

March 3, 2021

Dear Elementary Families,

I am writing this evening with two announcements about our planned opening of part-time, in-person instruction on March 15. These two announcements concern:

- The beginning of mandatory student COVID-19 testing
- The school schedule on March 11 and 12

**Student COVID-19 Testing**

As a friendly reminder: all elementary students who plan to attend our in-person sessions beginning on March 15 will need a COVID-19 test prior to returning to campus.

As of yesterday, the county case rate is 6.3 cases per 100,000 residents. According to guidance from the California Department of Public Health, this rate requires us to test our students every two weeks.

That means that in order to start in-person instruction March 15, your student will need to get a test this weekend or next week. The locations and times of our student COVID-19 testing are below.

Testing Site	Schedule	For...
Alameda High School	March 5: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm March 6 & 7: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Bay Farm, Edison, Earhart, Otis
Wood Middle School	March 6 & 7: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Franklin, Love, Maya Lin
Ruby Bridges Elementary School	March 6 & 7: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Paden, Ruby Bridges

Starting March 10, all three sites will offer testing Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

We encourage families to schedule appointments for this weekend (March 5 through March 7), however, as we anticipate very busy sessions the following week (March 10 - March 14). Testing early will also help us get your information into the testing system and help your child get used to this relatively simple process. This, in turn, will help us keep the process safer and more efficient for all families by minimizing lines and wait times moving forward.

While walk-ins are accommodated, appointments are strongly recommended. You can access the appointment system on [AUSD's Student COVID-19 Testing web page](#). That page also includes an FAQ about our student testing process and maps that show how to enter and exit the testing area. If you have questions regarding student COVID-19 testing, please email [StudentC19@alamedaunified.org](mailto:StudentC19@alamedaunified.org). We will respond as promptly as possible to your questions.

**March 11 and 12**

After a year out of the classroom, AUSD teachers need some time to set up their classrooms. If the AEA approves the Tentative Agreement we signed on February 24, your children will follow the Wednesday schedule on March 11 and March 12. As on Wednesdays, there will be a check-in with the teacher, via Zoom, in the morning, followed by

asynchronous work the rest of the day.

This will give our teachers much-needed additional time to organize their classrooms, set up their technology, and create a welcoming environment for your children on March 15.

We (and your principals) will be sending more information about re-opening shortly, but we wanted you to have this information now so that you can plan accordingly.

Respectfully,

Pasquale Scuderi  
Superintendent