COVID-19 Testing Plan

Hawthorne School District

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This is a fluid working document that may be adjusted as conditions and guidance change.

Adoption of the California Department of Public Health's Guidance for K–12 Schools

Testing for COVID-19 remains an essential tool to decrease transmission, keep students/staff safe, and keep schools open for in-person instruction while mitigating the impacts of COVID-19.

The Hawthorne School District (HSD) has adopted the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) *Public Health Guidance for TK–12 Schools and Child Care Settings to Support Safe In-Person Services and Mitigate the Spread of Communicable Diseases* (link), the successor document to the *Preliminary Testing Framework for K–12 Schools for the 2022–2023 School Year* (link), as its testing plan to meet the requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1479.

This plan is based upon the current guidance from the CDPH and is executed to maintain safe in-person schools across the District during the 2025-2026 School Year. This plan is subject to updates based on current scientific knowledge, anticipated trends, and additional testing recommendations from both State and Local Health Jurisdictions.

Testing for COVID-19

Staff and students who have been exposed and/or are experiencing symptoms consistent with a respiratory virus are encouraged to test for COVID-19. To help keep our sites healthy and safe, parents/guardians of students with COVID-19 are strongly urged to notify their school's office and staff members with COVID-19 should notify the District's COVID-19 Compliance Team.

District community members with health insurance are encouraged to reach out to their health plan or provider to access available testing services. Those without health insurance are advised that testing resources may also be available at various locations such as local pharmacies, county-run facilities, or health centers. Assistance with health insurance enrollment is available at the Maxine Waters Health and Dignity Center located at York Elementary School. Additional resources may be found by visiting the CDPH COVID-19 Testing webpage or by contacting the Los Angeles County Information Line by dialing 2-1-1 or texting 52-211.

The District maintains a limited supply of over-the-counter (OTC)/at-home antigen tests for use in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak and for those who are unable to access other available testing resources.

Communication and Reporting

The Health & Safety Liaison is the designated COVID Testing Point of Contact to facilitate communication and coordination with the CA Testing Task Force along with other relevant agencies or organizations that oversee school operations. Testing data will be formatted to facilitate a simple process for reporting to the CDPH or the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health as required.

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