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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 286 new cases reported across Anaheim's seven ZIP codes for the seven days through December 14, down from 356 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.

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

COVID-19 testing will be available at Key Elementary School every day during the week of January 3, 2022 - January 7, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. We encourage you to get your child tested before returning to school on January 10. Click [here](#) to sign up for an appointment and complete the online consent form.

### **Holiday Grab n Go Meal Distribution this Friday, December 17 at The District Office**

Five Hundred **11-Day Meal Kits** will be distributed this Friday, December 17 from 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m./**while supplies last** (whichever comes first). These kits will be available for all members of the community ages 18 and under at the District Office located at 1001 S. East Street, Anaheim, CA 92805.

### **Winter Break**

Our students will be on vacation from Monday, December 20th through Friday, January 7, 2022, for Winter Break. School resumes on Monday, January 10, 2022.

We understand that holiday traditions are important for families and children. Please know that there are several ways to enjoy holiday traditions and protect your health. Because many generations tend to gather to celebrate holidays, the best way to minimize COVID-19 risk and keep your family and friends safer is to get vaccinated if you're eligible and wear well-fitting masks over your nose and mouth if you are in public indoor settings if you are not fully vaccinated. If you are gathering with a group of people from multiple households and potentially from different parts of the country, you could consider additional precautions (e.g., avoiding crowded indoor spaces before travel, taking a test) in advance of gathering to further reduce risk.

During this time we wish you and your loved ones an amazing Winter Break that includes health and happiness.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Christopher Downing  
Superintendent