

HMES Newsletter



September 24, 2021

A Message from Dr. Tufts:

Hello Families,

It has been a huge inconvenience for students and families who have been in quarantine for the week. In the future, we would like to avoid quarantining entire classrooms. The California Department of Public Health has published guidelines that support modified quarantining. Students who have been exposed to COVID-19, but who remain asymptomatic may qualify for modified quarantine, provided they meet the K-12 Guidance. Students who have been exposed to COVID-19 must test immediately after being exposed and subsequent testing should occur at least 3 days apart. In this case, quarantine can end after Day 7, if a test specimen is collected on or after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative.

[K-12 Guidance 2021-22 School Year \(ca.gov\)](#)
[K-12 Schools Guidance 2021-2022 Questions & Answers \(ca.gov\)](#)

We have been working closely with the California Department of Public Health, which is in the process of hiring support for Howell Mountain ESD so that we may continue to test our staff and students. If you have not yet consented to having your child tested, I will include the QR scan code so that you may directly consent through the Color website, which manages COVID-19 data.

While we tested on Tuesday of this week so that we would receive our results prior to Saturday, there is a delay in processing tests at the lab. We have not yet received our results.

Registering Students/parents

<https://home.color.com/covid/sign-up/start?partner=28662586026751students>



The Taste of Howell Mountain

This year, our largest fundraiser will be held on October 16. Many of our families have already signed up to volunteer. Please don't forget to place this on your calendars. If you haven't signed up to volunteer and wish volunteer, please email Dr. Janet Tufts. jt tufts@hmesd.org.

Important Dates:

September 28: Covid Testing

October 5-7: Parent/ Teacher conference days. School will be dismissed at 12:05 each day.

October 16: Taste of Howell Mountain

October 25: Picture Day