

Para los niños
for the children

PARA LOS NIÑOS MANDATORY STUDENT COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY
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This disclosure is made pursuant to the California Consumer Privacy Act and applies to California residents. Please note that Para Los Niños (“PLN”) is collecting personal information in connection with your student’s relationship with PLN. PLN’s business purpose for collecting this information is to provide for the health and safety of students, teachers, and staff at our premises, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in the school environment, and where necessary, to comply with any local, state, and federal legal obligations. Please note that we will not share your student’s identity or vaccination status without your explicit consent unless required to do so in order to comply with PLN’s legal obligations.

I. Purpose:

Consistent with its duty to provide and maintain a safe and healthy educational environment and efforts to provide continuous in-person instruction, PLN has adopted this policy to protect our students, teachers, and staff, as well as their families and the overall community, from COVID-19, which may be mitigated through an effective vaccination program. This policy is intended to comply with all federal, state and local laws. It is based upon guidance provided by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO), and public health authorities such as the California Department of Public Health and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, as applicable, and upon requirements applied to PLN as a charter school affiliated with and under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). This policy may be updated and/or revised in PLN’s discretion.

II. Policy and Scope:

A. OVERVIEW

On or about September 9, 2021, LAUSD adopted resolutions requiring all schools within the District to require COVID-19 vaccination for all eligible students as a condition of student access to in-person instruction. On September 16, 2021, LAUSD clarified that its new student vaccination requirements apply to charter schools co-located on LAUSD facilities. A subsequent decision was made with regard to the implementation timeline of the vaccine requirement for eligible students on December 14, 2021 by the LAUSD School Board of Education. Student eligibility, time frames, and exemptions for this LAUSD student vaccination policy, as applied to PLN, are described below.

B. ALL STUDENTS AGE 12 AND OVER

All students who are 12 years of age and older must receive their first vaccine dose by no later than the Fall 2022. This delay from the previously posted policy date of January 10, 2022 is in direct alignment with the decision made by the LAUSD Board during its meeting on December 14, 2021.

C. ALL OTHER STUDENTS (INCLUDING STUDENTS CONDITIONALLY ADMITTED)

All other students must receive their first vaccine dose by no later than 30 days after their 12th birthday, and their second dose by no later than 8 weeks after their 12th birthday.

Eligible, non-exempt students not vaccinated in accordance with this schedule will be denied access to in-person instruction as well as in-person extracurricular programs.

Please note that some students may be conditionally admitted without proof of immunizations, including the COVID-19 vaccine. Condition admissions may apply to students in one or more of the following groups: (a) foster youth, (b) experiencing homelessness, (c) migrant, (d) military family, or (e) has an IEP.

D. STUDENTS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION, & APPROVED EXEMPTIONS

A student is “not eligible” for vaccination or is otherwise not required to provide proof of vaccination per the policy set forth above in Section II.B, II.C, II.D, if any of the following apply:

- i. The student is not 12 years of age or older.
- ii. The student’s parent/guardian has submitted, and PLN has approved, a medical exemption. Per LAUSD’s directives, no other basis for exemption will be considered or approved, including an exemption based upon religious or personal belief. You may access a “Student Medical Exemption to the COVID-19 Vaccine” form here: [Student COVID-19 Vaccine Exemption Form](#)

Medical exemption request forms must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the date on which your student would otherwise be an eligible student required to be fully vaccinated. Please submit medical exemption forms to PLN by dropping them off at the school’s main office.

III. Procedures:

PLN’s Covid-19 Task Force & Compliance and Risk Department administers this policy. This policy pertains solely to the COVID-19 vaccine.

A. VACCINE PROCEDURES

PLN will provide parents/guardians and their students either onsite access to the vaccines or a list of locations to assist parents/guardians in having their student vaccinated on their own. Such locations must provide Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized and recommended vaccines against COVID-19 infection as set forth by local health departments and/or Los Angeles County.

B. PARENTAL CONSENT FOR STUDENT VACCINATION

Parents/guardians of students will need to provide consent and acknowledge that their student is currently eligible to receive the Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 Vaccine (at this time, the only vaccine approved for children age 12 and older). If a student is age 18 or older, parental consent is not required. Parental consent will be obtained as part of the process for making an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination. During any vaccine clinic or similar on-site vaccination location (whether held during or after school hours) made available by PLN, PLN prefers that a parent/guardian accompany their student during administration of the vaccine; however, at the parent/guardian’s option, the parent/guardian may give advance consent to their student receiving the vaccine outside the parent/guardian’s presence.

C. HOW TO VERIFY YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED

Pursuant to LAUSD directives, a student is considered “fully vaccinated” two weeks after receiving the second of two doses of the vaccine (or, in the case of a student age 18 or older, the single required dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine). Note that the Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine currently approved for children age 12 and older requires two doses, 21 days apart.

Parents must submit to PLN proof of their student’s vaccination completion as soon as practicable after receiving the last required vaccine dose, but in no event later than the deadlines set forth in Section II.B, II.C, II.D.

Only the following modes may be used as proof of vaccination:

- a) COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control & Prevention or WHO Yellow Card) which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided and date last dose administered); OR
- b) a photo of a Vaccination Record Card as a separate document; OR
- c) a photo of the student’s Vaccination Record Card stored on a phone or electronic device; OR
- d) documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider.

The documentation noted above must be submitted to Karina Cruz, Testing Coordinator at kcruz@paralososninos.org. If you have already provided Karina Cruz with one of the modes of vaccine verification outlined above, you do not need to take any action under this policy.

Please do not provide more information than is contained on one of the acceptable modes of proof. Please do not submit any additional medical or family history information in response to this policy, including a reason for deciding to be vaccinated or intent to seek a medical exemption or conditional admission.

The aforementioned documentation will be kept in the student’s education record in the same manner as other immunization documentation. Vaccination status will be disclosed only to school personnel who require such information. All documentation collected will be maintained in compliance with all applicable law and PLN’s policies and practices as pertaining to personally identifiable student information.

D. COVID-19 TESTING PROCEDURES

All students are required to comply with COVID-19 testing mandates that may be instituted by PLN, regardless of vaccination status. Not requiring routine testing for vaccinated individuals may be considered in accordance with public health guidance.

IV. Further resources:

COVID-19 vaccines that are currently authorized for emergency use:

- By the US Food and Drug Administration, are listed at <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines>.
- By the World Health Organization, are listed at <https://extranet.who.int/pqweb/vaccines/covid-19-vaccines>