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Dear BUSD Parents/Guardians:

Barstow Unified and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) are continuing efforts to keep schools safe and successful by providing COVID-19 tests for students returning from Thanksgiving break.

This week, the District is distributing COVID-19 tests kits to students. Each kit will contain two tests. Students are encouraged to test one day before returning from Thanksgiving break, November 27, 2022, and 2-3 days after returning from Thanksgiving break, November 29th or 30th, 2022.

Some test kits may show an expiration date of July 22, 2022. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has extended the expiration date on those kits by six months to January 22, 2023. For a full list of test kits with an extended expiration date, go to <https://www.fda.gov/media/158007/download>.

Students who test positive should stay home and parents/guardians should notify their child's school to excuse absences and obtain further instructions.

Please note: While at-home testing is not required for your child to return to school after Thanksgiving break, testing remains a critical safety measure to reduce the possibility of an early 2023 surge.

Your cooperation with this testing is greatly appreciated and will help ensure our schools remain open and your child(ren) continue to receive the quality educational experiences being in a classroom provides.

We hope you enjoy the break and look forward to your student's return to class on Monday, November 28, 2022.