

Dear Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School Families:

We are writing to provide you with some additional updates about the mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing authorized by the SMMUSD Board of Education for students and staff. Superintendent Drati messaged the community on August 23 with some important updates in the district plan. This week, in order to provide responses to questions and keep families informed, the District created a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) document with additional information on the district's testing program posted at this link:

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lhq50X6r3KYtVZJv496wJuK6efigIO2un3b27ug24L4/edit>

MMS and MHS are scheduled to begin testing on Tuesday, August 31st, 8:30-3:30. We will test students who have been registered.

If you have not registered, please register at:

- Malibu High (9-12): <https://hipaa.jotform.com/212325603483147>
- Malibu Middle (6-8): <https://hipaa.jotform.com/212325138643148>

If any of these plans change, we will let you know. When we do begin testing, it will happen outside with social distancing and the plan is to do the shallow nasal swabbing – self-administered under the supervision of Malibu Medical Group personnel. We anticipate that the whole process will take about 10 minutes per class. As was shared in previous messaging, parents will only receive a message if their child receives a positive test result. If this is the case, then further instructions will be relayed to the parents from our school nurse. Staff will begin testing with the students, as well.

If you have not registered because of questions about testing or concerns about language you saw on the Malibu Medical registration portal, please review the [FAQ](#). It clarifies the only types of testing authorized by our school district and highlights some additional information about insurance and privacy protections.

If you have not registered because you intend to seek a waiver, please use the links below to do so ASAP. Attach any documentation (e.g. note from the doctor for a medical request) and your request will be reviewed promptly. Submit exemptions forms to testexemption@smmusd.org. Do not submit exemption requests to your school principal or other school staff. Exemption requests will only be reviewed or noted if they are sent to the email address above.

- [Student Testing and Mask Exemption Form - English](#)
- [Student Testing and Mask Exemption Form - Spanish](#)

If you have not yet registered because you found the instructions or process confusing, then please take a look at the video tutorial available at this link and see if it helps you.

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eICaHo00cyQUpj8uMBQXhdAf-V1kJDB8/view?usp=sharing>.

Finally, we'd like to ask that you check your email each evening and each morning before school and make sure that messages from the district and school are not going to your spam or junk folder. If there is information about a positive COVID-19 case that may have been identified in your child's class and if your child needs to follow the quarantine protocols, you will receive an email. Sometimes we are informed of a positive case late at night, and we need to inform multiple families as quickly as possible that their child needs to be quarantined. If a positive case is identified in your child's class, please know that district nursing staff will follow up with you as part of contact tracing.

Thank you for working with us on these important health and safety measures as we all work to keep our community healthy and avoid interruptions to learning.

Sincerely,

Melisa Andino, MMS Principal

Patrick Miller, MHS Principal