November 12, 2021
OUSD vaccination board policy information and exemption process

Dear OACE Student,

You are receiving this message because we do not have a record on file that shows that you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This message includes information about the new Board Policy requiring COVID-19 vaccines for all students, vaccine exemptions, and community resources related to vaccination safety.

OUSD Board Resolution: Vaccine Requirement
The OUSD Board of Education adopted a Board Policy in October, which requires COVID-19 vaccines for all students ages 12 and up, starting January 1, 2022. For all students who are age 12+ as of 12/1/2021, they must get vaccinated or qualify for an exemption to attend school in-person in the spring of 2022. A final version of the adopted Policy is available here. The State of California is also moving forward with a COVID-19 requirement of its own, which will take effect prior to the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Ultimately, this means that all California students will need to be fully vaccinated next school year once required by the state, unless they have a qualified exemption.

There are several exemptions in the OUSD Board Policy for the spring of 2022, including a medical exemption, a personal belief exemption, and an exemption for students who have received their first or second shots but are not yet fully vaccinated. (An individual must wait two weeks after their second shot to be considered fully vaccinated.) All non-exempted, unvaccinated students will be offered the opportunity to attend OACE classes online until February 1st, 2022. **After February 1st, 2022, all unvaccinated students will have to show proof of an exemption to attend classes at Oakland Adult and Career Education.**

How to get vaccinated
To get vaccinated, please visit your healthcare provider, local pharmacy, community vaccine clinic, or any of our upcoming school-based vaccine clinics. Vaccines are currently available at CVS and Walgreens. Appointments at Safeway are coming soon. Please continue to check these sites online, as more appointments will open up.

Healthcare providers, including Kaiser, Sutter Health, and Stanford Health Care, are also scheduling

appointments.

You can also visit MyTurn.CA.gov or www.Vaccines.gov to find clinics and pharmacies that are offering the vaccine and have open appointments for patients ages five and older.

We have been hosting on-campus vaccine clinics in partnership with the county all semester, and will continue doing so at multiple schools through January. Remember that COVID-19 vaccines are free, safe, and effective, and are our best form of protection as we move into this holiday season.

How to share vaccination card
If you have been vaccinated, please send a copy of your vaccination card to vaccinestatus_student@ousd.org. All students, whose record we do not have, will receive text, emails, and phone calls asking for updated vaccination information over the next several weeks.

Please make sure we have your updated vaccination status, including a copy of your vaccination card. In January, we will be raffling off some exciting prizes for all fully vaccinated students ages 12+ including tickets to see the Golden State Warriors play at Chase Center! (People who are unvaccinated cannot enter the arena.) All students who have been fully vaccinated by 1/1/2022 and whose vaccination status is on file with the district, will be entered to win!

How to get a medical or personal belief exemption
Any student with a medical or personal belief exemption does not need to get vaccinated for COVID-19 for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year, and may stay enrolled and continue attending their current school. [To receive a medical or personal belief exemption, this form must be signed](#) by a Medical Doctor (M.D.) or Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), with a valid state license number, and returned to vaccinestatus_student@ousd.org. **Exemptions are only valid through the remainder of this school year.** The District will follow the State's vaccine requirement and exemption parameters in the 2022-2023 school year.

[Exemption Form - Spanish](#)
[Exemption Form - Chinese](#)
[Exemption Form - Vietnamese](#)
[Exemption Form - Arabic](#)
[Exemption Form - Khmer](#)

Next steps
We appreciate all that you are doing to keep your families and our community safe during the pandemic. The COVID-19 vaccine is one of the best ways to ensure we all stay safe and protected against COVID-19 as we enter a new year. If you would like to learn more about how vaccines work, you can watch this [kid-friendly video from Boston Children's Hospital](#), or attend an [upcoming community meeting with our UCSF Medical Advisory team on 12/1/21, 5:00-6:00 p.m](#).

In community,
OUSD COVID Response Team