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Sacramento County Grand Jury Recommends COVID-19 Vaccines for all Eligible K-12 Public School Children, Teachers, and Staff

The Sacramento County Grand Jury released a report today recommending that all eligible persons in Sacramento County's Public K-12 school districts be required to have the COVID-19 vaccine. The report calls upon the 13 school districts, representing more than 260,000 children and thousands of personnel within the County, to mandate vaccinations for all eligible public-school students and staff as a prerequisite for in-person attendance of classes or school activities.

According to Grand Jury Foreperson Deanna Hanson, "Other school districts, including Los Angeles Unified, have approved similar mandates. All students, teachers, other employees, volunteers and parents should feel safe entering the schools of Sacramento County".

Governor Gavin Newsom issued mandates in August requiring all school staff and students to be masked while on campus. Additionally, all public-school staff must either be vaccinated or agree to regular COVID-19 testing to be on campus. The Grand Jury report highlights the fact that vaccine mandates are already in place at public colleges and universities in California. Implementation of its recommended mandate would be at the discretion of each school district.

"The spread of the Delta variant has caused many schools to rethink their re-opening plans," explains Hanson. "Children ages twelve and under are among our most vulnerable, because they are not eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine at this time. The Grand Jury seeks to protect them."

The report has been issued to all district superintendents as well as the Sacramento County Office of Education for response. To read the report, visit <http://www.sacgrandjury.org>.