

Hello everyone,

Parents have requested that a video recording of these updates be provided for families so one is included in the link below. Please feel free to watch the video instead of reading the email.

<https://youtu.be/9jc39cXnxpo>

Below you will find this week's Covid updates.

Number of positive Covid cases for staff: 0

Number of positive Covid cases for students: 0

Number of staff who went home with Covid related symptoms: 1

Number of students who went home with Covid related symptoms: 9

Relevant Updates From the Weekly Alameda County Covid Liaison Meeting:

- There is a low-barrier approach to getting a booster vaccine for Covid-19. Individuals are allowed to attest for themselves that it is required so it is likely that those in the education field should have an easy time being eligible for one. Sadly, only those who got the Pfizer vaccine are eligible to receive the booster at this time. Those with Moderna or Johnson and Johnson must wait.

- Please keep in mind that although rapid tests are convenient and fairly accurate at detecting Covid-19, it is still recommended that individuals get PCR lab tests done twice weekly for optimal safety.

There are some families who are still confused by our Covid protocols so I've done my best to simplify it to address any further confusion and questions people may have.

- Any student or staff person who exhibits Covid related symptoms must quarantine for 10 days
- If a negative Covid test is received AND symptoms are gone, the student or staff member may return
- If a negative Covid test is received and symptoms are still present, the person must continue to quarantine until all symptoms are gone
- If a student or staff person has symptoms and a negative Covid test, they may get a doctor's note certifying that those persistent symptoms are due to allergies, or another non-contagious situation, which will allow them to return to class
- Rapid tests must be completed under trained supervision (at OSA or at a doctor's office or clinic) to be considered valid

Some families have also expressed confusion around the process of what happens when a student or staff person leaves school with symptoms. Particularly in regards to how we are ensuring that these individuals are aware of and adhering to our Covid protocols. When a student either calls in sick or leaves campus because they aren't feeling well. The parent receives an email with all the student's teachers cc'd. I include the teachers in case the student has to be out for a while and has questions about assignments, but also as a way to safeguard against students returning to school without having clearance to return. As I mentioned previously, a student needs to be symptom free with a negative Covid test or doctor's note to be able to return to school after being out with symptoms. Once the family provides the necessary documentation, I write an email to the parents, the student, and all teachers of that student, to authorize their return to

school.

I hope this helps to clear up any confusion. Please let me know if you continue to have questions and have a great rest of your weekend.

Warm regards,

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