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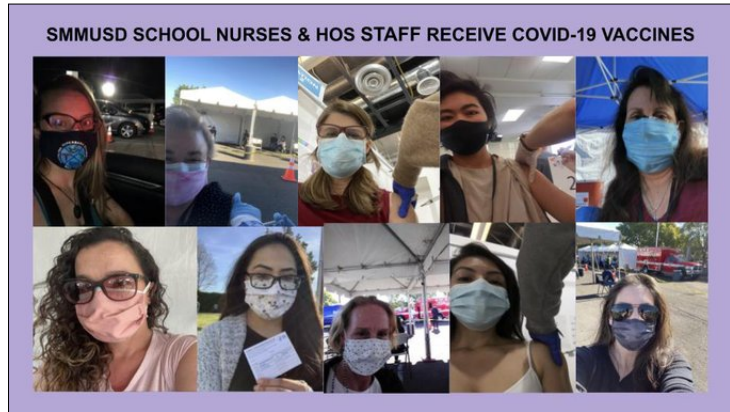
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**Educator and Staff Vaccinations in Progress at St. John’s Health**

March 1, 2021 – Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District educators and staff have begun receiving vaccinations through a partnership with Providence St. John’s Health Center in Santa Monica today.



The district has set up a system in coordination with St. John’s to schedule appointments based on a structure that prioritizes staff and teachers who are working from campus now and will be for the upcoming launch of in-person experiences the week of March 15. The staff of 2,000 will be cycled through with appointments available daily until complete.

Teachers and staff who are over the age of 65 or are part of the district’s nursing or health teams have been previously vaccinated.

“We are pleased to have St. Johns as our partner to ensure our teachers and staff who wish to be vaccinated are vaccinated over the next few weeks,” said Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Mark Kelly. “We have encouraged our staff to seek vaccinations by any means possible, to expedite the process.”

SMMUSD TK-5 schools have plans for in-person academics and instruction beginning the week of March 15.

“Vaccinating our teachers and staff brings us closer to expanding the reopening of our TK-12 schools as quickly as possible,” Dr. Kelly said. “We are all interested in the return of students and staff as soon as it is safe to do so.”

The required safety plan will be submitted to guiding agencies by March 2 and will be posted to the district’s website coronavirus page: [www.smmusd.org/Coronavirus](http://www.smmusd.org/Coronavirus).

*Photo: Nurses and health office specialist staff receiving vaccines*

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