

Milpitas Christian School COVID Testing Protocols

TK-8th Grade

Milpitas Christian School's COVID testing protocols are in line with the current regulation SB1479 and the California Department of Public Health's [Testing Framework for K-12 Schools for the 2022-2023 School Year](#), updated Dec 1, 2022.

- MCS's COVID Testing Points of Contact:
 - Kathy Yao, COVID Designee
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 - (408) 945-6530, ext. 102
 - Sharon Wong, COVID Administrator
 - swong@milpitaschristian.org
 - (408) 945-6530, ext. 105
- We communicate and coordinate regularly with the CA Testing Task Force, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Santa Clara County Public Health Department (SCCPHD) and the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE).
- We continually review and reference the current testing recommendations provided in the [CDPH K-12 School COVID Guidance](#) when making decisions that affect those on campus.
- We maintain situational awareness of the testing resources and programs offered by the CA Testing Task Force and are in continual contact with the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the free antigen and PCR tests allotted for in-school use, and the over-the-counter test kits being made available for distribution to staff and students for at-home testing.
- We continually monitor Santa Clara County's COVID Community Data Tracker and the SARS-CoV-2 Wastewater Monitoring Data to identify when to increase or reestablish COVID-19 protocols.
- Antigen tests are considered the primary option for detecting COVID-19 in schools.
 - When a person has an ambiguous or invalid antigen test result, even on a repeat antigen test, MCS will recommend repeating an antigen test in 24-48 hours, or if the person is at high risk for hospitalization or death from COVID-19, conduct a PCR test as an alternative.
- If a staff member or student is at school, COVID-19 tests can be conducted on campus via trained personnel using the school-supplied testing kits (we will always seek parent permission before testing any student).
- MCS requires all persons who have COVID-19 symptoms that are new or unexplained to be antigen tested within 24 hours of onset of symptoms.
 - If the initial test shows a negative test, we suggest another test be taken 24-48 hours after the initial test as long as symptoms are still present.
 - Should the person be absent from school for longer than 24 hours, an additional antigen test is required the day before or the morning of returning to school.
 - The test results are to be sent to the front office and to the COVID Designee (kyao@milpitaschristian.org).
 - Parents must walk their student in to the front office to obtain a readmittance slip before their student can be admitted to the campus.
 - If the person has seen a doctor, and the doctor can provide one or more of the following, then no further at-home testing is required.
 - Statement that the doctor has seen the person
 - The doctor clearly states that COVID is not the issue AND can provide an alternative reason for the symptoms
 - The symptom(s) are consistent with an on-going issue (i.e. allergies, asthma, etc.)
 - A COVID-19 test result
- MCS highly recommends all students and staff at-home test for COVID-19 up to 24 hours before returning to school from major breaks.