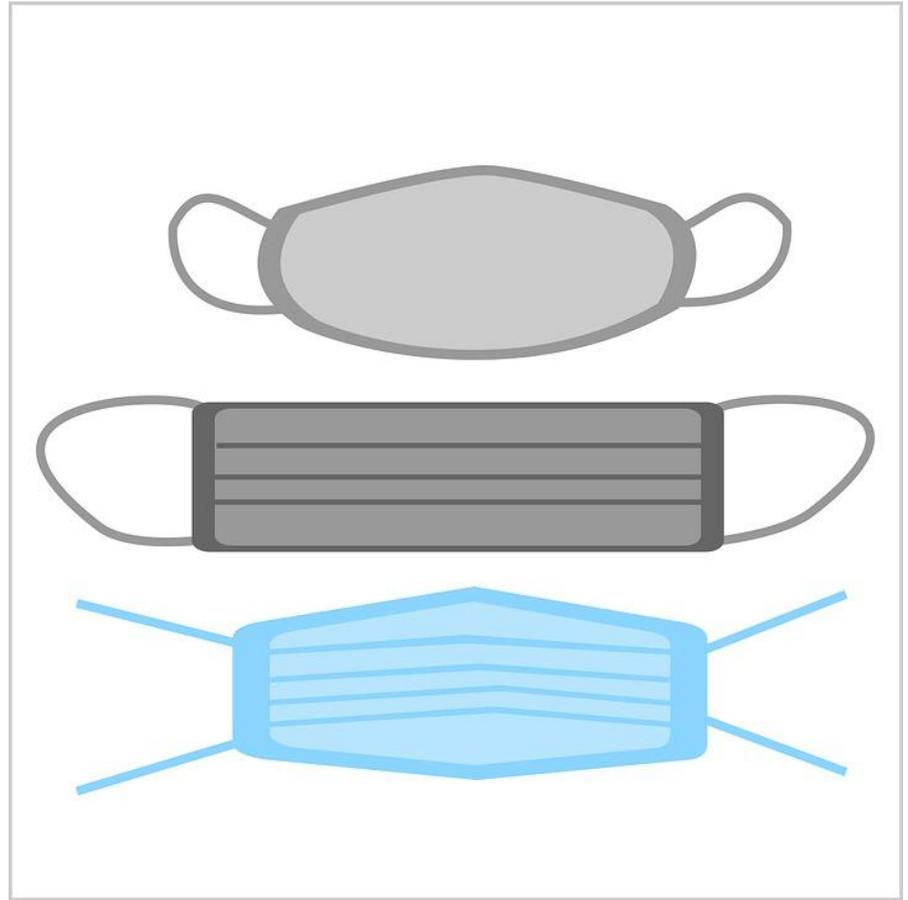
3. Continuing Other Mitigation Strategies

- COVID-19 Asymptomatic and Symptomatic Testing
 - On site and take home
- Optimally ventilated schools
- Vaccine campaign to reduce barriers (logistical, ideological, misinformation) to improve vaccination rates.
- Masking
 - Currently highly recommended; Mandated for periods, when indicated

4. Align with the State

- California is waiting until July 2023 or later
- It is likely that full FDA approval of a vaccine for children age 12 and older would be in place by July 2023. This would then align with applying the vaccine mandate to grades 7 and above, similar to the State.

Mask Wearing





Return to Required Masking Indoors

In place for the 2021-22 School Year

For an Individual School:

- Implement the following guidelines for resuming masking indoors, for a minimum of a 14-day period, when:
 - Within the past 14 days, at least three outbreaks have occurred in the school, AND more than 5% of the school population (students and staff) is infected. OR,
 - In a 3 consecutive-day span, 10% or more of the student population is absent each day due to illness.*

For Districtwide:

- All schools and district sites return to indoor masking when San Diego County is in the High Level (orange) under CDC Community Level.

* Summer School Excluded

Board Action

Approve postponing the implementation of the student vaccine mandate as a condition of attending in-person learning and participation in extracurricular activities, for students within the designated grade levels or age groups as set forth by the California Department of Public Health, until the state proceeds but no earlier than July 2023.

The parameters of any student vaccination mandate for July 2023 or later implementation will be based on the data and conditions at the time, which will be brought to the Board for review and action.

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Questions