

CAUSE ADVISORY

CUSD's COVID Testing Responsibilities

What to expect, now that an outbreak has occurred at CANALINO & ALISO

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CUSD Colleagues, Families, and Community Stakeholders,

As a result of the recent surge and outbreak of COVID-19 on CUSD's elementary campuses, the number of documented positive cases has exceeded the permissible thresholds established by the CDHP. Please review the following excerpt, which clarifies the **CUSD's testing (contract tracing) responsibilities** associated with the current outbreak at both CANALINO and ALISO:

"An outbreak occurs when there are three (3) or more COVID-19 cases at a worksite within a 14-day period. The outbreak persists until 14 days pass without any new COVID-19 cases. If an outbreak occurs at the worksite, all employees in the exposed workplace must be tested immediately and then tested again one week later. The employer must provide ongoing testing, at least once per week, for every worker who remains at the worksite for the duration of the outbreak."

[SOURCE: page 35 - [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH Document Library/COVID-19/Consolidated Schools Guidance.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Consolidated_Schools_Guidance.pdf)]

Union Leadership requests a prompt announcement clarifying how these testing requirements will be immediately implemented. Now, several days after the District reached the threshold cited above, we continue to wait.

Meanwhile, Union Leadership believes it is important to share its productive and positive objectives related to this ADVISORY. We have three primary objectives:

- 1.) Accurately inform District employees, families, and the community of the District's legal expectations.
- 2.) Remind the District of its obligations, which currently are not being practiced with either diligence or fidelity to the HEALTH & WELL-BEING of District students, employees, and their families.

3.) Empower District employees and families to privately & publicly (A) inquire, (B) transparently discuss/post, and (C) demand that CUSD takes responsibility for its decision to reopen schools in the midst of a global & national pandemic.

Now that both CANALINO and ALISO have become vectors for COVID-19 transmission, the District must act swiftly to ensure that it has not catastrophically exacerbated the COVID-19 pandemic locally by choosing to flaunt the science and open schools regardless of the conditions associated with the **PURPLE TIER**.

In short, District Leadership and CUSD School Board, you asked District stakeholders to trust you. Many did.

In many public forums, you declared, "**We've got this !**"

It is now time to put your money where your mouth is, and demonstrate that you both meant it. Please convince us that all those feel good statements were not simply strategic rhetoric.

In Transparency,

~ j. Hotchner * CAUSE President

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