

Marin County Office of Education COVID-19 Testing Plan

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This COVID-19 Testing Plan is established and updated as needed to meet requirements of [SB 1479](#), and is posted at www.marinschools.org

The Marin County Office of Education follows guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Marin County Public Health (MCPH) around COVID-19 testing. Rapid Antigen Testing remains a key mitigation strategy to detect and curb transmission of COVID-19 in school settings. Keeping students and staff safe and in school remains the top priority.

MCOE is the Lead Educational Agency (LEA) for Regionalized Programs in Special Education, Alternative Education, and Marin County ROP. All students and staff are provided with free Rapid Antigen Over the Counter (OTC) tests through the support and collaboration of the California Department of Public Health's K-12 Schools Team and Testing Task Force. Tests should be prioritized for families who are uninsured / underinsured, those at high risk of severe illness, those with symptoms if other testing options are not available, to support outbreak response testing and testing of exposed school students and staff, to support students and family members participating in on-campus before/after school care programs, summer programs and/or camps. All families of students and staff are encouraged to always maintain at least 2 boxes of tests (4 tests) at home and request refills through their school or classroom teacher as needed.

COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Contacts:

- **Primary Testing Point of Contact:** Julian Jeffries, Director Maintenance and Operations
- **Secondary Testing Point of Contact:** Lisa Miller, Assistant Superintendent
- **Partner:** Marin HHS, Public Health Schools and Child Care Team

Education: Staff and students are provided testing guidance and expectations by school site administrators, based on ongoing and updated guidance from the CDPH and Marin Public Health. Each school site has two Public Health Liaisons who attend quarterly meetings with the Marin Public Health Schools Team. Updates on all mitigation strategies including testing are discussed in these meetings. Notes are provided following meetings, and public health newsletters are provided to this distribution list monthly, or more frequently as needed for communicating guidance updates.

Testing Expectation: Students and Staff should test **when COVID-19 symptoms are present, and/or as recommended by [California Department of Public Health](#)** (i.e. outbreak and exposure testing).

Access: Based on availability as provided by the California Department of Public Health, all students are allocated Over the Counter Rapid Antigen Tests on an ongoing basis. Refills, to the extent they are available, are provided upon request. School staff should maintain two tests at home for when testing is needed and can contact managers for refills.



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Reporting and Monitoring: All staff, parents and guardians are required to notify office staff of positive test results and follow current protocols. All Specialized Programs will report outbreaks for students to Marin Public Health through the HHS Schools email address at HHSSchools@marincounty.org or by the Shared Portal for Outbreak Tracking ([SPOT](#)) and will follow [current guidance](#).