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Dear FJUHSD Staff Members, Students, and Parents/Guardians,

Extension of Distance Learning Schedule

As you were informed in December, the Board of Trustees made the decision to return to a Distance Learning Schedule (on-line) effective Monday, January 4, 2021 through Friday, January 15, 2021.

At the January 12, 2021 Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees made the decision to extend the Distance Learning Schedule (on-line) through Friday, January 29, 2021.

Update on COVID Vaccine

I would like to summarize information that was shared with me during my weekly meeting with OC Superintendents and the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA). While we don't have all the answers, the following information will provide a good summary of what we are told thus far regarding the COVID vaccination process.

Dr. Chau, Orange County's Health Care Agency Director, stated the vaccine roll-out across the state has been slower than anticipated, but things are improving. The OCHCA is partnering with the Orange County Fire Authority and other fire agencies to help plan and deploy the vaccine process for Orange County. They have a bold goal to have all OC residents and those working with OC to be vaccinated by July 4, 2021. They are in the process of establishing and setting up five (5) Super Pod Vaccination sites. They hope to have the Supersites open from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Disneyland will host the county's first Super Pod site. Updates can be found on the OCgov.com website.

There are several logistic issues to deploy and staff these sites. We were told that vaccine sites have to have a medical doctor on site to monitor the potential side effects of the vaccine (most need to remain for at least 15 minutes after the vaccine has been administered). They shared they may need support from school and District RN's and LVN's to help at the super sites and they are partnering with OCDE on this effort as well. They will also need several other non-clinicians working at each site to help with parking, traffic, electronic check in, and more.

The chart on the next page is California's COVID 19- Vaccine Plan priority:

California's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan

After healthcare workers and long-term care residents, the next to be vaccinated will be individuals who have higher risk for severe disease or death (due to age or other factors), who are unable to work at home, who live or work in geographic areas that have been highly impacted, or who are most likely to spread disease to other workers or to the public.

These individuals will be prioritized as follows:

Phase 1A

About 3 million people

- · Healthcare workers
- · Long-term care residents

See <u>CDPH Allocation Guidelines for</u> <u>Phase 1a.</u>

Phase 1B

1B Tier One:

- · Individuals 75 and older
- Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: education, childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture

1B Tier Two:

- Individuals 65 74 years of age
- Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: transportation and logistics; industrial, commercial, residential, and sheltering facilities and services; critical manufacturing
- Congregate settings with outbreak risk: incarcerated and homeless

Phase 1C

- Individuals 50 -64 years of age
- People 16-64 years of age and have an underlying health condition or disability which increases their risk of severe COVID-19
- Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: water and wastewater; defense; energy; chemical and hazardous materials; communications and IT; financial services; government operations / community-based essential functions

According to OCHCA, if OC receives its allotment of doses, they anticipate as early as February to start seeing vaccinations within the education sector. Dr. Chau said he expected further tiering and prioritization within each level. For example, Tier 1B has education, childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture. This is still a very broad tier and will be further tiered for priority.

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They shared there would likely be prioritization within the education sector, and likely by risk level. They provided the following as an example but it is not an official model:

- High: Heightened risk of exposure, daily/regular exposure (aerosol/direct contact with bodily fluids)-Ex., Special Education School Staff and other staff who have close interaction with Special Education students (Bus drivers, etc.)
- Medium: Moderate risk of exposure- intermittent, ability to maintain distance/face mask, etc.-Ex., General Education School Staff
- Low: Limited/rare exposure, also able to maintain distance, contact- Ex., District Office Staff

They shared they may vaccinate school nurses and LVNs sooner and perhaps within the next two weeks. They will likely use an App called Othena that people will be required to use to schedule the vaccination and the follow up vaccination (3-4 weeks depending upon the one administered) and record other necessary data. The app will have a passport function that will be used to verify that you have been vaccinated. The app is not fully developed yet for general deployment and right now only those that are specifically sent an invitation can use the app properly.

Lastly, they are partnering with OCDE in developing vaccination education content with grade appropriate lessons and materials linked to the CA Health Framework and Standards that teachers can use to educate students and their families about vaccines. Materials will be available on the OCDE website for use (coming soon).

I know there are still more questions, but I wanted to share the information we have thus far with all of you.

Thank you again for your continued patience and understanding as we work through these challenging times together.

Sincerely,

Scott Scambray, Ed.D.

Superintendent