October 13, 2021
Vaccine & Volunteer Update

Dear SVUSD Community,

I'm reaching out to follow-up on the message I sent on 10/1/21 regarding Governor Newsom's COVID-19 vaccine requirement announcement, as well as to share some additional updates.

COVID-19 Vaccines
As I shared on October 1, we are still processing the information regarding vaccine mandates for K-12 students to participate in in-person instruction. While we do not have much additional information at this point, I can share that:

- SVUSD will not implement the vaccine mandate earlier than is required by the state.
- Under the current order established by regulation, exemptions will be permissible for students. While we continue to wait for additional interpretation and guidance regarding exemptions, our understanding is that requirements established by regulation, not legislation, must be subject to exemptions. For exemptions to be limited, the legislature must take action, which has not happened at this time.

Please see this fact sheet with additional information.

Volunteers
We are aware of the integral role of volunteers across our District and understand the challenges created by limiting visitors on campus in an effort to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff. As a result, a volunteer protocol has been established to begin allowing volunteers back on campus in a limited capacity.

On August 11, 2021, the California Department of Public Health issued a Health Order requiring all employees in public and private schools serving students in grades TK through 12 to provide proof of full vaccination for the COVID virus or submit a weekly negative COVID test beginning October 15, 2021. The order can be found here: Order of State Public Health Officer

For the purposes of this order, "workers" includes "volunteers who are on site at a school campus supporting school functions." This will include volunteering on campus at events such as banquets, working in snack bars at sporting events, chaperoning field trips, and all other volunteers.

The District is grateful for the many SVUSD volunteers that help make the school experience memorable for our students. We look forward to working with volunteers to continue supporting the schools and our students, while keeping everyone safe. This informational website (www.svusd.org/departments/facilities-operations-technology/safety/covid-19-volunteer-and-visitor-information) explains the SVUSD process for volunteering, providing proof of full

vaccination or a negative COVID test, as well as how to receive free tests from the Orange County Health Care Agency.

Visitors to school events do not need to provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test.

We will continue to notify you of any updates regarding vaccinations and other COVID-19 topics as they are available.

Thank you,

Crystal Turner, Ed.D.

Superintendent