

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Randall Booker, Superintendent

DATE: October 13, 2021

RE: **UPDATE ON GOVERNOR NEWSOM COVID-19 STUDENT VACCINATION MANDATE**

I. **SUPPORT INFORMATION**

On October 1, 2021, Governor Newsom announced the [COVID-19 vaccination will be added to California's list of required vaccinations](#) for K-12 student enrollment following full FDA approval.

*“The state already requires that students are vaccinated against viruses that cause measles, mumps, and rubella – there’s no reason why we wouldn’t do the same for COVID-19. Today’s measure, just like our first-in-the-nation school masking and staff vaccination requirements, is about protecting our children and school staff, and keeping them in the classroom,” said **Governor Newsom**. “Vaccines work. It’s why California leads the country in preventing school closures and has the lowest case rates. We encourage other states to follow our lead to keep our kids safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19.”*

As there is no definitive timetable for when the FDA will approve the COVID vaccine for students of all grade levels (currently approved for ages 16+), the state's policy encourages school districts to continue moving forward with their own vaccine requirements.

Piedmont Unified was one of the first districts to approve a [student vaccine requirement](#) on September 22nd **and this policy remains in effect.** All families of age-eligible students (currently 12 and above) are required to provide proof of vaccination status or medical exemption no later than Wednesday, November 17th, 2021. Students who will turn 12 during the current school year will have eight weeks to administer both COVID vaccination doses to meet the requirement.

For example, if your child's 12th-birthday is Wednesday, October 13th, you would have until Wednesday, December 8th, to provide proof of vaccination. In anticipation of younger students becoming eligible for the COVID vaccine in the coming weeks, we will adjust the policy as needed.

PUSD is proud to report that as of 10/07/21, 87% of our age-eligible students have already submitted their proof of vaccination.

II. **RECOMMENDATION: INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

Review the Governor's Student COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate and affirm the PUSD Board of Education's September 22, 2021 Revisions to BP/AR 5141.31 - Immunizations.