

EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 13-21/22
REQUIRING COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

WHEREAS, the El Monte Union High School District (“District”) is both a local educational agency as well as an agency of the state for purposes of implementing educational policy and operation of public schools within its geographic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Education Code, it is within the authority of the District Board of Trustees to carry on activities and programs as it may deem necessary; and

WHEREAS, the District is charged by law to ensure appropriate public education for all students residing within its boundaries and protect students from foreseeable risks of harm while they are in school or participating in school related activities; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO), United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the State of California, including the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) have recognized that the country, state, and county face a life-threatening pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, after closure of all District school facilities for in-person instruction and distance learning through most of the 2020-2021 school year, the District has returned to full-time, in-person instruction for all students choosing to return to District school facilities for the 2021-2022 school year subject to health and safety mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, the District has implemented high standards of multi-layered safety measures including COVID-19 testing, masking, ventilation, screening, and high-quality sanitation measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the school community; and

WHEREAS, the above safety measures are effective at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, but vaccination of all eligible and non-exempt students provide the strongest protection to the health and safety of all students and staff in the District while further protecting against the disruption to full-time, in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 rates increased in July-September of 2021 due to the surge of the Delta variant including increasing rates of COVID-19 cases among school age children; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a material threat to the health and safety of everyone in the District community, and is a further threat to the successful return to continuous in-person instruction for District students; and

WHEREAS, multiple vaccines against COVID-19 have been developed that have been demonstrated to be effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19, and in light of the effectiveness and safety of the COVID-19 vaccines, the CDC, CDPH, and LACDPH have unanimously recommended that all eligible persons be vaccinated, including children 12 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend the COVID-19 vaccine for all persons over 12 years of age and stated that “Children learn best when physically present in the classroom. But children get much more than academics at school. They also learn social and emotional skills at school, get healthy meals and exercise, mental health support and other services that cannot be easily replicated online;” and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the LACDPH Director support COVID-19 vaccination among all eligible and non-exempt students; and

WHEREAS, the District has and will continue to cooperate with LACDPH in measures necessary for the prevention and control of communicable diseases among students;

WHEREAS, individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the date on which they are administered the second dose of a vaccine in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after the date on which they are administered a single-dose vaccine, such as the Johnson & Johnson vaccine; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the District’s Board of Trustees brings forward this Resolution to adopt the requirement that all eligible, non-exempt District students receive the COVID-19 vaccination as a condition to accessing in-person instruction in order to best ensure the health and safety of all students and staff, and best protect against future disruptions to full-time, in-person instruction threatened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of Trustees of the El Monte Union High School District as follows:

The Board hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

By the adoption of this Resolution and to ensure the continued delivery of the highest-quality public instruction in the safest environment possible, the El Monte Union High School District Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Superintendent to implement reasonably necessary measures requiring all District students who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, excluding those students with qualified and approved exemptions, to become vaccinated against COVID-19 as a mandatory precondition to accessing District school facilities, as follows:

- All students who are 12 years of age and older and who are participating in in-person extracurricular athletic programs commencing with the Winter 2021-2022 season must be fully vaccinated no later than November 19, 2021;
- All other students who are 12 years of age and older must be fully vaccinated no later than January 3, 2022.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is given approval by the Board of Trustees to require all students eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and subject to the timeline outlined above to provide proof of vaccination uploaded and approved in the District’s portal used for vaccine verification, in order to be permitted on District facilities, except for those students with qualified and approved exemptions.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent to ensure student vaccination records and information are maintained securely and confidentially in accordance with all laws governing the privacy of student health information and other student records.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent are committed to ensuring that all eligible students who are not vaccinated by the applicable deadline and do not establish a qualified and approved exemption shall be permitted to enroll in an available optional educational alternative program.

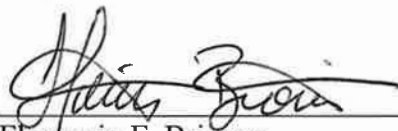
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent are committed to ensuring all students have access to the COVID-19 vaccine and, therefore, the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to implement reasonably necessary measures to ensure equitable student access to the COVID-19 vaccine and provide the District's students and families accurate information about the vaccine.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the El Monte Union High School District adopts this Resolution as part of the District's policies and practices as they relate to the District's health, safety, and emergency procedures and requirements applicable to facilities and related operations.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all references in this Resolution to "the District" mean and apply to (1) students attending the District's comprehensive and alternative high schools, and (2) students attending the District's adult education programs.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of the El Monte Union High School District on the 6th day of October, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0



Florencio F. Briones
President of the Board of Trustees of the
El Monte Union High School District

Attested to:



David Diaz
Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the
El Monte Union High School District