



COVID-19 TESTING PLAN

This COVID-19 Testing Plan is developed to comply with SB 1479, as codified in Education Code sections 32096 and 32096.1, and shall remain in effect until January 1, 2026.

- 1. COVID-19 Testing Point of Contact.** The following person is designated to facilitate communication and coordination with the California Testing Task Force along with other relevant agencies or organizations that oversee school operations:

Barry Jager
Associate Superintendent Human Resources
barryjager@cusd.com
559-327-9308

- 2. Availability of COVID-19 Tests.** COVID-19 tests are available at no cost to students and employees. Students may obtain tests at the administration or nurse office of their school sites. Employees may obtain tests at no cost from their department heads or by contacting Human Resources. Tests may also be obtained from health care providers.
 - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommends that antigen tests be considered the primary option for detecting COVID-19 in schools, rather than PCR tests. According to CDPH information, both the professional, on-site antigen tests as well as the over the counter (OTC) at-home antigen tests have been effective in identifying persons who have infectious levels of all known variants of SARS-CoV-2. CDPH information also states that PCR tests are highly sensitive, but their utility is greatest as a confirmatory test in appropriate situations and/or in clinical settings.
 - CDPH's Testing Framework for K-12 Schools for the 2022-2023 School Year may be accessed at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Testing-Framework-for-K-12-Schools-for-the-2022-2023-School-Year.aspx>. Other information regarding testing for COVID-19 may be found on websites of the CDPH, the Fresno County Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
 - If a student has symptoms of COVID-19, parents are encouraged to test the student before the student arrives at school. Tests may be picked up at no cost at the school.