

The Quorum

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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.

Sources:

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/10/01/california-becomes-first-state-in-nation-to-announce-covid-19-vaccine-requirements-for-schools/>

<https://www.npr.org/2021/11/19/1056568867/should-schools-mandate-covid-vaccine-for-children>

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