

Mark West Union School District

COVID TESTING FRAMEWORK

2023-2024

The Mark West Union School District prioritizes the health and safety of our staff and students by following the most recent CDPH and Sonoma County Department of Health guidelines. As of March, 2023 the COVID-19 was reduced from a pandemic to an endemic meaning that it is part of the community.

For the specific protocols followed by the Mark West Union School District, please reference our [COVID Safety Plan \(CSP\)](#).

<p><u>Testing of Symptomatic Staff/Students</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We ask that all symptomatic staff and students <i>stay home</i> if they are ill. • If a student becomes symptomatic at school, they will be sent home and advised to test. • If a staff member becomes symptomatic at school, they are provided an OTC test in order to provide results in the immediate
<p><u>Testing Availability</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We provide OTC test kits to our staff and families on an as needed basis and will continue to do so as long as supplies allow • We continue to secure OTC test kits provided by the CDPH through SCOE • All sites are provided a supply of OTC tests to keep on hand in the event that they are needed
<p><u>Increased Mitigation Testing Requirements</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required by the CDPH/SCDPH, if a classroom/office reaches a level of 3 positive cases in a 14 day period, increased mitigation efforts are implemented. These efforts include the requirement for all students and staff, associated with the classroom, to test the evening of notification and notify the school and COVID Testing Coordinator if they receive a positive result. OTC tests will be provided to each student in order to fulfill the requirement.
<p><u>General Exposure Notification and Recommendation for Testing</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given that COVID-19 is now considered an endemic rather than a pandemic, General Exposure Notification is no longer required for students in the classroom. However, through February 3, 2025, CalOsha still requires that staff receive a General Exposure Notification and advice to test on their days 3-5 following exposure..

<p><u>Testing Guidance Following an Extended Break</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mark West Union School District provides OTC test kits to all staff and students prior to an extended break (ie: Winter Break, Spring Break, etc.) with the request to test within 24 hours of their return to school. These OTC will continue to be provided as long as supply allows.
<p><u>Notification of Testing Availability</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periodically, the district receives information regarding the ability for our staff and families to order free test kits. When this information is received, our staff and families are notified and links are provided by the District COVID Coordinator via email.

Questions regarding COVID -19 protocols in the Mark West Union School District may be addressed to:

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