

CDC Crisis Response: COVID 19 Public Workforce Grant, San Francisco

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Grant Background

- ▶ **California DPH sponsored this Immunization Champions grant to all CA counties, to address:**
 - ▶ **During the pandemic, many children in California fell behind on routine immunizations, including immunizations required for school.**
 - ▶ **Lower than hoped-for COVID-19 vaccination rates among the 5–11-year-old.**
- ▶ **Although in SF,**
 - ▶ **For 2021-22 school year, 95% entering Kindergarteners and 93% of entering 7th graders had all their required shots**
 - ▶ **78% of SF children ages 5-11 have completed their COVID-19 primary series (versus 38% statewide)**

Immunization Needs in San Francisco

Challenges:

- ▶ **The 5% of children overdue for school vaccines are not distributed equally**
- ▶ **Some charter schools and those in neighborhoods with higher proportions of Black/African-American children have more overdue children**
- ▶ **Local clinics and health systems have had staffing shortages and SFUSD health staff have been fielding concerns from parents regarding difficulties getting timely access to vaccination catch-up appointments--especially in our most vulnerable populations.**
- ▶ **This is a multi-faceted and long-standing problem that has most recently been highlighted by COVID vaccination disparities. At the same time, the pandemic response has offered new and creative opportunities to reach communities of highest need.**

How funds are being used

- ▶ Must be spent on staff supporting TK and K-12 schools; cannot be used to support childcare populations or supplant other funding.
- ▶ Reporting requirements: semiannually; the number of personnel hired, their status and the associated costs.
- ▶ Funds must be spent by June 30, 2023 (however, a no cost extension is currently being discussed)
- ▶ Original grant amount \$342,496
- ▶ Less \$80,000 released to SFUSD to support vendor hiring to review student immunization records at all grade levels.
- ▶ Total to SFDPH = \$242,496
- ▶ SFDPH formed a coalition, Advancing Childhood Vaccine Catchup (ACVC) composed of key partners: SFUSD, SFDPH, MCAH, and the Health Systems and a draft action plan developed to improve timely access to vaccination catch-up appointments.
- ▶ A P103 Special Nurse was hired with this funding. (Has since vacated the position and we are in the re-hiring process).