

Salinas City Elementary School District

Covid Plan 2023 - 2024

Plan: *Keep Kids in School*

Under this plan, Salinas City Elementary School District (SCESD) will provide at-home test kits to staff, students and families, on an as needed basis.

Type of Test: *Antigen and Over the Counter (OTC)*

SCESD will be able to continue to provide on site professional testing with the use of our CLIA waiver **to staff only**. Over the counter (OTC), at home test kits will continue to be available for staff and students. Per Cal/OSHA, employers must make covid-19 tests available at no cost, during paid time.

Population: *Staff and Students*

Staff and students, regardless of vaccination status, will have the opportunity to receive an at home test kit. Student and parent/guardians may request at home test kits from their respective school site.

On site tests will only be administered to staff members who have provided consent to be tested through Primary.Health. If an individual is not consented to be tested on site, an at home COVID test kit will be provided to test at home. Results of the at home test shall be shared with the COVID Team and/or Human Resources Department.

Frequency: *As Needed*

Staff and students will be offered an at home test kit as requested. On site testing will be provided to staff on an as needed basis.

Close contacts will be provided an OTC at-home test kit, within 3-5 days after contact with the positive individual, as requested.

Persons who test positive for Covid-19, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection, will be required to **stay home for at least 5 days**.

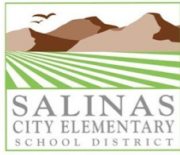
Staff may be able to return to work or school after Day 5 IF:

- Symptoms are not present or are resolving

AND

- Fever-free for at least 24 hrs without the use of fever reducing medications





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- Receive a professional test from the District Covid Team

If unable to test or choosing not to test, isolation can end after Day 10 IF:

- Fever-free for 24 hrs without the use of fever reducing medications.

Students may return to school after Day 5 IF:

- Symptoms are not present or are mild and improving

AND

- Have been fever free for 24 hrs without the use of fever reducing medications.

Primary Health Registration:

Staff will have the option to register into the Primary.Health online system. Staff will be able to sign the consent form electronically to be tested on site.

Testing Team:

The testing team will consist of properly trained staff to implement the testing process. “Trained Staff” may be, but not limited to: District Nurse, site LVN or other Administrative personnel.

The Team will consist of 5 roles: *an individual may take on more than one role*

- Check-In - Performs check-in and associates the BinaxNOW card with the staff member or student.
- Swab-Supervisor/Assistant - Monitors and/or assists with collection of sample
- Tester - Performs the BinaxNOW test.
- Reader - Tracks the time of the test. Read the results.
- Data Entry - Enters the data into the software platform.

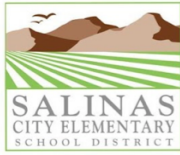
Testing Day:

Prior to receiving a professional on site Covid-19 test, individuals must register online with Primary.Health. Professional on site testing will be provided or administered by a trained staff member.

Notification of Exposure, Potential Exposure and Test Results:

Per Cal/OSHA, notification of exposure or potential exposure are required to be given to staff within 24 hrs of said exposure.





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Positive and Negative Results of Professional Test - positive and negative results will be communicated to the staff via Primary.Health notifications. Results can also be viewed online via Primary.Health by logging into your account.

Please Note: Notifications to students who are close contacts of those who have tested positive for Covid, will no longer be sent.

Disposal of BinaxNOW Cards

Once the result is finalized and recorded, disposal of BinaxNOW cards is determined based on a negative or positive result. Per CDPH Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Medical Waste Management - Interim Guidelines, waste from COVID-19 positive patients must be handled as standard regulated medical waste (RMW). Guidelines for handling COVID-19 materials, including used swabs and test components, are as follows:

- If the test is negative, test components can be placed in a regular trash bag.
- If the test is positive, these items must be placed in a red biohazard container that is certified to meet the ASTM D1709 dart drop test and kept in a properly marked biohazard container with a lid.
 - All biohazard bags/containers must also be labeled with the generator name, address, and phone number. If the integrity of the primary bag is compromised in any way (leaks, tears, etc.), a compliant secondary bag must be used.
 - When the biohazard bag is ready for transport offsite, it must be tied off and placed into a USDOT-approved container lined with a biohazard bag that is ASTM D1709 and ASTM D1922 certified.

Reporting

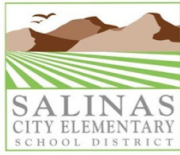
Legal Requirements

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2505 requires laboratories to report laboratory test results for reportable diseases, including SARS-CoV-2. Schools using the State's CDPH K-12 school CLIA Certificate of Waiver and California clinical laboratory registration are acting as laboratories, and therefore must agree to report test results to the local public health department (via CALREDIE in most counties).

CalREDIE

In order to report to CalREDIE you will need a CLIA number. Primary.Health will grant your school use of the CDPH School Antigen Testing Program's CLIA number once you have





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completed all training requirements within the Primary.Health platform. Primary.Health will facilitate reporting all logged results to the public health department.

MCDH SPOT

SPOT is a secure system for school and workplace representatives to easily enter key information about individuals who were involved in a COVID-19 exposure at their location. Once recorded in SPOT, the information is sent to CalCONNECT in real time, allowing the LHD's Outbreak Team to review the information and use it to initiate important contact tracing efforts.

