



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

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Aloha mai kākou,

Mahalo nui loa to all who participated in our KS return to school testing events. Over 600 tests were administered and collected across our three campuses and preschools and 100 percent of them were negative.

Testing is important from a public health perspective to identify and contain the infection and may help to reduce the risk of on-campus spread. Voluntary testing opportunities will continue to be available throughout the second semester for preschool staff and keiki. We surveyed the 399 staff and parents who participated in the testing and had about a 50% response rate. Based on the responses, 77% indicated that the testing process was easy and about 91% said they would participate in this type of testing process again. The feedback from the survey also identified a couple of areas for improvement that we plan to address to help simplify and streamline the testing process.

Areas for improvement and changes we will make

Area for improvement	Change in process
Challenges with UPS delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS will distribute test kits to staff and parents from the regional office or preschool site. Staff and parents will need to complete a simple google form to request a test kit.• KS will provide a drop box for completed tests. Staff and parents can leave the completed test in the drop box and KS will mail it back to the company.• Results will be sent to the individual who took the test and to KS.
Difficulty with keiki producing the amount of saliva needed for the test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents will have the option for their keiki take the test or <u>one</u> parent/legal guardian can take the test as a proxy for their keiki. The assumption is that if the parent/legal guardian tests positive, keiki is likely to be positive and also a close contact and will need to quarantine for the appropriate amount of time.

Still have a test kit or link to request a test kit?

- If you have a test kit that you have not used, the test kit is already paid for by KS and is still valid. We highly encourage you to use the test kit for February. We are unable to transfer the use of

that test kit to another person. If you did not use your test kit, we will not provide a second test kit until you have completed the first test.

- If you have a Vault link that you have not used, it is also already paid for by KS and is still valid. We highly encourage you to use the link to request your test kit and complete the test in the beginning of February. If you have a link that you did not use, we will not provide a second test until you have completed the first test.

How to request a test kit

Staff and parents can request a test kit by completing the [Voluntary COVID Test Form](#). Please complete the google form by Monday, January 25 at 12:00pm. KS pays for the test kit once it is requested from the company. Therefore, if you request a kit, please be sure to use it as KS will need to pay for it whether you take the test or not.

We are also planning to have home test kits available for keiki who become symptomatic at school and for any staff or students who are close contacts of a confirmed case at school.

On behalf of our school community, we mahalo you for your continued support of the health and wellbeing of our keiki, kumu and 'ohana. If you have any questions about requesting a test kit, please contact Kathryn Kajioka at kakajiok@ksbe.edu.

E mālama pono,



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