

Hello everyone,

Happy Halloween! I hope everyone is enjoying themselves and staying safe out there.

Please feel free to watch the video instead of reading the email to get this week's Covid update - <https://youtu.be/Ft6PKSPIICM>

Below you will find this week's Covid numbers:

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: 2

Number of students who went home with Covid related symptoms: 8

Please continue to stipulate on the [Report Absence Form](#) if your student is out of school with Covid related symptoms so we can take the necessary steps to ensure that they follow the proper protocol to safely return to school.

Booster shots are now readily available. Appointments can easily be made through CVS Pharmacy or your doctor. We highly recommend that our community get this done as quickly as possible. I actually just made my appointment and it was super easy to do.

Relevant Updates From the Weekly Alameda County Covid Liaison Meeting:

- PCR tests are still required for a student to return to school. However, the County officials said there is discussion happening around the safety of rapid tests being on option as they could expedite the return to school. More information on that is forthcoming and will be shared once it becomes available.

- In anticipation of holiday excursions, travel information is now available (see attached for information in Chinese, Farsi, Spanish, and English). The CDC recommends that individuals delay travel until they are FULLY vaccinated. Someone is considered fully vaccinated two weeks or more after their second dose of Pfizer/Moderna or two weeks after receiving the single dose of the J&J vaccine. If you are NOT vaccinated, but choose to travel domestically, get tested with a viral test 1–3 days before travel and 3–5 days after travel. Also, even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel. If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel. If you're NOT vaccinated, and traveling internationally, follow CDC testing guidelines for international travel before and after your return to the US. Overall things seem to be very quiet in the Covid world at OSA so knock on wood that this continues.

Take care and have a wonderful rest of your weekend!

Warm Regards,

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