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All-Student Vaccine and Testing Policy

By January 3, 2022, all BUSD students aged 12 or over (other than Berkeley Adult School students) shall be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Students who are not fully vaccinated by that date shall be required to submit to weekly onsite COVID testing, unless the student has a medical exemption from testing. This policy shall only go into effect if sufficient testing is available to accommodate students who opt-out of vaccination.

If the vaccine is authorized by the FDA for 5-11 year olds (including under Emergency Use Authorization), the District shall set a date four months from the date of FDA authorization by which all 5-11 year olds must either be fully vaccinated or participate in weekly testing.

Effective January 3, 2022, proof of vaccination shall be required for attendance for any person aged 12 or over at any indoor extracurricular BUSD event.

By January 3, 2022, all Berkeley Adult School students shall be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless the student has a documented medical or religious exemption, as a condition of attending school in person. There shall be no option for weekly testing as a substitute for vaccination in order to attend Berkeley Adult School in person.

Surveillance testing will continue to be an option for vaccinated students when appropriate according to public health guidelines.

Public Health Campaign and Vaccine Access

The District shall develop a COVID-19 vaccination campaign in partnership with the City of Berkeley Public Health Department and community organizations.

The District shall work with the City of Berkeley Public Health Department to provide vaccination clinics on and/or near school sites. No student shall be deemed ineligible for any activity due to lack of access to the vaccine.

Definitions

A student is “fully vaccinated” if two weeks have elapsed since their second dose of the vaccine.

The District shall employ the same procedures for evaluating medical or religious exemptions as used for staff policies.