

# **USD 330 COVID TESTING PROGRAM**

## **Test to Stay & Learn/Work**

### **PURPOSE**

- To allow students who have been identified as close contacts the opportunity to continue to have educational opportunities provided in the school/classroom
- To allow staff members who have been identified as close contacts the opportunity to work in their current school employment position.

### **GOAL**

- To keep students healthy and in school learning.
- To keep staff healthy and continuing to perform their job duties that support the educational environment as well as limit the potential financial burden of missing work.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Be identified as a close contact to a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
  - If the positive case is a member of the same household, the close contact and the positive case must be kept separate in the house as required for quarantine to occur under local health department requirements.
- Must have a completed OPT-IN form on file with the school/district.
- Must agree to wear a mask while attending school/work unless outside or performing activities (eating, drinking, etc) where wearing a mask is not feasible.
  - May not participate in extracurricular activities in which the close contact can not wear a mask.
  - May not eat at the same table as others who are not identified as close contacts.
  - May not be around others if not wearing a mask while outside at recess.
- Must agree to participate in testing for the first 7-days following the date of contact with the positive case.

### **PROCEDURES**

- The school will notify the student/parent(s) or employee the date, time and location of where the testing will take place.
- The student or employee will remain at a designated location until the test has been read.
- The school will notify the student/parent(s) or employee the result of the test.
  - If negative and there are no other signs or symptoms the student or employee will be allowed to return to their educational/job setting.
  - If positive, the student or employee will not be allowed to return to the educational/job setting.
    - The district will recommend that the student/employee receive another test administered by the local health department or licensed medical facility.

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- If the 2nd test is negative, then the student/employee may return the following school day to receive another test from the district to determine if they can return to the school/work setting.
- If the 2nd test is positive, then the student/employee will be considered a positive case and will then be required to meet the local health departments requirements before returning to school/work.
- If the student/staff member tests negative on Day 7 of quarantine, and is not showing any signs or symptoms, then on Day 8 they may return to school/work and not be required to wear a mask and can perform/participate in normal duties and activities.

### DEFINITIONS

- Positive Case
  - An individual who has tested positive and has been diagnosed with COVID-19 by a medical professional.
- Close Contact
  - An individual who has been in close contact (6 ft or less for a period of at least 10 minutes) of a positive case, or who has been directly exposed and contacted bodily fluids.

### CLARIFICATIONS

- A student/employee who is identified as a positive case will be excluded from school, school activities, and work for a period of 10 days beginning with the onset of symptoms or until such a time released to resume to school/work by the local health department. *If symptoms are not present, then isolation begins at the date of testing. Last 72 hrs the positive case must be sign & symptom free.*
- A student/employee who is identified as a close contact may return to
  - school/work if during the time that possible exposure occurred the close contact was wearing a mask.
  - school/work if they are able to provide proof that they are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.
  - school/work if they are able to provide proof that they were diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 3 months.
  - school/work if they have been quarantined for a minimum of 10 days following the date of contact with the positive case and they have been sign and symptom free the last 72 hours of their quarantine.
  - school/work on Day 8 of their quarantine if on Day 6 or on Day 7 they received a PCR test and the result was negative and they are not showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
  - school/work if they are participating in the USD 330 Mission Valley COVID-19 Testing Program and are meeting all the requirements of the program.
  - school/work at such a time released by the local health department

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- The USD 330 administration and/or school nurse may require that anyone attending school or employed by the school showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 be required to have a COVID-19 test completed with a negative result before being allowed to return to school/work.
- *In lieu of school-based testing, students could participate in this program by receiving testing elsewhere under the same testing requirements contained in the procedures.*

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\*Change 6 month quarantine window to 3 month quarantine window