



Adelanto *Elementary School District*

January 13, 2022

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Safety Update

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AESD Parents & Guardians:

Happy New Year! I hope you were able to enjoy winter break with your family.

As we begin the second semester of the school year, we understand that many of you have questions and concerns regarding COVID-19 and the health and safety of your child. Once again, the nation is in the middle of another COVID-19 wave. Unfortunately, over the past few weeks, and in response to the Omicron variant, COVID-19 rates have gone up over the country and our community.

I wanted to provide some information regarding our current and updated AESD COVID-19 key personnel, contact tracing and testing.

AESD COVID Safety Response Team

COVID Safety Officer: Josie Stijepovic, Director of Risk Management, josie_stijepovic@aesd.net.

COVID Site Manager: Each school site has a specific staff person designated to oversee and support COVID contact tracing.

COVID Liaison Officer: Each school site has designated staff to support COVID contact tracing.

COVID Safety Command Center: The District established a central workspace for the COVID Safety Response Team.

Contact Tracing

Recently, our partnership with AM LLC for contact tracing expired. The District is currently in the process of hiring a new vendor to oversee contact tracing. During this transition, the District has taken responsibility for contact tracing. We are currently training staff and will be fully operational by Monday, January 17, 2022. For those of you who have e-mailed COVID Support, the e-mail will remain the same. The phone number (760) 398-0500 will be disconnected on Friday, January 14, 2022. Please be patient if you have contacted the COVID-19 support line and have not received a response. Please utilize the COVID Support email until we are able to get a new designated line.

Please email or call the COVID Response Team if:

- Your child test positive for COVID-19
- Are informed you've been in close contact with someone positive
- Have symptoms of COVID-19
- Would like to be tested for COVID-19

E-Mail: COVID_Support@aesd.net

Phone: (760) 530-7688

In-Person Testing for Staff and Students

The District has partnered with HEAL 360 Primary Care to administer testing to all staff, students and parents. HEAL 360 will have a testing team at each school site and the District Office weekly. Please contact your school for days and times.

Unfortunately, due to overwhelming demand, we are no longer able to offer testing to community members at this time.

Home Test Kits

The State of California has provided the District with COVID-19 Rapid Home Test Kits. Each student may receive two (2) rapid tests per child enrolled at an AESD school. This is a voluntary program. Distribution dates and additional details will be announced in a separate communication.

K-12 Schools Guidance

The California Department of Public Health released an update (1/12/22) to the COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year. Close Contact, Exposure, Isolation and Quarantine Information have been updated. We will continue to communicate updates to our stakeholders and adjust our District guidelines accordingly.

Since March 2020, you have been a valuable partner in the education of your child. The pandemic has changed our lives and how we teach. Working together with you has been a pleasure and our District is grateful for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,



Kennon Mitchell, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Adelanto Elementary School District