

# 2021-22 VCS COVID-19 Safe Campus Testing Policy

Valley Christian Schools (VCS) is committed to keeping students in school by prioritizing the health and safety of our students, employees, and our community. We strongly encourage all adults and children eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine to seek medical advice from their primary health care provider to determine if a vaccine for COVID-19 is recommended for you and/or your child.

COVID-19 Safe Campus Testing policy is a vital part of VCS' collective efforts to protect our community, reduce the spread of the virus, and ensure the safety protocols we've established meet their intended goals.

Effective immediately:

- All unvaccinated VCS employees will continue weekly PCR testing until submitting proof of vaccination.
- All unvaccinated JH and HS students participating in VCS sponsored co-curricular activities will begin weekly PCR testing until submitting proof of vaccination.
- All other students who are ineligible to vaccinate due to age, choice, or physician recommendation will be required to participate in a periodic testing cadence. Periodic testing frequency is subject to modification based on the current VCS active case rate and our community's overall health and risk.

Co-curricular activities are activities that fall beyond the domain of the academic curriculum and are not on your child's class schedule. Co-curricular activities include sports, band, theatre, dance, AMSE, BEI, clubs, etc.

This testing strategy will help us continue to respond quickly and appropriately to the ever-changing landscape of COVID-19, including preventing and/or managing potential outbreaks, keeping students in school, and making sure all after-school events and activities are as safe and enjoyable as possible.

VCS will periodically re-evaluate testing frequency policies.

## Additional Details

- VCS will require diagnostic testing (PCR or Antigen) of all individuals (regardless of vaccination status) who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or have been identified as a close contact to a positive COVID case. Please refer to the [Test Result Decision Tree](#) for guidance.
- After close contact with a positive COVID case, all identified individuals are required to follow the latest CDPH and/or SCCPH guidance according to the [Close Contact Decision Tree](#).
- Per the CDPH and Cal/OSHA regulations and the forthcoming Federal OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards, VCS is required to test all unvaccinated employees for COVID-19 weekly (PCR testing). If Antigen testing is needed, the testing cadence will increase to twice weekly. Employees may [Submit Proof of Vaccination](#) to VCS to exclude them from weekly testing.
- All VCS JH and HS co-curricular participants will be required to fully vaccinate or PCR test weekly for COVID-19. If Antigen testing is needed, the testing cadence will increase to twice weekly. Any additional testing required by CDPH for specific groups will be determined individually.
- Unvaccinated students not involved in co-curricular activities will participate in periodic testing determined by the VCS active case rate and our community's overall health and risk.
- During school hours, visitors (including volunteers) interacting with staff or students may be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative test collection within 48 hours of visiting.
- Events and social gatherings such as dances, proms, retreats, fundraisers, and parties must follow all CDPH or SCCPH guidance on event capacity, testing and other health restrictions, including proof of vaccination or negative test results upon admission.
- After-school spectators for co-curricular activities are not required to provide proof of vaccination or test results at this time. If current conditions at VCS warrant additional safety measures, they may be implemented at that time.
- Group overnight travel may have special screening testing before trip and testing and/or quarantine applied after travel to protect our VCS community from additional risk factors. Specifics will be determined based upon location of travel and community transmission rates at the time of travel.
- As a convenience to our employees and families, VCS currently provides on-site testing at both Skyway and Leigh campuses. Testing schedules and location hours will be posted at [www.vcs.net/covid](http://www.vcs.net/covid) and updated as necessary.
- Additionally, we have acquired a significant amount of rapid Antigen tests to quickly test those students and employees identified needing immediate and day five exposure testing to allow them to stay on campus under the modified quarantine rule.
- VCS leadership reserves the right to cancel any planned co-curricular activity, event, or travel if current conditions warrant cancellation or postponement.
- VCS leadership reserves the right to adjust testing screening requirements at any time to protect the health and safety of our community.

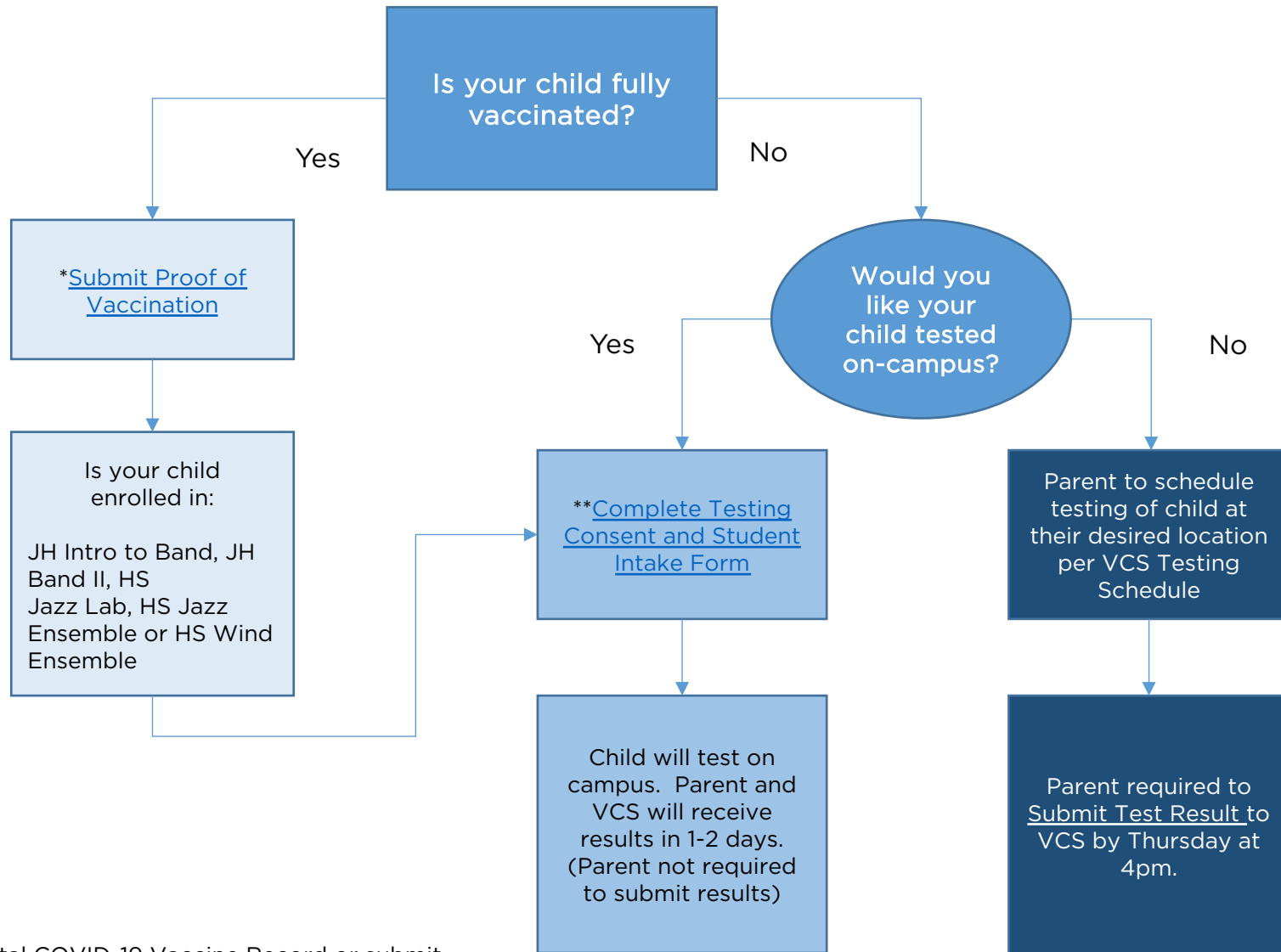
# VCS Minimum Testing Schedule

CAMPUS	All Diagnostic Illness & Exposure (regardless of vaccination status)	General Unvaccinated Population Based on VCS active case rate and our community's overall health and risk.	Unvaccinated Employees and Unvaccinated JH/HS Students Participating in Co-Curricular Activities	Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Students Enrolled in JH Intro to Band, JH Band II, HS Jazz Lab, HS Jazz Ensemble or HS Wind Ensemble	*Events	Overnight Travel
	Illness: Immediate  Exposure: Immediate and Day 5	Periodic	Test Weekly	On-Campus Testing Weekly	Vaccinated or Test w/in 48 Hours of Event	Vaccinated or Test w/in 48 Hours of Departure and Upon Return
Elementary	✓	All students	All unvaccinated employees		✓	✓
Junior High	✓	General unvaccinated student (non co-curricular participant)	✓	✓	✓	✓
High School	✓	General unvaccinated student (non co-curricular participant)	✓	✓	✓	✓

\*Proof of vaccination or negative test required for any event or activity with the following capacity limitations:  
**Outdoors 10,000 or greater; Indoors 1,000 or greater**

If student or employee is not tested on campus:  
 Test results are required to be submitted no later than **4pm Thursdays** per scheduled testing cadence.

# VCS Testing Screening Process



\*Follow instructions for Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record or submit image of vaccination card.

\*\* Only submit consent and intake information if your child has not yet tested on campus with National Labs for the 2021-22 school year. Forms located on [www.vcs.net/covid](http://www.vcs.net/covid)