

January 14, 2022

Dear SEES Families,

I know that we have kept your inbox full this week with communication from both the district and site. This has been an incredibly busy week for all of us as we continue to navigate the changing guidelines, and we really appreciate you working in partnership with us to ensure our students and staff stay healthy. If you ever have a question about what to do when your child is sick, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team. We are here to help! The best way to communicate with us is through sees.health@smusd.org.

If your student is home right now, we do have our [Design Thinking Challenge](#) they can be working on for the month as well. The winners of this challenge get to slime Mrs. McLeod and me at the next Flag Salute! We are still planning to invite our families onto campus for our Flag Salute on the 28th, but we will need to cancel Lunch on the Lawn for the months of February and March due to our new guidelines.

One of the bigger changes made this week was to our close contact tracing. We made our change to contract tracing yesterday afternoon. The Superintendent shared the following on Wednesday:

Contact Tracing and Notification

Keeping our schools open, and our students & staff safe, continues to be our goal for this year. With [our safety protocols and mitigation efforts in place](#), we are working hard to keep our schools open safely. However with case rates increasing and our current staffing shortages, we simply cannot sustain the ability to conduct detailed contact tracing.

We have been in consultation with the County of San Diego Health & Human Services, and are temporarily altering contact tracing efforts and will instead move to classroom notifications. This means a notification will be sent to students who shared a classroom with a student or staff member who tested positive, and they will be asked to monitor for symptoms.

COVID Testing

Our COVID testing centers at San Marcos High School and the District Office will be open on **Monday, January 17th, from 7:00am to 4:30pm.**

Upcoming Events

- 1/17: No School due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/24: The Great Kindness Challenge Week
- 1/25: ELAC Meeting @6p
- 1/28: Flag Salute

Warmly,
Emily and Mara