



## What to Expect for the 2022-23 School Year

Albert Einstein Academies (AEA) is excited to welcome back our staff and students for the 2022-23 school year. Please see guidance below that adheres to mandated requirements from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for all K-12 schools:

### Face Coverings

- Indoor masking on AEA campuses is highly recommended for all staff and students, but is not mandatory at this time.
- Masks will be provided for staff and students who request them.

### Daily Health Screenings

- Individuals with [COVID symptoms](#) may not enter campus.
- Regular state immunization requirements for students remain in effect.
- AEA strongly recommends that all eligible individuals [get vaccinated against COVID-19](#) and [remain up-to-date](#) to protect oneself and reduce transmission of the virus.

### COVID - Positive Cases and Community Notifications

Students may return to school from isolation on or after Day 6, when **ALL** of the following conditions are met:

- Their symptoms are resolving
  - They have been free of fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications
- They have tested negative on Day 5 or later.
- State guidance **does not require** schools to obtain evidence of verified test results. Students may return on **Day 11** without a negative test result. (See the [CDPH School Guidance](#).)
- Schools are required to [notify](#) San Diego County Public Health Services when they have knowledge of a positive test result.
- Notification to potential student close contacts (recommended, but not required) will be sent within 48 hours. Student close contacts are recommended to test on days 3-5 after exposure.
- Staff close contacts must test immediately. Employers must verify negative test results to allow asymptomatic, close contact employees to continue in-person work per Cal/OSHA requirements.

### Symptomatic Staff/Students (with symptoms)

- Symptomatic staff and students will be sent to the health office for screening.
- Health office will assess symptomatic cases using the [SDCOE Decision Tree \(Spanish\)](#).
- Free on-site, rapid antigen testing is available to symptomatic staff and students (with prior consent from a parent or guardian).
- Staff and students with [symptoms](#) of COVID may not remain on campus until:
  - a. Proof of a negative COVID test (rapid antigen) is provided
  - b. 24 hours without fever (without the use of fever-reducing medications); **AND**
  - c. Symptoms are improving



### Testing

- Per CA state public health order, all **unvaccinated** staff must undergo weekly on-site antigen testing.
- On-site free rapid antigen testing is available to symptomatic staff and students (with prior consent from a parent or guardian).
- On-campus free rapid antigen testing is also available to asymptomatic staff and students at any time when requested.
- Weekly COVID testing will continue on both campuses on Mondays before school.

### Travel Guidelines

- If your family is considering travel at this time, or planning a trip, please review this important travel advisory from [CDPH:https://covid19.ca.gov/travel/](https://covid19.ca.gov/travel/)

### Around Campus

- **Cleaning:** AEA will continue to follow strict and thorough CDC cleaning guidelines throughout campuses.
- **Hygiene:** Regular hand washing is encouraged and hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms, offices and common areas.
- **Ventilation:** All interior classrooms, offices and common areas are equipped with industrial grade MERV-17 air purifiers. Additionally, ventilation will be optimized in classrooms, offices and common areas by opening windows and doors when possible.
- **Visitors and events:** Currently, only outdoor volunteers are **allowed** (PE, running club, after school sports). Extra-curricular outdoor events and programs will be limited at this time and must receive prior approval from Administration.

#### Helpful links:

- [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2022-23 School Year](#)
- [SDCOE / SDHHS COVID Decision Tree](#)