



# SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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## VAL VERDE COUNTY, CITY OF DEL RIO AND VAL VERDE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER JOIN EFFORTS WITH SFDR CISD TO VACCINATE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

As cases among the young population in our county continue to rise, SFDR CISD is increasing efforts to provide parents with an option to have their student vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. SFDR CISD first wants to thank all parents for their overwhelming support to voluntarily have their student masked while attending school. While the District cannot mandate the use of masks, the District is very appreciative of the support and drive of parents to encourage their student to mask up and be safe.

Secondly, SFDR CISD is thankful for the continuous efforts of Val Verde County, the City of Del Rio and Val Verde Regional Medical Center to offer COVID-19 vaccines and contribute in the goal to have at least 2,000 students fully vaccinated by the end of September. In the coming days, campus case managers will reach out to parents by phone and ask them for their voluntary consent to have their child vaccinated against COVID-19 if they are eligible. Vaccination clinics will be held at Del Rio Middle School on Wednesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> for students 12 years and older in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade; and at Del Rio High School on Thursday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> for students in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

As an added incentive for getting their vaccine, Val Verde County, the City of Del Rio and Val Verde Regional Medical Center have joined efforts to give every student who gets vaccinated an opportunity to win 1 of 200 Ram Blue Backpacks filled with spirit gear and goodies. Also, every student will receive a free snack of their choice (i.e., ice cream or Gatorade drink) which can be redeemed at their school cafeteria.

SFDR CISD is grateful for the community effort to stop the spread of COVID-19, but most importantly, we are humbled by the support and cooperative efforts shown by our county, city and hospital leaders. Together We Are Better!