



Inglewood Unified School District  
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Dear Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD) Students, Staff, and Families,

As we have all seen on the news and in our community, the Omicron variant of the Coronavirus has led to a surge in COVID-19 cases nationwide. As our schools have returned from the winter break this week, IUSD has seen an increase in positive COVID-19 cases in both staff and students. There have been more staff and students absent this week than there have been all year.

Despite our best efforts to ensure a safe environment on campus with masking, testing, and social distancing, we realize that this variant will continue to spread. Our IUSD staff is doing their very best to balance the safety of our students and staff with the quality of the educational experience for our students. As the number of COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County continues to increase, we can expect to see our staffing shortages continue, and possibly worsen. Despite these circumstances, our schools will remain open and students who attend school in person will report to classes that are not under quarantine.

In order to remain transparent, we want to share some critical information about our internal process and the steps we are taking to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and school community. Please note that our COVID-19 Compliance Task Force Team will continue to follow Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) guidelines and share updates as they are received.

**Quarantine Protocol**

When students and staff come into contact with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19, they will quarantine, at home, for 10 calendar days. During this time, they will receive their instruction virtually. Once staff or students have quarantined for 10 days, they can return to school, provided they have been symptom-free for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medicine.

**At-Home Testing Kits**

The State of California has provided our District with At-Home Rapid COVID-19 Tests. These tests will be provided by each school to students who have been identified as close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases or are displaying symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Each student that meets this criterion will be provided with a testing kit that contains two rapid COVID-19 tests.

The tests should be taken in the following manner:

Symptomatic Students	Take one test immediately and one test five full days later
Close Contacts of Positive Cases	Take one test two to five days after the exposure to the close contact. Take the other test five full days following the first test.

Due to a limited number of available At-Home Testing Kits, these tests are only intended for IUSD students in an effort to keep our schools as safe as possible. Staff members who are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19, should report to the District Office for testing.

Please click [here](#) to access an instructional video on how to use the Rapid COVID-19 Test.

**COVID-19 Testing Advisement & IUSD Testing**

As a method to contain and mitigate the spread of the virus and prevent person-to-person transmission, LACDPH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and our District, strongly recommend that staff and students be tested for COVID-19 on a regular basis. We currently offer free testing for students and staff at varying school sites throughout our District. However, if you have been exposed or suspect that you might have COVID-19, please do not test at your school site/work location. You should get tested at the District Office in order to eliminate potential exposure to others. Free testing is offered at the District Office, B-7, on a daily basis from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

To access the onsite testing schedule, please click [here](#).

Weekly Onsite COVID-19 Testing	
STUDENTS	EMPLOYEES
<a href="#">Student Registration</a> <i>Must be completed by Parent/Guardian, if under age 13</i>	<a href="#">Employee Testing Registration</a>
<a href="#">Student COVID-19 Testing Website</a>	<a href="#">Employee COVID-19 Testing Website</a>
<a href="#">COVID-19 Procedures, Contacts, Forms, Schedules, FAQ's</a>	

**Vaccinations**

The CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have authorized the COVID-19 vaccine for 5- to 11-year-olds. We strongly encourage all of our families to get their school aged children vaccinated. As we have seen, the higher the vaccination rates, the less impact COVID-19 has on our day to day lives. To help in the vaccination process, IUSD is working with the county to schedule additional vaccine clinics where those who are eligible, can receive the COVID-19 vaccine and/or booster.

**COVID-19 Boosters**

The CDC now recommends that adolescents ages 12 to 17 years old should receive a booster shot 5 months after their initial vaccination series.

Data show that COVID-19 boosters help broaden and strengthen protection against Omicron and COVID-19 variants. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices reviewed the available safety data following the administration of over 25 million vaccine doses in adolescents and determined that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. For more information regarding COVID-19 Boosters, please click [here](#).

Employees should click [here](#) to upload their proof of vaccination, if recently vaccinated or boosted.

**Remote Learning During Quarantine**

While learning from home during quarantine, students will participate in a [short term Independent Study Program](#). The short term Independent Study Program will include virtual instruction, independent practice, and project based activities Our IUSD teachers are prepared to continue to provide students with quality instruction while learning from home. We are working with the Inglewood Teachers Association to develop the instructional guidance document.

Inglewood Unified School District is committed to our 1:1 device program for all students as they prepare for college, career, and life. In order to ensure that all students have the technology needed in school and at home, please click [here](#) to complete the Technology Survey for IUSD Families by Wednesday, January 12, 2021.

Based on survey results, technology will be distributed by your school site. Additional information will be provided regarding technology distribution.

**Afterschool Programs**

Providing a high-quality afterschool program is an essential function of our District. Currently, the COVID-19 surge has caused the closure of the following after school sites: **Centinela, Hudnall, Parent, Warren Lane, and Worthington** in accordance with District COVID-19 protocols. Parents will be notified when the after school sites can reopen and remain informed on the status of the after school program sites.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly changing situation. As guidance and regulations change, IUSD will need to change our practices as well. We appreciate our community's support and understanding throughout the pandemic. We assure you that we are doing everything we can to keep our students and staff safe, while continuing to provide our students with the best education possible.

For any additional questions, please contact your school site.

Sincerely,

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