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Dear AESD Families,

The following update is provided to keep you informed regarding the Anaheim Elementary School District:

**Update on Weekly COVID-19 Data for Anaheim**

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, the City of Anaheim updates their data weekly. There were 415 new cases reported across Anaheim's seven ZIP codes for the seven days through March 1, up from 341 the week prior.

If your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please keep him/her home and contact your child's health care provider. Please contact your school to report the absence; a COVID-19 related absence is excused. If someone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 and is currently under quarantine or self-isolation, your child should follow the [guidelines](#) from the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) on how long to remain at home and when to return to school.

**Update on Masking Requirements**

On February 28, the governor announced that California's masking requirement for students in schools will change from being required to strongly recommended starting March 12. The state administration cited encouraging trends that include lower hospitalizations, cases, and positivity rates as part of the metric for the masking change. We continue to collaborate with the county health care agency and department of education. We will revise our COVID-19 safety plan and communicate our updated policies next week before the state's March 12 deadline.

Our District will continue to provide free masks for students and staff upon request and we urge all families to continue to take advantage of the free COVID-19 testing sites currently in AESD or in other Anaheim locations.

**COVID-19 Testing at Key Elementary School**

Free COVID-19 testing is available at Key Elementary School Monday-Friday from 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Click [here](#) to sign up for an appointment and complete the online consent form. **Please note, this testing site is for AESD students and staff only.**

**Free Family/Community COVID-19 Testing at Six AESD Sites**

Free COVID-19 testing is now available for all AESD families and community members at Edison, Lincoln, Mann, Marshall, Ponderosa, and Ross schools every Monday and Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Both antigen and PCR tests are available. Please see the flyers to register. This is a walk-in clinic and appointments are not needed.

- [Testing Registration - English](#)
- [Testing Registration - Spanish](#)

**Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Newsletter**

We recently launched our monthly newsletter for our Expanded Learning Opportunities Program. The goal of the newsletter is to bring you information about the opportunities we have available for your child at all 23 school sites. Our students who attend the Anaheim Elementary Online Academy School also have access to these in person programs. Each month, we will highlight a school site/s in order to celebrate the unique programs that are created within our ELO program.

At all school sites, your child has access to programming that includes academic support, physical fitness, leadership, and social and emotional learning. We invite you to take a moment and read the March ELO Newsletter that will be shared on Thursday, March 3.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Christopher Downing  
Superintendent