



COVID-19 Update

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COVID-19 Updates

- **2nd Booster Dose Approved (Moderna or Pfizer)**
 - Everybody 50+
 - Immunocompromised people 12+
 - J&J booster recipients
- **BA.2 Omicron Variant**
 - Predominate variant circulating globally and nationally
 - Recent wastewater surveillance indicates slight uptick in our region
 - Unclear if this variant will cause another surge or a ripple
 - Continue to test, stay home sick, isolate/quarantine, mask, ventilate and vaccinate
- **Test to Treat**
 - Positive for COVID-19 and are 12+ years of age and at increased risk of developing severe COVID-19. Number of local pharmacies participating

CDC Community Levels

● Low

In Sacramento County, California, community level is Low.

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community				
New COVID-19 Cases	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days				
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

CDC metrics:

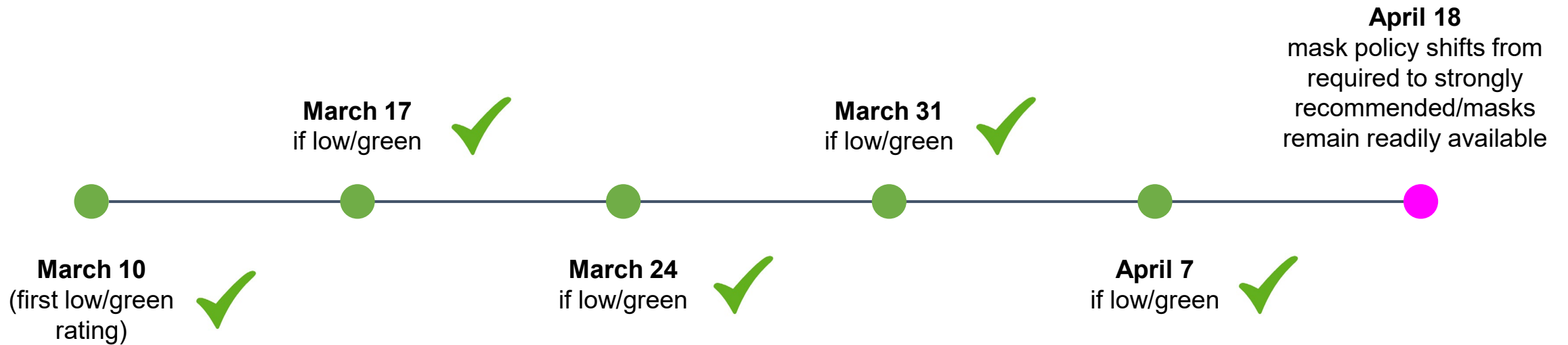
1. New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions per 100,000 (7 days) } **4.9**
2. COVID inpatient bed utilization } **3.8%**
3. COVID-19 cases per 100,000 (7 days) } **44.01**

SCUSD Masking Approach

- When Sacramento County falls to the [“low community level” per Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) category, and remains there for four consecutive weeks, SCUSD will align with the CDPH guidance to strongly recommend masking, but not require masks to be worn in school settings.
- Until that category is met, the mask requirement remains in effect for all staff, students and visitors.
- A return to the “high” community COVID transmission level per CDC metrics would trigger a required return to indoor masking. SCUSD would also consider resuming the masking requirement if Sacramento County entered “medium” community level depending on global/national/local trends.
- SCUSD’s masking requirement would also resume if state or local public health officials issue a future order for school masking.

SCUSD Masking Timeline

Sacramento County could move into the CDC’s “low community level” tier on March 10. If Sacramento County remains in the “low community tier for four weeks, ending on April 7, SCUSD will align with the State of California’s strong recommendation for masking effective Monday, April 18 (upon return from the Spring Break).



How Families Can Approach Unmasking

“We are entering a new phase of “reopening”—and, this time, unmasking is at the heart of the changes. We are at a very different place than we were a year ago with vaccines, tests, and treatments more available, and with more knowledge about how to keep ourselves and our communities safe.” - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Protect Yourself

- For people 5 years old with no health issues, the most robust protection is from vaccination
- Low risk doesn't mean NO risk of infection, but it does mean you're most likely well-protected against getting severely ill

Protect Your Family

- Unvaccinated or high risk individuals in your family circle, consider masking and avoiding high risk activities or areas

Protect Your Community

- Test, symptom screen and for exposed unvaccinated individuals quarantine & mask



Mask or No Mask - Kindness Always Welcome

- Talk to your student about respecting others' choices about masking
- Staff will be encouraged to reinforce the importance of mutual respect
- SEL lessons about feelings, empathy, managing change, perspective taking and bullying designed to support this process
- We ask our community to respect and support differing views and choices as we navigate this next phase of the pandemic



Making Choices:
To Wear or Not to Wear Masks in Our School Community

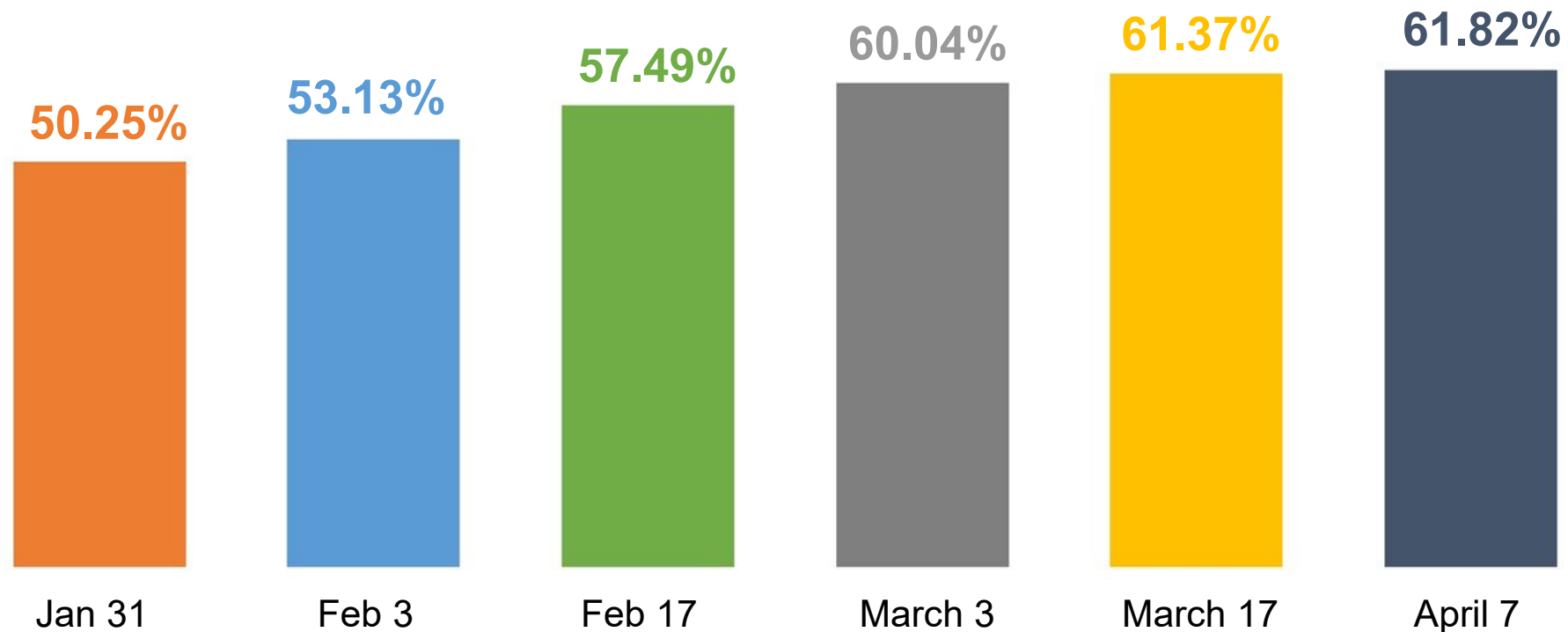
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Always Welcome

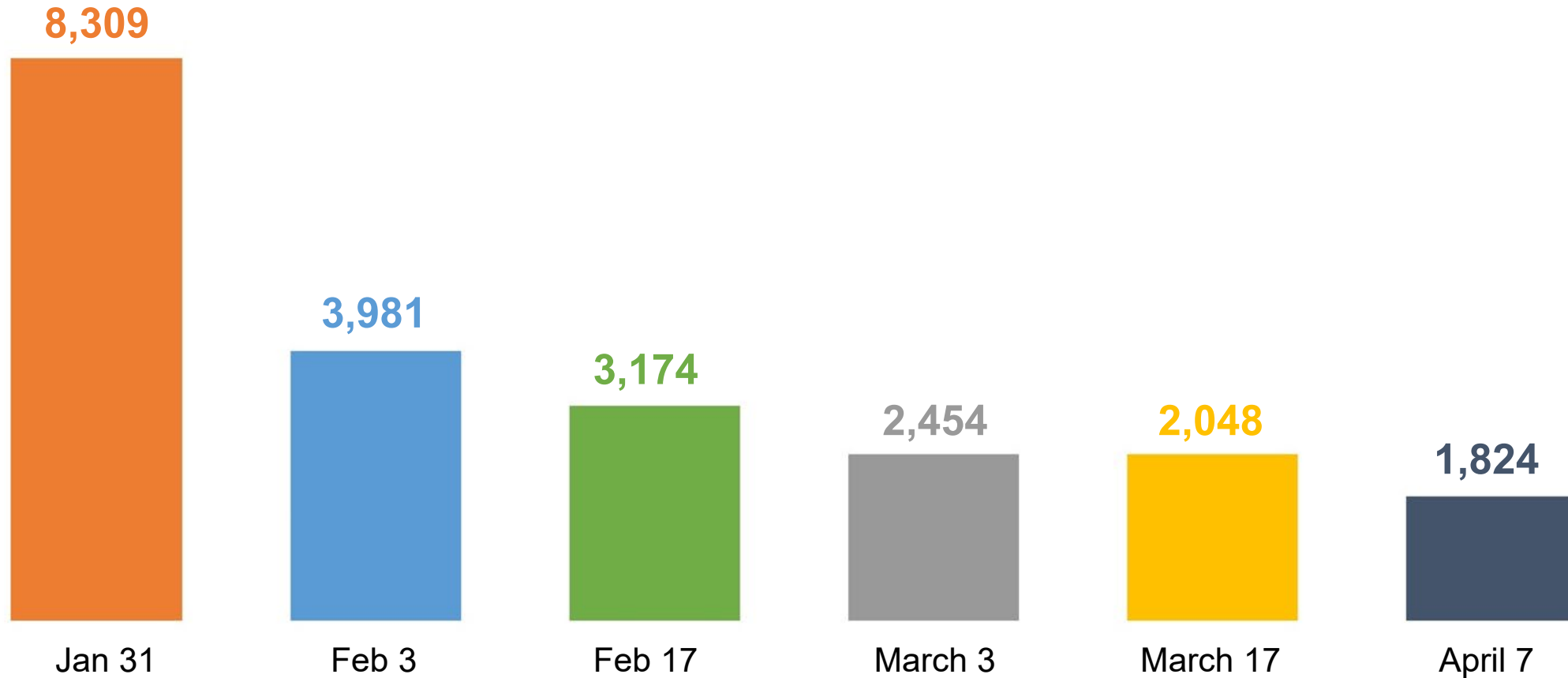
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COVID-19 Student Vaccination Progress



COVID-19 Student Testing Consent Progress



Safe Return from Spring Break



TESTING:

- FREE At-Home COVID-19 Test kits for all students & staff
- Email, robocall, text message through Primary Health
- Instruction flyer
- Tutorial video: register and report results
- Serna Center Testing open Mon - Fri from 10am - 4pm



MASKING:

- Strongly recommended
- Gathered in large groups
- Traveled
- Exposed to COVID
- If you or family members are unvaccinated
- If you or family members have health risks



VACCINATION:

- Ensure you/your child is up to date on all vaccines
- Get the COVID vaccine when eligible
- Get a booster dose when eligible
- Consult your doctor for questions or concerns about vaccinations



STAY HOME SICK:

- Remain home if sick with symptoms - cough, runny nose, sore throat, fever, chills, etc.
- Get tested before returning to school or get a doctor's note &
- 24 hours fever free & symptoms improved

Next Steps

- Continue to monitor case rates, including school-based surveillance testing case rates
- Update community on potential shift in masking policy
- Continue actively targeting outreach efforts to the 1,824 students not yet vaccinated or registered for testing
- Update families on their students vaccination or testing status
- Maintain the integrity of the onboarding process for all newly hired staff to ensure vaccination/exemption compliance prior to employment