

GUSD Healthcare Partners Advisory

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Healthcare Partners Advisory

- Trusted members of the healthcare community
- Meet monthly, advise on best practices to ensure student and employee health and safety
- State and county health departments remain the driver for reopening schools, but many operational decisions are left to the local level
- In person instruction will not resume until at least March 12, no operational changes will be made until current situation improves



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Key Focus Areas

- Return to school best practices
- Voluntary COVID-19 testing for employees
- Voluntary vaccine rollout for employees

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

December 14, 2020 *Delivered via email*

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Vaccination priority for teachers, school administrators and staff

Dear Governor Newsom:

I write to urge your Administration to prioritize the vaccination of K-12 and early education teachers, administrators, and staff in order to get our state's public schools and early learning and care centers fully reopened.

As California prepares for a phased-in vaccination schedule with frontline healthcare workers and congregate care residents and employees in the initial phase, **the state should next prioritize K-12 and early education teachers, administrators, and classified employees.** This is consistent with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

School closures have had a negative impact on our children, particularly those from lower income families. As you have stated, reopening schools is also a crucial first-step in an economic recovery. One way to expedite school reopening is to ensure the health and safety of the education workforce. Prioritizing educators and school staff is a vital step towards that goal. Many of us have reported to the office daily or school site to provide childcare, food distribution, athletic conditioning and other services during the pandemic.

Our school district stands ready to work with your Administration to ensure a successful, equitable rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination.

If I can provide any additional information, please have your staff contact me. I can be reached at (818) 241-3111, ext. 1215, or via email at vekchian@gusd.net. Thank you for your consideration to our request.

Sincerely,

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*cc: Senate Speaker pro Tempore Toni Atkins
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