

Alvina Elementary Charter School

COVID-19 Testing Plan SB 1479



ALVINA ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 TESTING PLAN

PURPOSE:

To provide COVID-19 testing to staff and students and to monitor the prevalence of COVID-19 in the Alvina Elementary Charter School District in accordance with local, state and federal regulatory requirements. This testing plan meets the requirements set forth by SB 1479.

Specifically, this plan:

- Identifies a COVID Testing Point of Contact to facilitate communication and coordination with the CA Testing Task Force along with other relevant agencies or organizations that oversee school operations.
- Reviews and references current testing recommendations provided in the CDPH K-12 School COVID Guidance and any additional recommendations or requirements provided by the local health jurisdiction.

This plan also commits AECSD to:

- Maintain situational awareness of the testing resources and programs offered by the CA Testing Task Force and monitor availability of pre-positioned testing resources housed with the county office of education or the local health jurisdiction for rapid distribution to schools.
- Monitor the CDC's COVID Community Data Tracker as a method of identifying when to increase or reestablish school testing operations.
- Communicate any questions, concerns, or additional operational testing resources/needs to the CA Testing Task Force at schooltesting@cdph.ca.gov.

The Alvina Elementary Charter School District is committed to following the CDPH K-12 Guidance located at:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2022-23-School-Year.aspx>.

In conjunction with the local health jurisdiction, the Fresno County Department of Public Health, including the recommendation to rely on Rapid Antigen Testing in school. If PCR testing is preferred, please contact your primary care physician.

AECSD will designate staff to report testing numbers and testing results to both the CDPH and the FCDPH as required by local and state guidance.

POINT OF CONTACT:

The AECSD Point of Contact for the implementation of the Alvina Elementary Charter School District Testing Plan is Mike Iribarren, Superintendent/Principal. Contact info is as follows; phone (559)864-9411, email miribarren@alvinaesd.org.

STUDENT COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION

WHO:

AECSD will offer free COVID-19 tests to students, either through free over the counter Rapid Antigen Test kits or testing at the AECSD school site. Although testing is not mandatory in the following scenarios, testing is recommended;

- When a student becomes symptomatic at school, student should test before being sent home.
- When a student is considered a close contact and is asymptomatic, student should test 3-5 days after exposure. If a student who is considered a close contact becomes symptomatic, the student should test immediately and stay home.
- Before returning from a prolonged school break, (i.e., winter, spring, and/or summer break) particularly if any household contacts have symptoms overlapping with COVID.

Scenario where student testing is mandatory:

- If a student would like to return sooner than the ten-day isolation period after a confirmed positive COVID-19 test, the student needs to test at day five. If the student's day five test is negative and his/her symptoms significantly improve, the student may return at day six while following CDPH Isolation and Quarantine Guidance,

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Isolation-and-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-Contact-Tracing.aspx>

which notes that those who are infected with COVID-19 but test negative on day 5 should wear a well-fitting mask when around others and while in indoor settings through day 10. If a student's day five test is still positive, the student will have to complete the ten days of isolation before returning to school.

WHAT:

AECSD participates in both the CDPH Professional Antigen Testing program (Primary Health) as well as the CDPH Over the Counter/At-Home Rapid Antigen Test Kit Program. All tests are offered to students free of charge.

WHERE:

Students can use Over the Counter/At-Home Rapid Antigen Test kits which can be obtained in the front office for use at home (option A) or they can be tested at school (option B).

Option A: Students may choose to self-test and self-report using over the counter (OTC) home tests that must be obtained from their school.

Option B: Students may test at school by appointment using the Primary Health system.

HOW:

AECSD will coordinate COVID-19 testing in accordance to CDPH and FCDPH guidance.

EMPLOYEE COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION

WHO:

AECSD will offer free COVID-19 tests to employees, either through free over the counter Rapid Antigen Test kits or testing at the AECSD school site. Although testing is not mandatory for employees in all situations, testing is recommended in the following scenarios;

- When an employee becomes symptomatic at school, employees should test before being sent home.
- Before returning from a prolonged school break, (i.e., winter, spring, and/or summer break) particularly if any household contacts have symptoms overlapping with COVID.

Scenarios where employee testing is mandatory:

- If an employee would like to return sooner than the ten-day isolation period after a confirmed positive COVID-19 test, the employee needs to test at day five. If the employee's day five test is negative and his/her symptoms significantly improve, the employee may return at day six while following CDPH Isolation and Quarantine Guidance,

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which notes that those who are infected with COVID-19 but test negative on day 5 should wear a well-fitting mask when around others and while in indoor settings through day 10. If an employee's day five test is still positive, the employee will have to complete the ten days of isolation before returning to work.

- If an employee is identified as a close contact and is asymptomatic, the employee must test 3-5 days after exposure. If an employee who is considered a close contact becomes symptomatic, the employee must test.

WHAT:

AECSD participates in both the CDPH Professional Antigen Testing program (Primary Health) as well as the CDPH Over the Counter/At-Home Rapid Antigen Test Kit Program. All tests are offered to employees free of charge.

WHERE:

Employees can use Over the Counter/At-Home Rapid Antigen Test kits which can be obtained in the front office for use at home (option A) or they can be tested at school (option B).

- **Option A:** Employees may choose to self-test and self-report using over the counter (OTC) home tests that can be obtained from their school's front office.
- **Option B:** Employees may test at school by appointment using the Primary Health system.

WHEN:

Employees who choose to self-test and self-report may test at their convenience.

- Employees will not be paid for testing outside of their work hours.
- Employees who choose to test at the AECSD testing site may test during scheduled work hours.

HOW:

AECSD will coordinate COVID-19 testing in accordance to CDPH and FCDPH guidance.