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Dear AESD Families,

The following update is provided to keep you informed regarding the Anaheim Elementary School District:

Our District continues to prioritize the health and safety of stakeholders as our top priority. Although California no longer reports data within the tiered colored system, the City of Anaheim updates their data weekly. There were 221 new cases reported across Anaheim's seven ZIP codes for the seven days through October 5, down from 235 the week prior.

If your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please keep him/her home and contact your child's health care provider. Please contact your school to report the absence; a COVID-19 related absence is excused. If someone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 and is currently under quarantine or self-isolation, your child should follow the guidelines from the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) on how long to remain at home and when to return to school.

#### **Vaccination Update**

California Governor Gavin Newsom announced plans last Friday to add the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of vaccinations required to attend school in-person when the vaccine receives full approval from the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). The date this mandate will become effective is either January 1, 2022, or July 1, 2022, depending on the timeline for the FDA's full approval of an authorized vaccine(s) for each student age group. This mandate will apply to all students in public, charter and private schools. Please note this action is a state mandate and not as a result of any action from our Board of Education or staff. Our District will provide ongoing updates as more information becomes available.

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic - October 7, 2021**

A COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic hosted in collaboration with the Orange County COVID Equity Community Response will take place on Thursday, October 7 at the Family Oasis Resource Center located at 131 W. Midway Drive, Anaheim, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Walk-ins will be welcome. Those interested may register in advance by calling 714-278-4670. Please click links below to access the flyers.

- [ENG Flyer](#) / [SPN Flyer](#)

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### **Access to Free COVID-19 testing for staff and students**

COVID-19 testing is available at Key School on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons for all AESD staff and students. Click [here](#) to register. You may also find community testing resources throughout Anaheim at <https://www.anaheim.net/5652/Testing>.

### **Upcoming Parent Engagement Opportunities**

- Learn how to attend AUHSD's Virtual [College and Career Fair](#) Parent Workshop on Friday, October 8, 2021, at 8:00 am via Google Meet: [English Meet Link](#) [Spanish Meet Link](#)
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Virtual Parent Workshop on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 9:00 am via this [Google Meet Link](#)

### **Anaheim Public Library: Fall into Reading with In-N-Out Burger**

Children between the ages of 4 and 12 who read or listen to five books can receive a certificate for a free hamburger or cheeseburger at any In-N-Out location.

Each child may earn up to three burger certificates during the program from October 4 to November 12. Check out your fall reads and sign-up at your neighborhood branch!



On behalf of our AESD Board of Education and staff members, thank you for your ongoing support of the Anaheim Elementary School District.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Christopher Downing  
Superintendent