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Dear AESD Families,

We truly hope that your children have enjoyed their first days of returning to full-day in-person instruction. The following update is provided to keep you informed regarding the Anaheim Elementary School District:

Our District continues to prioritize the health and safety of stakeholders as our top priority. Although California no longer reports data within the tiered colored system, as identified on the Orange County Health Care Agency website the COVID-19 case rates have risen for Orange County. This week, the City of Anaheim reported 527 new cases reported across Anaheim's seven ZIP codes for the seven days through August 17, down from 565 the week prior. It is important that we all remain vigilant in our safety protocols, continue to wear masks when in close proximity to others, frequently wash our hands; and seek testing when displaying any symptoms of COVID.

Safer Gatherings During the Pandemic

As we continue to work towards preventing the spread of COVID-19, the CDC recommends that gathering virtually or with the people you live with is the safest choice for students when not in school. They recommend:

- Gathering with the people you live with only.
- If you do gather with people who don't live with you, gatherings and activities held outdoors are safer than indoor gatherings.
- Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for Persons 12 and Over

In collaboration with MECCA and the OC Health Care Agency, a free Vaccine Clinic will be held at the Family Oasis Resource Center, 131 W. Midway Drive, Anaheim, CA 92805 tomorrow Thursday, August 19, 2021, from 2-6 p.m. Please click [here](#) to view a flyer with additional details. An appointment is not required, however, appointments can be made [here](#).

Daily Access to Free Rapid COVID-19 Testing for Students and Staff

AESD will continue to offer free COVID-19 testing Monday thru Friday at Key Elementary School (2000 W. Ball) for all students and staff. This is a rapid nasal swab test with results in 15-20 minutes. To make an appointment at the Key Site, click [here](#).

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Additional no-cost COVID-19 testing options are available throughout Anaheim. To find a location, make an appointment, and/or order an at-home testing kit visit <https://www.anaheim.net/5652/Testing>.

On behalf of our staff and Board members, thank you for your ongoing support of the Anaheim Elementary School District.

Sincerely,
Dr. Christopher Downing
Superintendent