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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 775 new cases reported across Anaheim's seven ZIP codes for the seven days through Feb. 15, down from 1,074 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 Monday, February 14, California Health and Human Services Secretary Mark Ghaly provided a statewide update on the progress of combating COVID-19 and introduced the state's pathway for relaxing school masking mandates. On Feb. 28, the state is expected to announce a timeline to address the school masking mandate, as long as COVID-19 health metrics continue to improve.

Although the statewide indoor masking mandate lifted on February 15 for vaccinated individuals, the current statewide mandate requiring masking in schools for students and educators remains in place. Our district will continue to keep you informed on the safety procedures in place to protect our students and staff members.

**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. - 8:00 p.m.

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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](#)

Sincerely,  
Dr. Christopher Downing  
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