

# Sacramento Update

The legislature returned from summer break on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> and hit the ground running. Senate Appropriations met and had 135 bills on the docket. Each chamber has a different threshold on whether bills are voted off suspense. The Assembly has a threshold of \$150,000 and the Senate's threshold is \$50,000 to send bills to suspense. Decisions regarding whether a bill is voted off suspense is determined by leadership, priority of the author, finance department and whether funding is provided in the budget.

If a bill is presented in Appropriations, testimony is limited to the funding aspects. However, they will allow those in support or opposition to give name, organization and position only, it is called a "me too" in the parlance of lobbyist.

8/19/2021 - Assembly Appropriations bills: 170 bills were on the docket  
All bills not presented were sent to suspense

8/26/2021 – all bills still alive will be heard in both Assembly and Senate Appropriations (suspense hearing) if moved off suspense, they will continue through the process:

AB 815 (Rivas) – school nurse: credentialing – Oppose

AB 1532 (Business & Professions) – sunset review, given a one year extension to address myriad of critical issues

As noted previously, the budget contained issues we supported and advocated for  
School Nurse Consultant in CDE  
Office of School Based Health in CDE  
School Health Demonstration Project – CDE

These bill are related and we will be meeting with Dr. Daniel Lee, Deputy Superintendent for Equity on these issues on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

We have positions on 34 bills – 13 support and one oppose. We can review on Thursday if you have questions. The 2021 legislative session ends September 10<sup>th</sup> and the governor has one month to either sign or veto bills on his desk. Also remember there is an election to recall the Governor, all ballots must be in by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

There have been a number of executive orders; below are the most recent:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-256.aspx>  
Sept 20th - must show proof of vaccination or negative test for entry into  
Large venues (1000+) – issued 8/18/2021

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/8.16.21-EO-N-12-21.pdf>  
increased staffing for schools and hospitals - issued 8/16/2021

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Hospital-and-Health-Care-System-Surge.aspx>  
hospital surge requirement - issued 8/16/2021

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Vaccine-Verification-for-Workers-in-Schools.aspx>  
all K-12 staff required to be vaccinated or tested – issued 8/11/2021

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-242.aspx>  
first in the nation requirement for hospital workers to be vaccinated  
and to determine vaccine status of visitors - issued 8/5/2021

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx?cldee=amZlbnN0ZXJ3YWxkQGVkc291cmNlM9yZw%3d%3d&recipientid=contact-8b8dc6e8b738e61180ef005056b02a09-8b142a7f03e747e09af5290c619521ea&esid=f79c65e8-65e3-eb11-8145-005056b02a09> – universal masking required for K-12 - issued 8/2/2021; update from 7/28/2021

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/07/26/california-implements-first-in-the-nation-measures-to-encourage-state-employees-and-health-care-workers-to-get-vaccinated/>  
state workers and healthcare workers show proof of vaccination or be tested –  
issued - 7/26/2021

#### **Resources:**

<https://www.cmadocs.org/newsroom/news/view/ArticleId/49442/Medical-board-says-inappropriate-mask-exemptions-may-subject-physicians-to-discipline>

The California Immunization Coalition webinar:

**Vaccine Mandates and COVID 19:** <https://www.immunizeca.org/education-hour/>

**HHS – Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – COVID booster available if inoculated 8 months earlier:**  
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2021/08/18/joint-statement-hhs-public-health-and-medical-experts-covid-19-booster-shots.html>

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-first-covid-19-vaccine>