

IMMUNIZATION PLANNING

Educational settings in California are home to 6.3 million children and comprise 15% of California's population. School-based vaccination has been shown to be an effective measure in immunizing mass numbers of children and adolescents. When a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available the district will coordinate with Sacramento County Public Health to provide immunizations. In counties throughout California, where school nurses have delivered influenza vaccinations it has been shown to reduce pediatric hospitalizations and increase student attendance when compared to other counties where such services were unavailable.

Public health officials strongly recommend that all students and staff be immunized in the fall against influenza to help:

- Decrease illnesses that cannot be readily distinguished from COVID19 and would therefore trigger extensive measures from the school and public health authorities
- Protect the school community
- Reduce demands on health care facilities