



Dec. 28, 2021

To the Waverly Community:

We have recently observed a dramatic increase in COVID cases in the Pasadena and greater Los Angeles area in the past week. Specifically, [Pasadena](#) is reporting over 150 cases in one day last week, and the daily average is now at its highest since January 2021, with the number of cases trending upward. Given this, we anticipate that it is likely that students and/or employees may have been exposed to the latest COVID variant over the break despite best efforts, and that positive test results this week would have significant impact on our return to on-campus instruction in January, requiring one or more classes to move to remote learning as per Pasadena Health Department requirements.

To ensure the greatest continuity of in-person instruction at Waverly this month, we are seeking to be strategic about our return, given this very recent and dramatic uptick of COVID cases. To that end, **there will be NO on-campus instruction for students on Monday, January 3 and Tuesday, January 4. All students and employees are required to complete a PCR test on Monday, January 3 prior to potential return, and all will take a 2nd PCR test on Wednesday, January 5 (the first potential day of on-campus instruction).**

Our schedule will be as follows:

Monday, January 3

- PCR testing will be offered at Waverly Elementary and High School Campuses from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We strongly advise that students and employees complete their PCR test at Waverly. Anyone who is not able to complete a PCR test at Waverly must do so separately and submit results to [covidinfo@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:covidinfo@thewaverlyschool.org) no later than 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 4.
- It is critical that families and employees avoid travel and group gatherings in the days leading up to this first test, and that they cease from such on Monday and Tuesday as well. These two remote days should not be considered an extension for travel or vacation.
- All students will come to Waverly only for testing, and otherwise remain at home. There will be no instruction offered that day.

- Employees may work either remotely or on-campus so long as they remain physically distant from one another. Again, all employees should come to campus to complete PCR testing.

#### Tuesday, January 4

- All students will remain at home for a second day.
- Teachers will communicate with students and/or families to reconnect and offer recommendations for activities or return work that can be completed remotely and independently. Please note that remote classes will not be offered for this one day.
- Employees may work either remotely or on-campus so long as they remain physically distant from one another.
- We anticipate receiving all test results Tuesday evening.
- Any potential changes about a return will be communicated on Tuesday evening.

#### Wednesday, January 5

- For all students and employees with negative PCR test results from Monday, they may return to campus for in-person instruction.
- Any individual with a positive test result will need to isolate as per Pasadena Health Department requirements.
- All students and employees will complete a 2nd PCR test at Waverly.

We realize that this announcement does not offer much time to adjust personal plans. And yet with the approaching New Year's Eve weekend, combined with the dramatic increase in cases, we see this approach as the one with the least disruption and the greatest likelihood of providing on-campus instruction for our students.

We thank you once again for your patience and your forbearance.

Best wishes for a joyful new year for us all,

John, Ralinda, Amy, and Jason