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Dear AESD Families,

We hope that you enjoyed our recent Spring Break! The following update is provided to keep you informed regarding the Anaheim Elementary School District:

Update on Weekly COVID-19 Data for Anaheim

Our District continues to prioritize the health and safety of stakeholders as our top priority. Although California no longer reports data within the tiered colored system, the City of Anaheim updates their data weekly. For the seven days through April 19, Anaheim saw 134 new cases, up from 116 a week earlier.

If your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please keep him/her home and contact your child's health care provider. Please contact your school to report the absence; a COVID-19 related absence is excused. If someone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 and is currently under quarantine or self-isolation, your child should follow the [guidelines](#) from the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) on how long to remain at home and when to return to school.

Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued the following statement regarding a new implementation timeline for adding the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of vaccinations required to attend school.

Statement on Timeline for COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements in Schools

SACRAMENTO – To ensure sufficient time for successful implementation of new vaccine requirements, California will not initiate the regulatory process for a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for the 2022-2023 school year and as such, any vaccine requirements would not take effect until after full FDA approval and no sooner than July 1, 2023.

Vaccines are the most powerful weapon against hospitalization and serious illness due to COVID-19. California's response to conditions in schools has adapted to the dynamic challenges of the pandemic, based on science.

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“CDPH strongly encourages all eligible Californians, including children, to be vaccinated against COVID-19,” said California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Tomás J. Aragón. “We continue to ensure that our response to the COVID-19 pandemic is driven by the best science and data available. Under the Governor’s [SMARTER Plan](#), California is making informed decisions on how to further protect students and staff, to keep children safely in classrooms.”

Please visit myturn.ca.gov or call (833) 422-4255 to make your vaccine or booster appointment today.

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California Department of Public Health

<https://schools.covid19.ca.gov>

COVID-19 Home Tests

At home tests may be used to report a positive COVID-19 case but may not be used to shorten the 10-day quarantine. If your child has tested positive and tests on day five or later to return to school, the test must be performed at a clinic with results that have your child’s name and birthdate on it. Children who test positive for COVID may return to school after day 10 without a negative COVID test as long as symptoms have improved and they have been fever free for 24 hours or more.

NAMM Foundation Best Communities for Music Education 2022

AESD has been recognized by the NAMM Foundation as a 2022 Best Community for Music Education. **This is the fourth year in a row that AESD has been nationally recognized** and demonstrates the district’s support and commitment to providing the best music education opportunities for all students! Thank you all for supporting our team of music teachers and administrators who believe in the transformational power of music at all school sites.



On behalf of our Board of Education and staff members, thank you for your continued support of the Anaheim Elementary School District.

Sincerely,
Dr. Christopher Downing
Superintendent