

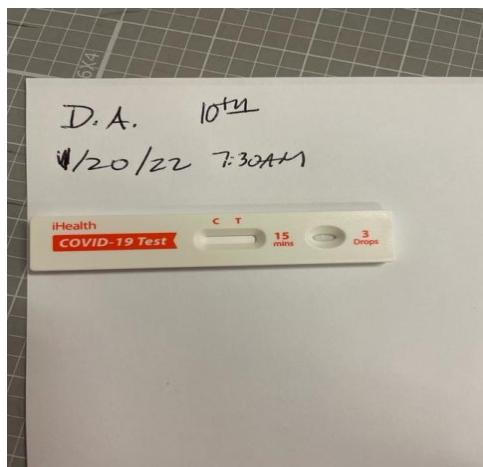
As we return from remote learning, we acknowledge that case counts of Omicron remain high. In addition to mask wearing, ventilation, and cleaning, Bayhill will be implementing a twice weekly testing program for the month of February. **All students and staff must comply with the testing program.**

How it Works.

Each week, staff and students will be given a testing kit that includes two rapid antigen tests, one to be administered on Monday morning and the other to be administered on Wednesday morning. Parents should monitor students while the test is being conducted to insure the proper technique for obtaining and processing a specimen, being sure to swab BOTH the throat and nose (see [video](#) here). Additionally, parents must complete the following test verification process.

Verification & Reporting Procedures

On a piece of paper, write your child's initials, grade level and the date and time of the sample. Place the processed test revealing a negative or positive result next to the paper and take a picture. Email the picture to Kim Chao prior to your student leaving for school.



We appreciate you doing the test at home and sending us the result, as it will save a great deal of time and ensure a timely start to the school day.

Why twice weekly?

Rapid antigen tests can give false negatives when viral loads are low. As the virus builds up in the system, the test can more readily catch positive cases.

Test when Symptoms are Present

If your child has any of the symptoms below, use a rapid test immediately. Follow the guidance for students attached here.

If your Child Tests Positive

Call the office and follow the [guidance](#) here.

What if a Student or Staff at the School Tests Positive?

Bayhill will conduct contact tracing. Families of any student in that child's or teacher's classes will be notified. Families should continue to follow the above testing protocol, quarantine is not necessary so as long as symptoms do not appear and the tests are negative.. If symptoms appear, they should test their child immediately and follow the quarantine guidance.

March begins Surveillance Testing

Bayhill has registered with the state K12 testing program and will begin weekly or twice monthly (depending on prevalence of COVID in the community) PCR testing no later than March.

Surveillance testing will replace the twice weekly antigen tests. Surveillance testing involves testing 20-25 students and staff using PCR tests from Valencia labs. Specimens will be collected at school and sent off to the laboratory. California Department of Public Health covers the cost of all tests. Remember that state laws mandates all insurers to completely cover the cost of COVID-19 testing. Surveillance testing does not take the place of testing and quarantine when your child has symptoms.

Fingers crossed, this will get us out of this surge with few to no COVID cases on campus and April will be a happy, healthier month.