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Ross Valley School District COVID-19 Testing Plan January 1, 2023

This COVID-19 Testing Plan is established and updated as needed to meet requirements of [SB 1479](#), and is posted at www.rossvalleyschools.org

Ross Valley School District is the Lead Educational Agency (LEA) for TK-8 general and special education for students in the District’s five schools: Brookside Elementary, Hidden Valley Elementary, Manor Elementary, Wade Thomas Elementary, and White Hill Middle School.

Ross Valley School District follows guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Marin County Public Health around COVID-19 testing. Rapid Antigen Testing remains a key mitigation strategy to detect and curb transmission of COVID-19 in school settings. Keeping students and staff safe and in school remains the top priority.

All students and staff are provided free COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Over-the-Counter (OTC) tests through the support and collaboration of the California Department of Public Health’s K-12 Schools Team and Testing Task Force and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In addition, designated personnel at each school are certified by CDPH to administer professional BinaxNow tests onsite, when needed.

COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Contacts:

Primary Testing Point of Contact: Donna Faulkner, Covid Response Coordinator

Secondary Testing Point of Contact: Teresa Machado, Executive Assistant

Partners: Marin HHS, Public Health Schools and Marin County Office of Education

Education: Staff and students are provided testing guidance and expectations by District and site administrators, based on ongoing and updated guidance from the CDPH and Marin Public Health. The District’s School Nurse, Covid Response Coordinator, and each site’s two Public Health Liaisons attend bi-monthly meetings with the Marin Public Health Schools Team. Updates on all mitigation strategies including testing are discussed in these meetings and followed up at each school/work site.

Testing Expectation: Students and Staff should test ***when COVID-19 symptoms are present, following high-risk activities and/or as recommended by Public Health (i.e. outbreak and exposure testing)***. Marin Public Health provides updated COVID-19 testing information at <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/testing>.

Access: All students and staff are encouraged to maintain at least 2 tests at home to have available at all times when testing is needed. To this end, two tests are regularly sent home with each student and staff member; additional tests are provided upon request, as needed. Extra tests are sent home when additional testing is recommended by Public Health, such as an outbreak or for CDPH's recommendation for testing following holidays and school breaks.

Reporting and Monitoring:

Students and staff must notify their school/worksites of positive Covid test results and report both positive and negative test results in Primary Health. If students or staff do not have access to Primary Health, they may call or email the information to the site's office or to the Covid Response Coordinator. Test results are tracked for each school/work site; total weekly cases and any outbreaks are reported to Marin county Public Health through the SPOT portal, which will then be communicated to CDPH.