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Dear National School District Families,

As you may be aware, the number of COVID-19 positives in the state, county, and within our school district have dramatically increased in the last month. Thus, the State has recognized that the previous approach to contact tracing within the school setting is no longer possible.

While we remain committed to notifying our families of cases in their student's classroom, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) **no longer requires individual calls** when exposures occur. Instead, you will be notified by email, letter home, or recorded message from the school.

Exposed students, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status or prior infection, should get **tested for COVID-19 with at least one diagnostic test within 3-5 days after last exposure**. Exposed students who develop symptoms or test positive should notify the school immediately for additional guidance.

Families may use a lab or at-home kit for the recommended testing. **Positive test results should be reported immediately to your school site**. We know that finding testing in the community remains difficult; therefore, **we will continue to host testing** by Health1stSolutions at our schools. Students will no longer need to be on a referral list to be tested, and testing will remain only for students and staff.

This **testing will occur daily on a first come, first served basis**; as the time scheduled permits. Health1stSolutions will only test those they can process within the provided timeframe. Testing participants will continue to receive results after testing. You will not need to report negative results to your school.

Students asked by their school to quarantine last week **may switch to this new guidance** at this time. As before, if your student has symptoms, or tests positive, do not send them to school. Do not send children to school if someone in the household tests positive. In either of these cases, contact your school for guidance.

Thank you for all you are doing to help keep our National School District students and staff safe during this time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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