



SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have completed the first two weeks of school, and it is great to have everyone back. It is our number one priority to keep our students and community safe.

Immunization Requirements

One way of preventing the spread of COVID and other illnesses is by staying up-to-date with immunizations, and we are currently working on confirming student immunization records for SY22-23. SFIS requires that all students be up-to-date on vaccines included in the [New Mexico Schedule of Immunization](#).

In addition, the SFIS Board of Trustees approved a COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate, which requires students and staff to have [up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination](#). As of August 25, 2022, up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination includes one booster for all aged 5 and older and 2 boosters for adults aged 50+ (or immunocompromised). You can check the ["When are you up-to-date?" tool on the CDC website](#) to confirm your student's booster eligibility.

Day students may submit the ["Exemption from Immunization"](#) form, but dorm students will not be able to reside in the dormitory without up-to-date immunizations.

This means that all students will be required to be up-to-date on all immunizations, including all CDC-recommended COVID-19 boosters, if eligible, by October 21, 2022. Students who are not up-to-date with their immunizations by October 21, 2022 will not be allowed to stay in the dorms.

We want to ensure that you are informed with enough time to have your students boosted and immunized to prevent sickness. If you have questions about immunizations, please contact the Supervisory School Nurse, Helene Quintana, at hiquintana@sfis.k12.nm.us or 505-216-7423.

COVID Mitigation and Guidance Trees

SFIS is also continuing to take steps to mitigate the spread of coronavirus. The [COVID-19 Student Guidance Tree](#) details when students will be sent home for COVID-related exposure and the [SY22-23 COVID Mitigation Plan](#) can be found in the [COVID Mitigation Center](#) webpage on the SFIS website. I strongly encourage you to review these documents.

If you have further questions regarding COVID Mitigation measures for SY22-23, please contact the SFIS Emergency Response Coordinator - Jenna Burgess, by email at jburgess@sfis.k12.nm.us

Thank you for contributing to keeping our SFIS home safe.

Love,

Superintendent Abeyta