



January 7, 2022

Dear Charger Families,

Happy New Year to all Cherry Chase Families, and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and safe 2022!

We have seen increased COVID-19 cases, Cherry Chase's COVID-19 safety measures continue to work because we have worked together!

While we have many layers of safety in place, which include:

- **Ventilation** -- Classroom HEPA Air Filters are turned on 24/7.
- **Masks:** Masks must fit snugly around both nose and mouth and must be worn indoors and outdoors.
- **Hygiene** -- Students are constantly reminded to wash their hands or regularly sanitize throughout the day.
- **Physical Distancing** -- Maintain social distancing where feasible
- **Screening** -- Completing Ruvna every morning and keeping students home when they are showing any symptoms

Parents, please help us by also reminding students about wearing their masks, washing their hands, and maintaining social distancing as much as possible. We encourage parents to vaccinate any child older than five years old.

As of January 6, 2022, SCDPH has updated the isolation guidance for positive cases. Below is the isolation guidance if your child tests positive.

If your child test positive for COVID-19, even if they do not have symptoms, they must:

- Isolate and stay home and away from others for *at least* five days since the test date, through Day 5.
- **Your child may return to school on Day 6 if:**
 - Parents submit a **negative COVID test** for their child taken on/after Day 5 (antigen test recommended, PCR accepted, at-home test NOT accepted)
 - Symptoms have improved, and there is no fever

- The child must wear a well-fitting mask around others (even at home) through Day 10.

We are referring all Day 5 testing for positive cases to the Symptomatic Testing Site at the district office from 8 am to 9:30 am. **If your child does not test, your child must remain isolated through Day 10.**

For students identified as a close contact and need to test “immediately,” and on Day 5, please note that we may be required to reschedule or cancel testing due to limited testing capacity and testing staff absences. We will keep you informed case by case.

There is much information circulating, and we will continue to do our very best to keep you informed along the way.

Thank you for your trust and your continued support!

Respectfully,

Gloria Marchant, Principal

Additional Information

STUDENT COVID TESTING

If you have not yet filled out the Consent for COVID-19 Testing via "Permission Click," Here is <https://permission.click/BQJPN/us> to fill out the consent form.

Giving us consent to testing your child is a two-step process:

STEP 1: You will be asked to answer a few questions in the Permission Click platform.

STEP 2: You will be asked to click on a link to Primary Health and complete the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) waiver.

Signing this CDPH consent form will permit your student to be COVID-tested by Bay Area PLS for the following purposes:

- **Modified or Shortened Quarantine:** If your student is exposed to a positive case on campus, testing them immediately and on/after Day 5 will allow them to remain in school (if vaccinated) instead of quarantined at home.
- **Routine Testing:** We are preparing to hold bi-weekly voluntary testing at your student's school site.

The process for routine testing is as follows:

- Bay Area PLS testers travel from classroom to classroom to administer the Binax Rapid Antigen Test
- Students with waivers will step outside two at a time to self-swab both nostrils

- Results will be emailed by Primary Health that same day directly to the parent/guardian
- If a positive case is detected, the school will follow the Santa Clara County Health Department's guidance for safety protocols and follow-up communication to protect privacy and maintain the confidentiality of any cases.
- **Our first day to offer this testing service has been postponed to prioritize close contact testing due to the rise in cases.**

In addition to signing the consent form, you will have the opportunity to share with us your student's vaccination status. Vaccinated students exposed to a positive case may remain in the school instead of quarantining as long as their COVID test comes back negative, so it is helpful for school sites to have this information.

STUDENT VACCINATION UPDATES

For more information about vaccine safety for youth, please refer to [Sccfreevax.org](https://cccfreevax.org) using the link below <https://covid19.sccgov.org/covid-19-vaccine-information>

Important Dates

January

- 11 TLD (Hawthorne)- Early Dismissal
4-5 pm School Site Council (SSC)
- 12 Fire and Earthquake Evacuation Drill at 2:00 pm
- 13 9:00 am Coffee with the Principal (Virtual)
- 17 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- No School**
- 18 **Staff Development Day- No School for Students**
- 20 9-10 am ELAC Meeting
Board Meeting 7 pm
- 21 Intervention Support Round 3 Ends
MTSS Referral/Update Forms Due
- 26 2:45-4 pm Staff Meeting
- 31 Intervention Support Round 4 Begins