

LEWIS CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

COVID-19 TESTING PLAN

SB 1479

In accordance with SB 1479, the Lewis Center for Educational Research (LCER) developed this COVID-19 Testing Plan. Testing for COVID-19 remains an essential tool to decrease transmission, keep students and staff safe, and keep schools open for in-person instruction. This plan aligns to the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) [Testing Framework for Schools](#), which recommends that antigen tests be considered the primary option for detecting COVID-19 in schools, compared to PCR tests. The LCER will ensure that over the counter (OTC) antigen tests are available for students, staff and parents.

Availability:

- OTC's test kits will be available for students, parents and staff in the school's health office; OTC's tests are also available in the human resources offices for staff.
- The CDPH strongly recommends that students and staff test when [COVID-19 Symptoms](#) are present and when they have been a close contact exposure to a confirmed positive case [CDPH Guidance on Isolation & Quarantine](#)
- Due to increase travel and social interactions that often occurs during school breaks, OTC's tests will be made available and it is recommended that students and staff get tested for COVID-19 prior to return to school

Distribution Details:

- OTC tests will be stored and distributed by human resources to both school sites
- The health office at each site will be provide with two (2) tests for each student and will be replenished as needed by human resources; Please email hr@lcer.org for re-ordering.
- The health office and human resources staff will dispense OTC's tests to parents of students or staff as needed in accordance with the CDPH guidelines
- For students, OTC test kits will only be dispensed to the parents
- OTC tests will be maintained by human resources in an indoor cool, dry place
- Persons requesting an OTC test kit must be present at a pick-up location to receive a test

Additional testing recommendations are referenced in the [CDPH K-12 Guidance for Schools](#). Additional COVID-19 safety information may be found on the [LCER COVID Webpage](#).