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Parents Supporting Teachers Releases a COVID-19 Dashboard for LAUSD Schools

Parents Supporting Teachers (PST), the largest parent advocacy group supporting Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) teachers and families, launched its own district wide cumulative dashboard detailing active Covid 19 cases after repeated requests from the community for this information was ignored by the district. LAUSD stakeholders will now be able to view data in a user-friendly format that will help them better understand and contextualize Covid 19 cases across our schools and neighborhoods. The data used comes from the district's own individual school dashboards.

"For many months we have been asking LAUSD for a cumulative, districtwide dashboard showing all positive cases in each school. Following the district's release of a Covid Testing Report Card, we heard from many members asking how positive cases at their school compare to others across the district. When it seemed clear that this wasn't coming, we decided to take matters into our own hands. Our incredible online community jumped in and worked together to make it happen." said Jenna Schwartz, group co-founder.

"Sharing timely, meaningful, and measurable data is extremely important on a district wide scale and at our school sites. Our hope is that the district will better clarify protocol when identifying close contacts in a timely and effective fashion. We want students and families to know that staying home from school is a critical part of keeping our schools safe and open," said group co-founder Nicolle Fefferman.

"We need to work together to de-stigmatize Covid and Covid quarantine in the school system. The first step in doing so is sharing data across the district, at our own schools, and within classrooms. We ask that the district notify all members of individual classrooms as well as the entire school when a student tests positive. Our next step is demanding a cohesive district policy on how students will be learning when in quarantine, as take-home packets won't work for kids learning to read, or kids in high level classes. While students are taking care of their school by staying home, we should provide a better plan to help them stay connected to classroom learning," co-founders Schwartz and Fefferman shared in a joint statement.

This collaborative effort was made possible with the assistance of data expert, Doctor Jorge A. Caballero, M.D. @datadrivenmd on Twitter. We want to thank Doctor Caballero for his help. The PST dashboard will be updated daily and can be found [here](#), on our website at www.parentssupportingteachers.org and on PST Social media platforms Facebook, Twitter @PST4LAPUBLICED, and Instagram @parentssupportingteachers.

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About Parents Supporting Teachers: Parents Supporting Teachers is a parent education advocacy group in Los Angeles with over 25,000 followers and is the only organically created group of this size exclusively dedicated to parent communication and education support in the entire LAUSD. Visit www.parentssupportingteachers.org to learn more and support our shared vision for equitable and inclusive LAUSD schools.