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An Update on School Based Vaccine Mandates

Chapter Advocacy

First off, a huge THANK YOU to all our members who have spoken at schools regarding the newly approved COVID-19 vaccine for children. Your advocacy efforts are so appreciated. We will continue to need pediatrician speakers at schools throughout our communities, so please consider volunteering. To volunteer, email: KVanGroningen@mednet.ucla.edu

School Based Mandates Through the Years

1827: Boston became the first city in the US to instate a school-based vaccine mandate.
1882: The Anti-Vaccination League of America held its first meeting in New York.
1922: The Supreme Court upheld school vaccine mandates in the case, Zucht v. King. In this case, the Supreme Court found that the school district of San Antonio, TX, could constitutionally exclude unvaccinated students from attending schools in the district.
1955: The polio vaccine was introduced but not mandated in schools for several years.
1979: Mississippi banned religious and personal belief exemptions to school vaccine mandates and is the state with the highest rate of childhood vaccinations in the US.
1980: In New York City, 28,000 students were excluded from school after failing to receive their measles shots.
2015: CA passes SB 277 into law, which eliminated school-based vaccine personal belief exemptions.
2019: CA passes SB 276 into law, which closed fake medical exemption loopholes for school vaccine requirements.
2019: The World Health Organization named “vaccine hesitancy” as one of the 10 most notable threats to global health.

California COVID-19 Vaccine School Mandates

Below are current COVID-19 vaccine mandate policies for a variety of school districts within our chapter.

- **CA Statewide**: Pending full FDA approval, the COVID-19 vaccine will be mandated for students 12 years + throughout California. The mandate is expected to go into effect on July 1st, 2022.
- **Culver City USD**: Student mandate for children 12+.
- **Kern County Schools**: No mandates.
- **Long Beach USD**: Staff mandate.
• **Los Angeles USD**: Staff and student mandates, the latter for children aged 12+. Sports participation deadline was October 31st, and in-person learning deadline is January 10th (student must be two weeks s/p their second shot by this date). Currently, 34,000 students are not meeting this deadline. See LA Times article below for more information.

• **Riverside USD**: No mandate.

• **Santa Barbara USD**: Staff mandate.

• **San Bernardino USD**: No mandate.

• **San Luis Coastal USD**: No mandate.

• **Ventura Unified School District**: No mandate.

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**Sources:**


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