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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.

By March 7, 2022, 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. Berkeley Adult School students with a documented medical or religious exemption from vaccination shall submit proof of weekly negative COVID test results.

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, and, if deemed eligible for the COVID booster shot by the CDC, they have also received a booster shot. The District shall employ the same procedures for evaluating medical or religious exemptions as used for staff policies.

Policy BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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