

April 15, 2022

Dear Menifee Families and Community,

There are two mechanisms through which COVID vaccinations can be required for students. The first mechanism is through formal legislation and the second is through a mandate by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). In October 2021, Governor Newsom stated he would require students to be vaccinated; however, there was no approval through either mechanism to mandate COVID vaccinations.

Several bills were introduced regarding COVID vaccinations for students, including SB 871, which would have added the COVID vaccination to the list of immunizations required for school attendance without a personal belief exemption. The District, however, received notice yesterday that [SB 871 was officially "held"](#) and, therefore, will not be moved forward for consideration during the 2022 legislative session. Additionally, [CDPH announced yesterday](#) that California will not regulate the COVID vaccination for the 2022-23 school year. According to the most recent news reports, CDPH will not introduce any immunization requirements until the vaccination is fully FDA approved and no sooner than July 1, 2023.

The Menifee Union School District Board of Trustees consistently has followed the legally required mandates concerning COVID and no more than required. Our Board Members also advocated to the legislature and CDPH that no COVID vaccination should be required without the ability for a personal belief exemption. Therefore, based on the current legislative and CDPH announcements, the COVID vaccination continues to not be required for school enrollment or attendance in Menifee Union School District.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Root, Ed.D.
Superintendent
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