



Periodic Screening Testing Guide 2021-22 School Year

Who is required to test?

At high levels of community spread, LJA requires periodic COVID testing for all faculty, staff and students. Both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals must participate. When local and state indicators would suggest moving to distance learning, screening testing provides us with a more accurate picture of spread in our school-community and allows us to safely remain in-person notwithstanding surrounding conditions.

How often must students take a COVID test?

Students can expect to be selected for 1-2 tests every 8 weeks while LJA is at Response Level 2.

What test will be administered?

Rapid antigen tests will be used to provide timely results. Tests will be administered either by nasal swab (grades 6 and above, exceptions may apply) or cheek swab (grades 5 and below). The tests have a 15-minute incubation period. A positive antigen test should be verified with a PCR test.

Do we need to continue to do the daily health screening?

Yes, you must still complete your daily health screening in SchoolPass. Your kōkua has proven to be our most effective mitigation strategy and is borne out in comparative data. It is vital to monitor your child(ren)'s daily symptoms as a way to care for them and others in our community.

Who is exempt from testing?

Students and staff would be exempt from testing in a given week if:

- They developed COVID in the past 90 days
- They are unvaccinated and have tested within the last 30 days
- They are vaccinated and have tested within the past 60 days

In order to request an exemption, students and staff must submit verification of COVID diagnosis, vaccination and recent test results to school.nurse@lejardinacademy.org.

What can we expect on testing day?

1. If your child's class has been selected for testing, your teacher will take the class to a designated testing area.
2. Students will wait in line while maintaining physical distancing.
3. In turn, each student will receive an ID badge with a personalized barcode and be asked to step behind a privacy screen. The school nurse will scan the barcode into the testing system. If your child was selected for testing, the school nurse will administer the COVID test via nasal swab (grades 6 and above, exceptions may apply) or cheek swab (grades 5 and below). If your child was not selected for testing that day, the nurse will excuse them from the testing space without administering the test.
4. Students will then return to class with their teacher.

How are negative results communicated?

Negative test results will be sent to parents via text as soon as they are available.

How are positive results communicated?

1. If your child's test result is positive, you will be contacted immediately and asked for permission to follow up with a PCR test for a more reliable result. This test can be conducted right away on campus.
2. A faculty or staff member will notify your child confidentially and bring them to the nurse for pick-up and/or a PCR test, following which you will need to pick your child up from school (pending confirmation of test result).
3. PCR test results will be communicated within 24 hours.
4. Alternatively, you may pick up your child immediately and seek a PCR test elsewhere in which case test results must be reported to school.nurse@lejardinacademy.org.

What if my child is absent on testing day?

If your child is absent when the class is selected for testing, you may be contacted to seek testing on your own. Test results must be reported to school.nurse@lejardinacademy.org.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

Please contact your division principal or email covid.questions@lejardinacademy.org.