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Dear Solana Beach School District Families,

As we prepare for a great school 2021-22 year ahead, we want to provide an update to our families regarding the voluntary asymptomatic surveillance COVID testing program for this year. At the July 22, 2021, regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Solana Beach School District (SBSD) Board of Education unanimously approved a proactive voluntary asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing Program for students and staff. Like last year, this additional health and safety measure will support staff and students who will be learning in-person during the 2021-22 school year. This year, the District will be providing Abbott Labs BinaxNOW COVID-19 Rapid Antigen test. Which is a self-administered test supervised by trained staff. Please review important details about the program including a family's next steps below. In addition, please join us for an information meeting regarding testing to be held via Zoom at [6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2021](#).

Asymptomatic Testing is being prepared to begin the week of August 23, 2021, pending the delivery of testing materials.

What is the COVID testing plan: This year, SBSB is partnering with *Primary.Health* to offer free districtwide proactive asymptomatic COVID testing for students and staff as an additional measure to support our classrooms and campuses in remaining open.

How the testing plan works: Abbott Labs BinaxNOW COVID-19 Rapid Antigen tests will be available to SBSB students and staff. Unlike last year, where technicians administered the tests, all students and staff will self-swab their anterior nares (nasal collection). Specimens are collected and read by SBSB- trained staff.

Who is involved: All students who are enrolled at their school sites for in-person instruction are encouraged to participate in this voluntary COVID testing program. Vaccinated employees are encouraged to participate while unvaccinated employees are required per the recent Governor's Executive Order. While the program may not mandate testing for students, testing is a measure strongly recommended to assist in our efforts to keep our schools open.

When does COVID testing take place: The District will be supporting asymptomatic COVID testing the first nine weeks of school. COVID testing will take place before and after school hours Monday through Thursday for SBSB students and Friday for SBSB staff. COVID testing will be offered weekly at each school site and, like last year, students will be scheduled by last name. A site COVID testing schedule will be sent to families on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Please look for an email from your school principal.

Where testing takes place: We are pleased to offer COVID testing to our students and staff at each of our SBSB campuses.

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Notification of test results: COVID test results are available 15-30 minutes after administered. All test results will be available in the secure *Primary.Health* portal.

Symptomatic/Response Testing Update: SBSB and other school districts were recently notified by the California Department of Public Health that the Rapid PCR CUE Molecular test is experiencing supply shortages. Therefore, at this time, symptomatic and response testing are unavailable at district sites. We will update our families and staff when this becomes available. Like you, we are disappointed we are unable to offer this service at this time.

Next Steps:

1. In order to facilitate an expedient SBSB onsite testing experience, it is strongly recommended parents/guardians pre-register their child(ren). The information requested in the registration link is necessary to connect parents/guardians to the *Primary.Health* portal. Just as last year, information collected through the portal is maintained in accordance with applicable law and complies with **all** health privacy regulations.
2. Please register using the following link(s) by your child(ren)'s school site:

Skyline

<https://my.primary.health//skyline>

Solana Vista

<https://my.primary.health//solana-vista>

Solana Highlands

<https://my.primary.health//solana-highlands>

Solana Santa Fe

<https://my.primary.health//solana-santa-fe>

Carmel Creek

<https://my.primary.health//carmel-creek>

Solana Pacific

<https://my.primary.health//solana-beach-school-district>

Solana Ranch

https://my.primary.health//solana_ranch

3. Testing schedules will be sent out via Parent Square on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, by your school principal. Please look for an email specific to the COVID testing plan on this date.
4. Students may be accompanied by a parent/guardian and will be scheduled by the first letter(s) of the child's last name.
5. To best prepare for test administration, consider showing your child how to self-swab by viewing this demonstration [video](#).

Please see additional [Frequently Asked Questions](#) regarding SBSB's asymptomatic COVID testing below.

As San Diego County is experiencing yet another surge in positive cases, increasing as a result of the Delta Variant, we remain steadfast in our efforts to apply maximum health and safety precautions for our students, staff, and families with the intention of reopening our schools and

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keeping them open. Reopening schools in a pandemic comes with tremendous individual and collective responsibility. We must all do our part to decrease community transmission. Through our combined efforts and in partnering with *Primary.Health*, we can begin the school year as safely as possible and strive to remain open.

For additional information regarding the 2021-22 School Year, please access this [link](#) and in the [2021-22 School Year Parent FAQ](#).

Thank you for your perseverance and flexibility as we continue on this path, with even more confidence in our ability to do so safely.

Sincerely,

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