



Irene M. Hunt School – Side By Side

COVID-19 Testing Plan

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This COVID-19 Testing Plan is established and updated as needed to meet requirements of SB 1479, and is posted at <https://www.sidebysideyouth.org/programs/irene-m-hunt-school/>

Irene M. Hunt School - Side By Side 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 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.

All staff participates in monthly surveillance testing supported by PMH Laboratory, Inc. Staff members are tested monthly via self-administered PCR tests, supplied from PMH Laboratory.

COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Contacts:

Primary Testing Point of Contact: Kevin Abaya, Assistant Director

Secondary Testing Point of Contact: Martha Cruz, Administrative Assistant

Partner: Marin HHS, Public Health Schools and Child Care Team

Education: Staff and students are provided testing guidance and expectations by school site administrators, based on ongoing and updated guidance from the CDPH and Marin Public Health. Each school site has two Public Health Liaisons who attend bi-monthly meetings with the Marin Public Health Schools Team. Updates on all mitigation strategies including testing are discussed in these meetings.

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>.

Surveillance testing for all staff is supported by PMH Laboratory, Inc. All staff members are tested monthly via self-administered PCR tests, supplied from PMH Laboratory. PCR tests are available on-site and are sent out each week.

Access: COVID-19 test are available for all staff and student households and will be distributed regularly and as needed. COVID-19 tests and are also available upon request at any time. Extra tests are sent home when additional testing is recommended by Public Health, such as an outbreak or for CPDH's return to school testing recommendations following holidays and school breaks. Tests are available for pick-up at the Irene M. Hunt School during normal business hours, or may be sent home upon request.

Self-administered PCR tests are supplied from PMH Laboratory, available on-site, and sent out weekly.

Reporting and Monitoring: All staff, parents, and guardians are required to notify Irene M. Hunt School staff of positive and negative test results with the assistance of Primary Health and other identified reporting systems. PMH Laboratory PCR tests results are sent via email within 48-hours of being received to the schools Public Health Liaison and are available online. Schools will track results and report their total weekly cases and any outbreaks of 5% or more of total school population to the SPOT portal, which will then be communicated to CDPH.