



## **PST ACTION ITEM FOR COVID SAFETY:**

### **YOUR VOICE IS YOUR POWER**

There is a lot of important conversation happening here surrounding the new Covid protocols. [Nicolle Fefferman](#), [Rachel Wagner](#) and I have always said that we will follow the science and the experts, with that, LAUSD has always gone above and beyond with their safety measures and that has provided a sense of safety for many. The upcoming changes in Covid protocols for the Spring semester have been approved by the board, barring any changes from LACDPH. The only people who can impact it are you.

At the last board meeting we'd estimate 95% of the callers were opposed to the vaccine and many were sharing dangerous misinformation, yet whose voice got heard? Now, it's our turn. This is our template email with our advocacy, you are welcome to copy and paste it making any changes that work for you, or you can write your own.

Here is the link to board member contacts if you aren't sure who your board member is: <https://www.parentssupportingteachers.org/communicatelausd> and we will also list below.

Since all board members have a vote, we recommend emailing your board member, and then cc the remainder as well as Int. Supt. Megan Reilly, Deputy Supt. Pedro Salcido and Chief of Special Education and Equity Tony Aguilar, all emails are listed at the bottom.

### **SAMPLE EMAIL LANGUAGE**

Dear Board Member,

My name is insert name and I am a LAUSD staff member/parent/community member with students who are in elementary, middle, high school(s) and a member of Parents Supporting Teachers. LAUSD has been a national leader in Covid safety, keeping our students and staff safer than any other district, and while we follow the science, there are several areas in the Spring protocol changes that we would like to change:

1. All students and staff should be baseline tested that first week regardless of vaccination status. At the minimum, a percentage of vaccinated students and staff should be tested. Only testing non vaccinated people is irresponsible, since we know that vaccinated people can carry and transmit Covid, and this means that there would be almost no testing on any high school campus.
2. Random testing of a percentage of the vaccinated population throughout the winter. This serves both as a safety measure, as well as not making the identity of non-vaccinated students as apparent.
3. Change the hours of the stationary testing clinics to allow for vaccinated teachers and staff to be able to choose to test on Saturdays, or after school hours.

With thanks,

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Put your board member in the TO line, and then CC the rest of the LAUSD decision makers:

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