

California's Endemic Phase Approach: The California SMARTER Plan

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CALIFORNIA SMARTER



THE NEXT PHASE OF CALIFORNIA'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

SHOTS

Vaccines are the most powerful weapon against hospitalizations and serious illness.

MASKS

Properly worn masks with good filtration help slow the spread of COVID-19 or other respiratory viruses.

AWARENESS

We will continue to stay aware of how COVID-19 is spreading, evolving variants, communicate clearly how people should protect themselves, and coordinate our state and local government response.

READINESS

COVID-19 is not going away and we need to be ready with the tools, resources, and supplies we will need to quickly respond and keep public health and the health care system well prepared.

TESTING

Getting the right type of tests - PCR or antigen - to where they are needed most. Testing will help California minimize the spread of COVID-19.

EDUCATION

California will continue to work to keep schools open and children safely in classrooms for in-person instruction.

RX

Evolving and improving treatments will become increasingly available and critical as a tool to save lives.



Shots

Under the current Health and Safety Code, parents may submit a medical or personal belief exemption once State vaccination mandates take effect. Such mandates are not expected to take effect until January 2023, at the earliest.

Mask Mandate

1. The mandate for indoor masking on school sites will be lifted on March 11th.
2. We anticipate Cal/OSHA will align the employee requirement at the same time.
3. The mandate is being lifted regardless of vaccination status.
4. The District will continue to make masks available at sites.
5. Questions remain regarding local decision-making authority in the future.

Awareness

The District will continue:

- to maintain the COVID-19 Dashboard on the District website
- parent and employee notifications of on-site COVID-19 exposure
- to maintain our awareness of State and local public health updates

Readiness

The District will maintain our mask supply and COVID-19 tests in preparation for new variant surges. The District will continue the use of enhanced ventilation protocols.

Testing

The District will continue to acquire COVID-19 tests and make certain staff are trained to administer tests.

Education

The District has every expectation that it will be able to keep classrooms open should new variants emerge.

Rx

The District does not engage in medical treatments or administration of vaccinations.