



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello Rescue Union School District Community,

We are excited to welcome our volunteers into our schools and classrooms for the 2022-2023 school year. You can find out exactly what steps you need to take to volunteer at our [RUSD Volunteer Website](#) (and at the bottom of page three of this memo), but first there are still some California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and California Occupational Safety and Health (CalOSHA) COVID-related restrictions that you will need to understand. Below is a recap of the updated information (as of today) regarding state-mandated COVID-19 vaccination status and testing for school employees and volunteers.

As you know, on August, 11 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued a [Public Health Order](#) that required all school workers/volunteers to provide either proof of vaccination or undergo required testing at least once weekly for COVID-19. This Public Health Order applied to public and private schools serving students in transitional kindergarten through grade 12 in the state of California. This August 11, 2021 Public Health Order was reaffirmed by the CDPH for the 2022-2023 school year in their June 30, 2022 memo titled: [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools to Support Safe In-Person Learning, 2022-2023 School Year](#) and in their June 30, 2022 [Frequently Asked Questions around Preliminary K-12 Testing Framework for 2022/23 School Year](#)

Per the August 11, 2021 [Public Health Order](#) which was reaffirmed by the CDPH on June 30, 2022:

- All school districts identified in this Order must verify vaccine status of all workers/volunteers.
- Workers/volunteers who are not fully vaccinated, or for whom vaccine status is unknown or documentation is not provided, must be considered unvaccinated.
- Any workers/volunteers who are unvaccinated are required to undergo diagnostic testing at least once weekly.
- Schools with workers/volunteers required to undergo workplace diagnostic screening testing should have a plan in place for tracking weekly test results.
- Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers/volunteers are not exempted from the testing requirement even if they have a medical contraindication to vaccination, since they are still potentially able to spread the illness.

- Previous history of COVID-19 from which the individual recovered more than 90 days earlier, or a previous positive antibody test for COVID-19, do not waive this requirement for testing.

Definitions:

- A. "Fully Vaccinated" means individuals who are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19: two weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna or vaccine authorized by the World Health Organization), or two weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen).
- B. "Incompletely vaccinated" means persons who have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine but do not meet the definition of fully vaccinated.
- C. "Unvaccinated" means persons who have not received any doses of COVID-19 vaccine or whose status is unknown.
- D. "Worker" refers to all paid and unpaid adults serving in the school settings described in Section I. Workers include, but are not limited to, certificated and classified staff, analogous staff working in private school settings, and volunteers who are on-site at a school campus supporting school functions.

If you are fully vaccinated you have already met the CDPH/CalOSHA COVID vaccine directive for volunteers:

- The District is actively collecting the vaccination status of employees/volunteers. Once you provide your vaccination status to the District there is nothing more you need to do to comply with the CDPH COVID vaccine directive.
 - If you provided RUSD with your vaccination status in the 2021-22 school year, there is nothing more you need to do.

If you are unvaccinated, or incompletely vaccinated, you have two options to comply with the CDPH/CalOSHA COVID vaccine directive for volunteers:

- Option 1
 - Get vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination to the District.
 - On the day you intend to volunteer, simply show up to the main office to check-in and get your volunteer badge.
- Option 2
 - Remain unvaccinated and agree to periodic, time-sensitive, self-administered and self-reported home testing:
 - Make an appointment with the school site Health Office Nurse to be registered with Rescue USD's Primary Health Portal.
 - After completing a self-administered test, report your results on the State of California's Primary Health website at <https://primary.health/> anytime the week before you intend to volunteer, no later than 7:00am the Monday of that week.

- On the day you intend to volunteer, simply show up to the main office to check-in and get your volunteer badge.

If you are unvaccinated and choose to not get vaccinated or submit to the CDPH/CalOSHA required COVID testing you can still be active in your child's education and school by:

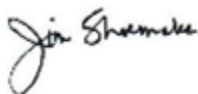
- organizing Friday Folders for teachers
- helping with prep work at home for classroom projects
- participation in events that are organized by outside groups such as the sites PTC, PTA or PTO groups
- volunteering at PTO/PTA enrichment activities after school
- joining the PTC, PTA or PTO
- attending your students after-school sporting events and performances
- attending/participating in school committees such as School Site Council

Once you have determined how you will comply with the CDPH COVID Testing directive for volunteers:

- please visit the [Volunteer page of our website](#)
- review the Volunteer Handbook
- complete the appropriate volunteer paperwork and requirements (if you are a new volunteer or seeking to change your volunteer status between Volunteer I, II or III)
- return the Volunteer Packet to your school office.
 - *If you have previously volunteered for our district, please contact your student's school office and communicate with the site secretary to verify that you are on the approved volunteer list.*

We so appreciate your desire to volunteer in our schools and your commitment to the health and safety of our school community. Please contact your student's school office if you have any questions or need any assistance.

As always, take care.



Jim Shoemake
Superintendent
Rescue Union School District