## ECHO HORIZON SCHOOL







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## COVID-19

# **UPDATES**

Dear Echo Horizon Community,

There continues to be good news about cases and transmissions among elementary-age children. Over the last three weeks, cases have declined over 40% in all age groups. LACDPH is encouraged by this decline given that schools are now open and we have seen no increase. The number of schools reporting one case has also declined over the past few weeks. These statistics all point to the fact that school-based mitigation strategies are working. Thank you so much for all that you and your children are doing to comply with our protocols.

That said, we will continue to act out of an abundance of caution due to the highly contagious nature of the Delta variant. We recently met to discuss our holiday strategies given the current information.

Read on to find out more and please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any questions about our testing policy after extended breaks. Thanks as always for your cooperation with these protocols!

Best, Peggy, Saundra, and Tiffany

## **Holiday Travel Protocols**

As you know, the automatic quarantine due to travel has been lifted, but we acknowledge that holidays are a time for gathering and that some travel can put us in more crowded spaces. Therefore, we ask that you submit a negative test result for your child to the school prior to re-entry after the Thanksgiving and Winter breaks.

## When to Test

We ask that you cooperate in the community's safety and take

that test three days after you have returned from travel. Thanksgiving likely includes travel on Thursday, Nov. 25th. The health department recommends that testing occur three days after you return from travel (Sunday) with results available on Monday. Monday, November 29th will be a student-free day and classes will resume on Tuesday, November 30th. We will do the same over the Winter Break due to the timing of New Year's, so Monday, January 3rd will be a student-free day and classes will resume on Tuesday, January 4th.

## **Testing Information**

We ask that you take a PCR test, which is considered the gold standard and submit the results to <u>Nurse Tiffany Paulsen</u> by 3pm on the final Monday of break in order to return on November 30th and January 4th.

## If You Travel: CDC Recommendations

When you travel, the CDC recommends that you quarantine for 7 days upon your return. We will invoke the modified quarantine for students, which allows them to attend school for full days of instruction only. Students will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities, such as Athletics or AfterSchool programs. The modified quarantine period ends on Day 8 if you receive a negative test result on Day 5 or later. Continue to monitor for symptoms for 14 days.

#### **NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

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