

Thursday, August 26, 2021

COVID Screening Testing to Begin at Webster on Monday, August 30th 2021

Hello Webster Families,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. As you may be aware, the SMMUSD Board of Education has authorized mandatory COVID-19 testing once per week of all students and staff.

Yesterday, Thursday, August 26th at 8:40 pm both staff and parents received this FAQ called [COVID-19 Testing Frequently Asked Questions](#) from Superintendent Dr. Drati. It is very thorough so I will not attempt to summarize it. The deadline for registering and providing consent for testing has been extended to Sunday, August 29 at 8 p.m.

Testing at Webster Elementary will begin Monday, August 30th. Only students whose parents have already registered them for SMMUSD COVID testing will be tested. We will not test any student who is NOT REGISTERED.

The process for testing at school will be very simple. Students will be walked to the testing area where the student will perform a self-administered test under the guidance of the certified Malibu Medical team. Students will then be walked back to class. The whole process will take about 10 minutes. As was mentioned in previous messaging, parents will only receive a message if their child receives a positive test result. If this is the case, then further instructions will be relayed to the parents from our District nurse. Please know that staff will begin testing Monday, as well. Our mission at Webster is to ensure the safety of all members of our learning community and this is just one more step in achieving this goal. The Webster community has demonstrated its ability to successfully work together during this challenging time in our history. My hope is that we will continue this effort until we reach the other side of this pandemic.

Webster's testing period is on Monday's from 8:30 - 10:30am. Each classroom and all staff are scheduled to meet the screening staff from Malibu Medical Group on our outdoor patio. Only students whose parents have already registered them for SMMUSD COVID testing will be tested. We will not test any student who is NOT REGISTERED.

Please check your email daily, including each night and each morning before coming to school, to see if a positive COVID-19 case has been identified in your child's class and if your child needs to follow the quarantine protocols. Sometimes we are informed of a positive case late at night, and we need to inform multiple families as quickly as possible that their child needs to be quarantined. If a positive case is identified in your child's class, please know that district nursing staff will follow up with you as part of contact tracing.

If you have not registered for testing, please do see by reviewing the documents attached to this email.

Together for Safety at Webster,

Proud Principal Lila Daruty