

Dear Chula Vista Elementary School District Community

As we prepare to return to in-person learning on Tuesday, January 11, we wanted to share with you the most current Return-to-Work/Return-To-School criteria in place for those TK-12 students and staff with recent COVID-19 positive tests.

If you are a staff member or a TK-12 student at CVESD and you have tested positive for COVID-19 on a home test, through the District Office/Hedenkamp Elementary School or at a lab or clinic since 12/30/2021, you must follow the California Department of Public Health/County of San Diego guidance for returning to school or work.

COVID-19 positive students or staff may return to work or school before day 11, if you have:

- **Stayed home for at least 5 days from the start of symptoms (or positive test collection date if no symptoms).**
- No symptoms present (or improving) **AND a rapid antigen test (not PCR) collected on day 5** (example: symptoms started Monday, Day 5 is Saturday) **or later is negative AND test provided to school/supervisor.** ****Home tests distributed by CVESD and uploaded may be used to release students from isolation through 1/27/22 per CDPH and County of San Diego.****

Students and staff may return without the need for additional testing on day 11. For example, if symptoms started on January 1, day 11 (return date) is January 12.

Please note:

- Returning staff or students must be able to wear a well-fitting mask. (Preschool and other students unable to mask consistently cannot follow this guidance and cannot return to campus until day 15).

IMPORTANT: TESTS TO RELEASE EARLY FROM *ISOLATION* (POSITIVE CASE) **MUST** BE ANTIGEN.

If you tested positive **OUTSIDE** of the District Office site or the Hedenkamp Elementary site since **12/30/2021**, please send positive lab notice, school name, and a contact phone number to COVTEST3@cvesd.org. Please follow the above guidance, and you will be contacted. Do not use this email address if you tested at the District or Hedenkamp Elementary as the systems are distinct.

If you have questions about quarantine (people who have been exposed to a positive person), please email Covtest4@cvesd.org.

Thank you for your continued efforts to do your part in keeping our community safe. We appreciate your support.

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