

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Randall Booker, Superintendent

DATE: August 25, 2021

SUBJECT: **PUSD STAFF COVID-19 TESTING/VACCINATION**

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**I. SUPPORT INFORMATION**

On August 6, 2021, the District initiated its Staff COVID-19 Testing/Vaccination Program as a commitment to public health and the well-being of everyone in our community. Partnering with APT, CSEA, and APSA, we agreed upon a foundational goal for this school year: To keep everyone safe and healthy for in-person instruction.

To this end, the PUSD Staff COVID-19 Testing/Vaccination Program aims to ensure that everyone who is eligible and medically able to be fully vaccinated. This approach will protect our entire community, and especially our younger learners who are not eligible for vaccines and those who are not able to be vaccinated for medical reasons. This approach also ensures that we are doing our part to block pathways for the opportunistic COVID virus to make further mutations.

In partnership with our unions and administrators, the District launched a new COVID-19 testing protocol for weekly testing of *unvaccinated, asymptomatic* employees. The District's health professionals use a nasal swab rapid antigen test. Weekly testing is not required for those employees who provide proof of vaccination. Vaccination status is only accessed by Human Resources and the District Nurses.

**Vaccination Clinic**

Furthermore, in partnership with the Alameda County Public Health Department, the District has secured an on-site, no cost COVID-19 vaccination clinic for anyone in the community, 12 years and older, on September 1st, 2pm - 6pm (1st Shot) and September 22nd, 2pm - 6pm (2nd shot). More announcements will be sent to families, staff, and the broader community this upcoming week.

We continue to develop district wide protocols to ensure the safest environment possible for teaching and learning at our school sites. Community members can access the [PUSD School Opening COVID FAQ](#) as a useful resource to help answer questions and better understand the most recent California Department of Public Health safety mandates and PUSD procedures for masks, physical distancing, and quarantining.

**II. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

District staff will provide the Board of Education with an overview of the District's COVID-19 Staff Testing/Vaccination Program.