



Dear ESUSD Families,

With the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, El Segundo Unified School District remains steadfast in our commitment to follow all recommended mitigation efforts and practices that keep our students and staff safe and attending school in-person.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Order

January 1, 2022, Los Angeles County Public Health officials have issued new protocols for TK-12 schools in a [health order](#) and new [exposure management plan](#) to ensure appropriate mitigation strategies are in place during this surge in COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron variant. **The following requirements have been enacted effective immediately:**

- COVID-19 testing is required for all close contacts who are permitted to remain in school immediately after exposure, regardless of vaccination or booster status. Affected employees and students may participate in testing at school.
- Staff are required to wear upgraded masks (three ply surgical masks or higher-level PPE)
- Masking is now required for all outdoor activities where physical distancing is not feasible, except while eating or drinking.

In addition, the following are strong recommendations for families to consider:

- Students are strongly recommended to wear masks that are well-fitting, non-cloth masks of multiple layers on non-woven material with a nose wire. ESUSD has provided masks to all school sites to meet this optional recommendation and are readily available for students.

Strong recommendation from Public Health for all eligible staff and students to receive a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, in addition to their primary vaccine series. The Food and Drug Administration authorized COVID-19 booster shots today for adolescents ages 12-15. If your child has received their vaccine or additional booster, and you have not submitted the information to the district, please be sure to register their vaccination card here: <https://forms.gle/Fr3hnMwquFumtrPg9>. This information is an important element when the school performs contact tracing.

Update on At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits

As previously shared, ESUSD through Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have secured enough at-home rapid antigen test kits to allow every student enrolled in our district to test at home. During this surge in the COVID-19 cases, at-home testing is strongly encouraged but it is NOT a statewide requirement. Testing serves as a tool to help detect infection. You can access information regarding self-testing from

CDPH [here](#). Again, participation in the home testing program is optional, but is strongly recommended.

Families that would like to participate can opt in by picking up an at-home testing kit at drive-thru locations adjacent to El Segundo High School on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Once you receive the kit from the assigned pick-up location, parents will administer the test at home to their child(ren) and should report test results here: <https://forms.gle/88TuCy28gayrQZe4A>.

Each box contains two tests. The recommendation is to test each student when you receive the kit and then again on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Drive thru distribution is scheduled to take place tomorrow at El Segundo High School between 3:00pm and 6:00pm. Multiple pick-up points have been established to alleviate traffic congestion. If your household has multiple last names, you can pick up all tests at the same location.

At Home Testing Kits - Pick Up Locations			
	El Segundo High School Horseshoe (Mariposa Street)	Front of El Segundo High School (Main Street)	El Segundo High School North Entry (Oak Street)
3:00pm – 6:00pm	A - F	G - O	P - Z

If you are unable to attend this pickup session, a makeup drive through will be held in front on the District Office (641 Sheldon Street, El Segundo) on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, from 7:30am – 9:30am.

As this is an ever-evolving situation, we will continue to update you when changes are enacted. We understand that the timing of all of this is not ideal and thank you in advance for your efforts to help us ensure that our schools remain as safe as possible during these uncertain times. If you have any specific questions, please reach out directly to Dr. Melissa Gooden at mgooden@esusd.net.

Thank you for contributing to our collective efforts to ensure our students and staff remain safe and in school!

With Gratitude,

Melissa Moore, Ed.D.
Superintendent
El Segundo Unified School District

Frequently Asked Questions

TEST DETAILS

- **What type of test is being offered?**
Several brands of at-home/over-the-counter tests will be provided. All are approved by the FDA under Emergency Use Authorization as rapid antigen tests with results in under 30 minutes.
- **Who performs the tests?**
The tests are completed at home by students (or by legal guardians on the students).
- **The box contains two tests. Should the testing be done on the same day?**
No. The tests should be 1-3 days apart as per the manufacturer's instructions for use. If someone develops symptoms of COVID-19, they can also use the tests at a different time. Please see below for more guidance.

RESULTS REPORTING

Note: Reporting is highly recommended, especially for positive results.

- **How can students report their results?**
We STRONGLY encourage individuals to report their results on Primary.Health, which is an online platform that allows individuals to securely consent to testing and report their results automatically to state and local health jurisdictions (including photos of test results).
- **Can schools track the at-home test results?**
Yes – ESUSD is you complete a Google Form and authorized school personnel can track their students' results.
- **Is ESUSD responsible for tracking down results from all tests done?**
ESUSD will be required to report the number of tests received, number of tests used, and number of positive cases to CDPH. We ask that you do your best to ensure that positive results are reported and those individuals isolate in accordance with [CDPH guidance](#).

GUIDANCE

At-Home Testing is OPTIONAL. There is no state-wide mandate or requirement that students have a documented negative at-home test prior to returning to school.

- **When should students test?**
If students receive tests during the first weeks of school:
Students should test immediately and then again in 1-3 days per the manufacturer's instructions for use.

Students should test if they have symptoms of COVID-19 or were exposed to COVID-19 (see below).

For students who are well and have no COVID-19 exposures:

- Student tests **negative** for COVID-19?
A student who feels well and has no [COVID-19 symptoms](#) can return to school.
 - Student tests **positive** for COVID-19?
Stay home from school and contact your doctor and your school right away. The school should be sure to contact the local health department.
 - Student's parent is not sure about the test results?
Retest at a school-based or community testing site.
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- **What if a student has COVID-19 symptoms when school reopens after break?**
The student can use their at-home test.
 - If they test positive: They should inform their doctor to make a plan for care. They should isolate at home for 10 days from symptom onset. Please ensure that you notify the school of the positive result.
 - If they test negative: They should arrange for a second test (such as an approved PCR test). They should isolate until the second test result is negative and notify the school of the illness.
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- **What if a student is fully vaccinated and was exposed to someone with COVID-19?**
Quarantine is not necessary, but they should be tested as soon as possible after they know about the exposure and 5-7 days after the exposure. If COVID-19 symptoms develop, they should be tested as soon as possible.
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- **Can a positive at-home test be used as evidence of infection (for excuse from testing for 90 days)?**
Unless specified by your local health department, if a positive test is properly logged and photographed in Primary.Health, it can be used for that purpose.