



Superintendent's UPDATE

Thursday, November 18, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Hello San Mateo County Education and Child Care Community,

As you are well aware, the effort to get the COVID-19 vaccination to our youngest students is well underway! Over the past week, community organizations, healthcare providers, pharmacies, San Mateo County Health, and several school districts through our school-based partnership provided a first dose of vaccine to thousands of children ages 5-11. The timing couldn't be better as the California Department of Public Health reported yesterday that the COVID-19 case rate for this age group is the highest in the state.

Vaccination Report

According to data reported by San Mateo County Health, as of November 17, 13,094 San Mateo County children ages 5-11 received a first dose of vaccine. This represents 20.5 percent of children in this age group. In addition, 88 percent of youth ages 12-15 have received a first dose of vaccine, with 81.1 percent reaching fully vaccinated status with two shots. More data on vaccination numbers can be [found here](#).

Vaccination Opportunities

There are many current and upcoming vaccination opportunities for children of all ages and adults looking for a first, second, or booster dose of vaccine. Below is a list of several options. More can be found on the [SMC Health](#) and [MyTurn](#) websites.

Playland-Themed Clinics for Children Ages 5-11

Operated by the County of San Mateo, the Playland Clinic offers the COVID-19 vaccine in a child-friendly setting that invokes Candy Land and other amusements along with superheroes and more for engagement. Appointments are required and can be made through the [MyTurn](#) system for the following dates:

- Wednesday, November 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Kaiser Permanente members and *non-members* can schedule a COVID-19 vaccine. You can [check for an appointment here](#) or call [1-866-454-8855](tel:1-866-454-8855).

Stanford Health has vaccination appointments available for everyone ages 5 and up. More information on [options is here](#).

Several pharmacies in San Mateo County offer the COVID-19 vaccine by appointment and, in some cases, include walk-up options. Please visit company websites for the most up to date information including how to schedule appointments.

- [CVS](#)
- [Rite Aid](#)
- [Safeway](#)
- [Walgreens](#)
- [Costco](#)
- [Lucky](#)

School Clinics

This week four school sites identified through our equity-based partnerships held vaccination events across the county. These districts include San Mateo-Foster City, Pacifica, Jefferson Elementary, and Redwood City. In addition, other schools have partnered with independent vendors or local doctors to provide school-based opportunities. As we learn about those that are open to students in a school's neighboring community, we will share details. SMCOE is working with SMC Health to schedule more equity-based school events in January with more information available in the coming weeks.

Boosters for All Adults

SMC Health is urging [all eligible adults](#) to receive a COVID-19 booster shot as soon as possible. The County offers a free booster clinic at the San Mateo County Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo. For those who have not yet received the COVID-19 vaccine, first and second doses are also available at the Event Center. Appointments are preferred but not required for either the booster clinic or for first or second doses. Walk-ins are accepted. To make an appointment, visit the [MyTurn site](#).

Recommendations for COVID-Safe Holiday Activities

As we may gather with friends and family next week for Thanksgiving, it is important to remember that events and gatherings can pose a risk of spreading COVID-19. By following a few basic safety steps, schools and families can ensure that holiday activities and events are not just fun but also safe for all members of the community, including young children who are not fully vaccinated. Please review and share this flyer in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) with others in your community.

With expanded vaccine options for more of our community, we have much to be grateful for this Thanksgiving. I am especially grateful to our school staff, parents, and health partners who have

worked hard to keep schools a safe place for students to learn and receive in-person attention from caring adults. With deep gratitude, I wish each and all a restorative Thanksgiving.



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Please note: A copy of this letter in Spanish will be [posted here](#) shortly.