Letter to Parents & Families: Enhanced Exposure Testing

[Date]

Dear [Name of School or School District] parents/guardians,

I am writing to share information about enhanced exposure testing. This protocol is available to K-12 students and their cohort when the cohort includes a student(s) who is medically complex or at increased risk of severe disease. Enhanced exposure testing allows quick identification of a student may have COVID-19 after a school-based exposure.

[Select this paragraph when cohorts include individuals at increased risk of severe disease] If your student is in a cohort of students that includes someone at increased risk of severe disease, we will offer testing once upon confirmation of an exposure. The test will occur as soon as the exposure has been identified—because of delays in testing and case reporting, this may be several days following the actual exposure.

[Select this paragraph when cohorts include medically complex individuals] If your student is in a cohort of students that includes someone who is medically complex, we will offer testing to all individuals up to daily for the 10 days following exposure. The first test will occur as soon as the exposure has been identified—because of delays in testing and case reporting, this may be several days following the actual exposure.

Any students or staff member with a known exposure should monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms (primary and non-primary) for 10 days following the exposure.

**Who Can Participate**

Starting [Date], [Name of School or School District] will be offering the enhanced exposure testing when cases of COVID-19 occur in cohorts which include individuals at increased risk of severe disease.

All students and staff within a cohort will be asked to watch for symptoms of illness and follow COVID-19 safety precautions. Students who develop symptoms of illness at school, regardless of COVID-19 test result, will be required to go home and remain until their symptoms improve.

**How Students Can Participate in the Test to Stay Enhanced Exposure Testing**

Parents/guardians need to provide COVID-19 Testing Consent in order for their student to participate in enhanced exposure testing following an exposure. Please note this is separate from our weekly screening program.

• Click here [Insert [COVID-19 General Consent Form](https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3560e.pdf) or [COVID-19 Minor Testing Consent From](https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3560B.pdf) or process here]

Vaccinations remain the best protection against severe COVID-19. We encourage all eligible individuals to get vaccinated. Click here to find upcoming community vaccination events.

If you have questions about the [Name of School or School District] enhanced exposure testing please contact [Insert point of contact with contact information] or if you want to know more about COVID-19 cases in our area, please visit [State/local public health department website].

Sincerely,

[Signature]