

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
August 27, 2021

Upcoming Events – Dr. Kenneth C. Hurst

September 6: Labor Day (District Holiday)

September 8: Board of Education, 6:30 PM, DeJean Middle School

Superintendent

Communication to Families Week of August 23, 2021

Covid Testing

Good Evening WCCUSD Community,

We are well into the second week of 100% in-person instruction and we are elated to see students learning together again in the classroom. Thank you for your patience and grace as we navigate through the challenges surrounding the pandemic and work to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff.

The District has partnered with [Predicine, Inc.](#) to offer free weekly Covid testing for students and staff at all schools. Covid testing is happening daily in WCCUSD, however each school has an assigned date and time during the week when students and staff can get tested. Visit the District's website to [view the weekly testing schedule](#).

We are following Contra Costa County Health Services recommendations and recommend all students get tested weekly for Covid-19 at their school, and practice self testing at home.

The best way to keep everyone safe is to test frequently, get the Covid-19 vaccine if eligible, and follow the District's Covid-19 protocols:

- Students and staff should stay home if they are feeling ill or sick.
- Masks are required both indoors and outdoors at all times by students and staff.
- If you are eligible, get the Covid-19 vaccine.
- All unvaccinated staff must submit to weekly Covid-19 testing
- Per CCCHS guidance, we recommend all students get tested weekly.
- Practice hand hygiene and wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer.
- Visitors and volunteers are limited on campuses and must show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test.

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Again, Covid testing in WCCUSD schools is free of charge and we strongly encourage all staff and students ages 12 and older to get vaccinated. If you would like to schedule an appointment to receive the Covid vaccine, visit the [Contra Costa Health Services website](#).

On Monday, we launched the [Covid-19 Positive Case Dashboard](#) that provides a list of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases by school among staff and students physically present at district facilities during the infectious period. The District's Covid Response Team thoroughly investigates all reported cases and will update the dashboard every Monday.

If there is a positive case at your school, your principal will notify the entire school that there has been a confirmed positive case via phone and/or email. If you do not receive direct contact from a member of the Covid team within 24 hours regarding a confirmed case, your student has not been directly exposed or affected. Unless there is significant close contact with a person who has tested positive, we do not need to quarantine the entire class.

Again, if your student has not received direct contact from a member of the Covid team stating they were directly exposed or affected, please send your student to school as usual. Our school sites will follow up on all student absences, per district policy and state law.

If you would like to report a Covid-19 case, please contact your school's principal.

We understand the concerns surrounding Covid-19 and the Delta variant. The safety of our students and staff are our highest priority. We will do our best to provide updates and resources to support students, families and staff.

Together, we can work to reduce and slow the spread of the virus and ensure students receive 100 percent in-person instruction in a safe environment by following the District Covid safety protocols and CDPH guidelines. We encourage you to visit www.wccusd.net/return2school for more information and resources. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at feedback@wccusd.net.

Back to School Night
August 27, 2021

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Thank you for a great second week of school. We are well into the 100 percent return and are continuing the work to ensure that schools are kept open and safe.

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As we move forward into the school year, we will do our best to keep everyone updated on the latest information, resources and events that can support families during in-person instruction.

In September, all schools will host a virtual Back to School Night and we encourage parents and families to attend. Back to School Night is a great opportunity for families to meet teachers, support staff and administrators, and learn about curriculum, classroom procedures, and expectations. It is also an opportunity for families to ask questions, and find additional support for students.

Contact your school's principal for more information regarding the date, time and virtual meeting link.

We have heard concerns regarding Covid testing for students and the need to provide proof of insurance to receive a Covid test. **Students do not have to provide insurance to receive a Covid test.** If you do not have health information, simply state that you do not have insurance in the registration form and you will receive a test. Visit the District's website to [view the weekly testing schedule](#).

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Your feedback is critically important to help identify areas of support and provide a safe environment for all schools. With your help, we will continue to do the work to stay open and safe, and provide a welcoming experience for families.

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To submit additional feedback regarding in-person instruction, please email feedback@wccusd.net.