

Greetings Madera Unified Parents,

Due to the surge in COVID-19 cases in Madera County, we are momentarily shifting from contact tracing to the newly released group tracing protocols.

Group Tracing

The California Department of Public Health released Group Tracing protocols on January 12, 2022. New protocols require schools to notify students who spent more than 15 minutes (within 24 hours) in a shared indoor space (e.g., classroom) with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

Difference between Group Tracing and Contact Tracing

A notification will be sent to groups of students who may be considered exposed due to being in the same classroom, sports team, cohort, etc. rather than contact tracing in which a notification is sent to individuals within 6 feet of the person with COVID-19, considered “close contacts.”

If any student begins to show symptoms, they should get tested and report any positive results to the school. **We highly encourage parents to sign-up for a time slot and register for testing before visiting our testing sites.** Registration is required to view your results. Walk-in lines will be available; however, please expect a wait. **Also, please note, MaderaTEC will test by appointment only due to capacity limitations.**

COVID-19 Testing Options

Students may test at the following locations:

- Torres High School (walk-ins allowed)
 - Mondays and Tuesdays
 - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m
- Madera South High School (walk-ins allowed)
 - Wednesdays and Thursdays
 - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m
- MaderaTEC (by appointment only)
 - Fridays
 - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m

[Please use this link to make an appointment to test.](#)

COVID-19 protocols are constantly changing to match the intensity of each situation; therefore, we ask you for your patience as we continue to shift to meet our current needs.