

January 6, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we gear up for the start of school on January 11, California encourages all families to access at-home COVID-19 testing for their children before returning to school after the winter break. To help make this a reality, California is providing one rapid test kit for each K–12 public school student.

The Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD) will be distributing the tests to families on Monday, January 10 at each school site. Distribution will take place on the black top at McMillin Elementary School between the hours of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm with one kit provided per CVESD student until all tests are distributed. Instructions are available by video and as an insert in the box.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBt_H4Gc-rU

While there is no statewide testing mandate for students returning to school, we highly encourage you to use the kits to test your children for COVID-19 before they return from break to help keep in-person school safe for everyone.

Should your child(ren) test positive, keep them home from school and contact your doctor and your school right away. This flyer from the state explains how to share your child's at-home COVID-19 test results with the local health department.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Toolkits/schooltesting/Test-Your-Student_Flyer.pdf

If the results of your child's at-home test are unclear, please retest at CVESD's Education Services and Support Center (hours available online at cvesd.org) or at a local testing site. If you are unable to get a COVID-19 test from your healthcare provider, testing is available at several locations across the county.

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/testing.html

If your child(ren) has/have symptoms (like cough and/or fever) or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, please keep them home and use your test to see if they have COVID-19. In addition, in this case please call us before they return to school – even if the test is negative. More testing may be needed.

And of course, if your child is feeling well, tests negative, and has no COVID-19 symptoms, we will look forward to welcoming them back to our campus.

Our students, employees, and families have been working tirelessly to keep schools both safe and open for in-person learning. Thank you for using the at-home test as one additional tool in our toolbox to keep each other safe and to keep our classrooms open.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the District Risk Manager Jenny Venyak at (619) 426-9500, extension 1353.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Orr

Principal