



January 7, 2022

Harvard Families,

I hope you had a refreshing winter break! Here are a few COVID updates before we return to school this week.

COVID Cases – Did your student test positive over break? Were they a close contact with an individual who tested positive? Please contact the health office at your child's school for specific exclusion and return guidance. Your call will be returned in the order it was received beginning Monday, January 10.

Please keep your child home and notify the school Health Office if your child has:

- One or more COVID symptoms (listed below)
- Tested positive for COVID-19
- Been a close contact to a positive case in the last 14 days

COVID Symptoms include:

- Fever (100.4 or higher)
- New onset of moderate to severe headache
- New cough
- Chills
- Diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Fatigue (unknown cause)
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Nausea and/or vomiting

SHIELD Testing

Testing still available for families to sign their student up. SHIELD is a great way to ensure your student is negative for COVID-19. It also helps us detect positive cases earlier as well as detect asymptomatic cases. If you are interested, please complete [this form](#) and drop it off at your child's school. It may take up to two weeks to have them entered into testing rotations.

Sincerely,

Dr. Corey Tafoya
Harvard CUSD 50 Superintendent