



American Academy of Pediatrics
Orange County Chapter
INCORPORATED IN CALIFORNIA

AAP-Orange County Virtual Chapter Chat Tuesday, February 23, 2021 | 6:30 – 7:30 PM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTING

How reliable is the COVID antibody test? (Eg, if you test positive for COVID, but negative for antibodies).

Link to full explanation from the CDC on antibody tests: [Using Antibody Tests for COVID-19 | CDC](#)

Is there any utilization in checking titers after vaccines, eg those with a history of being non-responders?

CDC currently does not recommend checking titers post vaccination. More on antibody tests: [Interim Guidelines for COVID-19 Antibody Testing | CDC](#)

COVID-19 VACCINE

Do you anticipate a discussion about making the COVID19 vaccine mandatory for school attendance, either for kids or for teachers, similar to other public health vaccinations (Eg MMR)?

Because it is a product authorized for emergency use, the FDA does not allow requirement on individual. However, the labor law arena has started this controversial conversation. Some believes States and employers have the right to mandate. Currently, there are roughly around 0.5% of US employers mandating COVID vaccination including a health care employer in southern CA that I know of.

How do pediatricians advise parents of high-risk children to get vaccinated? Is this population currently being served and does the current sign-up procedure support this?

This is a very active conversation in Orange County. Currently, only Pfizer is authorized for 16+. It would be important to discuss this topic with parents of children 16 – 17.9 yo once March 15 hits when people with certain chronic health conditions are eligible for the vaccine.

In addition to mobile vans in underserved communities, how do we best vaccinate vulnerable populations who have limited English proficiency, technology skills, etc?

We have been actively working with the local Community Based Organizations as well as City governments in outreaching into the LEP communities.

How soon after testing positive for COVID should you wait before getting the vaccine?

If vaccine availability is not a factor, CDC recommends waiting for 14 days. If there is limited vaccine available in the community, CDC recommends waiting for up to 90 days.

SPORTS & RETURN TO SCHOOL

What is the most recent discussion around routine testing as part of a school or sport protocol to mitigate risks? (Eg, when more teens go back to in-person learning, and with the new CDPH return-to-sports guidelines)

It is a complicated matter with constant changes from Sacramento. Here are the updated guidance related to schools: [State Updates Guidance for Youth and Recreational Adult Sports \(ca.gov\)](#)
[Consolidated School Guidance \(ca.gov\)](#)