

Dear PCS Community,

We are just a few weeks away from our first day back on campus and we could not be more thrilled to see everyone very soon!

As promised, we are sharing decisions made this week in collaboration with our Covid Task Force. All of these decisions are informed by the CDC and LACDPH ([found here](#)) and are meant to keep our community safe. We're immensely proud of the work we have done together to support one another since the pandemic began, and we are looking forward to continuing to work in partnership.

Consequently, Park Century School will require **all faculty, staff, administration and students 12 and older to show proof of their first vaccination shot prior to returning to campus and must be fully vaccinated by September 30.** Conducting in-person instruction, which we know is so vital for the academic and social emotional growth of our student body, requires a commitment to safety from our entire school community. With the spread of the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 across Los Angeles, particularly among the unvaccinated, it is clear that vaccination is the single best measure for reducing transmission, the risk of developing life-threatening illness, and the development of new variants. Along with the mitigation strategies that we put into place last year, including masking, physical distancing, hand-washing stations, and improved air ventilation, we feel that the vaccination requirement for those eligible and able to receive it will empower everyone to care for themselves and to protect others. We have made this decision not only for your child's safety, but for the safety of our community members who cannot get vaccinated due to ineligibility or a medical condition.

For reference, one is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after completing the second dose of a two-dose Covid-19 vaccine (i.e. Moderna or Pfizer) or two weeks after receiving a single dose of a one-dose vaccine (i.e. Johnson & Johnson/Janssen). **If you have not yet sent your child's proof of vaccination or proof of their first dose, please send it prior to August 30th to Jenn Palmer at [jpalmer@parkcenturyschool.org](mailto:jpalmer@parkcenturyschool.org).**

*As stated by USC pediatrician, PCS Trustee and Task Force Committee member, Dr. Michael Bryant and endorsed by Dr. Isla Garraway (UCLA physician and Task Force Committee Member), "we have seen an uptick in Covid-19 cases for unvaccinated children. Getting vaccinated is the first line of defense in protecting everyone within a community."*

Eligible students who have either a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disability Act ("ADA") or clinically-qualifying medical exemption, determined by a licensed medical professional, that prevents them from receiving a vaccination, may request an accommodation from this vaccination requirement. Park Century will engage with qualified students in a good

faith interactive process to determine whether the School can reasonably accommodate the student.

As mentioned above, PCS will continue to provide the safest possible environment for in-person learning by implementing the following protocols and guidelines for all individuals on campus. These protocols will include:

**Masking:** All individuals on campus, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask at all times indoors and outdoors except while eating or drinking.

**Testing:** There will be weekly testing for all faculty, staff and students, regardless of vaccination status (schedule TBA).

**Social Distancing:** We will reinforce social distancing as recommended by the CDC, that all students remain at least 3 feet apart in classrooms.

**Daily Covid Screening:** Titan HST morning wellness checks will continue for all students, faculty and staff.

Here are some additional resources regarding protocols for Los Angeles schools reopening:

- [Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools](#)
- [CDC recommendations on testing and quarantining](#)

In-person learning is an invaluable experience for our students, teachers and faculty and we want everyone to have a healthy and successful start to the new school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Jenn or Judith, who are always available to discuss what's on your mind.

We cannot wait for our school to be filled again with a renewed energy, eagerness and passion for learning and growing!

Sincerely,

Judith and Jenn