



## Newest COVID-19 FAQ

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As we prepare for our winter break, we are sharing with you our most recent COVID-19 plans for the return to campus on January 3, 2022. Please be sure you read through each section. Many of our current protocols will remain in place and there are some new plans moving forward. We are also staying up-to-date on any news from Pasadena and LA County regarding the new strain. We may need to provide updates over the winter break should new information become available and necessary to disseminate.

### **Question: What is the school's plan for returning from winter break?**

Answer: The following policies are in effect **regardless** of travel plans or household visitors, in order to simplify matters and take into account various risks that family gatherings may bring.

For fully vaccinated employees and students...

...you may return to school on Monday, January 3, assuming you are healthy and well. There are no testing requirements prior to return.

Fully vaccinated means *two weeks* or more since the final vaccination shot.

For partially vaccinated or unvaccinated employees and students...

...you may return to school on Monday, January 3, **ONLY IF...**

a) you complete and submit a negative / non-detect PCR test result that is dated no more than 72 hours prior to the start of school. Upload test results to:

[covidinfo@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:covidinfo@thewaverlyschool.org). Note, it's the New Year's weekend.

**OR**

b) you provide a photo of a negative result from a store bought antigen test as an alternative. Upload test results to: [covidinfo@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:covidinfo@thewaverlyschool.org). We recommend

purchasing them ahead of time and that the antigen test is taken on Sunday, January 2.  
An Antigen Binax test costs \$23.99 can be found here:

- CVS.com  
<https://www.cvs.com/shop/abbott-binaxnow-covid-19-antigen-self-test-2-tests-for-serial-testing-prodid-550147>
- Walgreens:  
<https://www.walgreens.com/store/c/binaxnow-covid-19-antigen-rapid-self-test-at-home-kit/ID=300414527-product>
- Rite Aid:  
<https://www.riteaid.com/shop/binaxnow-covid-19-antigen-self-tests-2-ct>

Otherwise, any partially vaccinated or unvaccinated employee or student must do the following:

- Come onto campus on Monday, January 3 to complete a PCR test, and then return home.
- Wait for a negative test result before returning to campus.

Note, lesson plans will not be provided for the days spent remotely.

*Regardless of travel plans, we will test **all** employees and students two times the first week we return: Monday, January 3 and Wednesday, January 5, 2022.*

**Question: Will weekly testing for all students, faculty and staff continue regardless of vaccination status?**

Answer: We will continue testing both vaccinated and unvaccinated students, faculty and staff on Wednesdays through February 2022. As noted above, there will be two tests the first week back on Monday, January 3 and Wednesday, January 5.

**Question: Will you continue to have students, faculty and staff wear masks both indoors and outdoors?**

Answer: We will continue with this policy on all three campuses through February, 2022. Our plan will be to review this policy in late January. If we were to reassess, it would be first to examine wearing a mask outdoors. We will continue to follow city and state masking requirements for indoors.

**Question: Do I need to continue to do a daily health screening for my child(ren)?**

Answer: Yes. Pasadena has not changed this requirement at this time. We used a daily health check last year via Magnus Health. Please complete the daily health screenings by 8:00 a.m. each day, Monday-Friday.

**Question: What if my child doesn't feel well or shows the slightest signs of possible COVID-19 symptoms?**

Answer: With the cooler weather and the amount of time children are spending together, we are seeing an uptick in traditional cold symptoms. We continue to want to keep our campuses as healthy as possible, so please do be extra cautious during this time of year. If your child is coughing, has a runny nose or has an elevated temperature, we are asking that they stay home. This is critical to avoid the spread of any communicable disease. We know this may prove an inconvenience. Please also consider getting a COVID-19 PCR test should you deem it helpful to rule out any possibility. We all appreciate the extra lengths you will go to!

**Question: Can Waverly alumni, friends and family come on to campus?**

Answer: We are at the start of the holiday season and our Waverly alumni and other visitors have often shown up unannounced to visit or hang out on the different campuses. This year the COVID-19 task force has decided that we are continuing to keep the safety protocols in place that we have had all year. Therefore, *we will not be able to accommodate drop-in/unannounced visitors on any campus.* As we have shared with current families, only authorized visitors are being given permission to be on campus. This means that visitors must get a signed approval from one of the division directors or Head of School before being allowed on campus.

This is a change from the previous years and therefore we are asking that anyone who is connected with Waverly alumni, friends and family be sure to share this information. Waverly is a school built on word of mouth and this change in policy due to COVID-19 needs to be shared so that we don't disappoint our Waverly community should they show up without permission.

**Question: What is the plan for field trips?**

Answer: We have begun school field trips. At this time, we are using only private bus companies to drive our students to/from school so that we maintain a stable cohort model. We are seeking field trips that have a majority of the experience outdoors. Should there be an indoor field trip, we are choosing events that ask for participants to be fully vaccinated. We understand that limits some students from participating in the experience, yet we are erring on the side of creating the safest trip possible.