

Dear AGBU MDS Families,

We are excited to share a new school-based rapid antigen testing program with you that has been offered to us through the County of Los Angeles and [Heluna Health](#). This program is free for all participants; no fees or insurance will be needed to participate. All test results will be recorded and maintained with Heluna Health's HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) compliant data management software platform, [Primary Health](#). At this time the rapid antigen testing program is only available to TK - 12th grade students. No one under the age of 4 is eligible to participate.

Testing Program Overview

The tests that will be used at AGBU MDS are rapid antigen tests, with results available within 60-90 minutes typically. If necessary, additional tests will be conducted, including PCR laboratory tests that are collected onsite through saliva collection, at this time, and produce results in 2-3 days. All these services are free of charge and do not require any payment or insurance information. Through registration, you will have the ability to consent to participate in this program.

At this time the program is only offered to our staff and students. The following conditions will initiate a test:

- When there is a known or suspected exposure to COVID-19.
- When someone is symptomatic.
- Travel purposes.
- If a family wants to continue testing weekly (however, during low transmission periods weekly testing is not recommended)
- Youth Sports - when students miss their usual testing day
- Before and/or after school-related events
- Peace of mind - for unvaccinated or vaccinated individuals

Testing Process

This test is a self-administered test, meaning the student will collect the sample themselves. The processing and test result recording will be conducted by Nurse Ozhen Hakobyan or Vanessa Aguilera, Health, Safety, and Security Director. Test results will be available to the family through the Primary Health website within 60 - 90 minutes.

In the event that a confirmatory test is needed, the Nurse or HSS Director will provide assistance in collecting a saliva sample for a PCR test that will be mailed to the laboratory for analysis. The laboratory will then provide the results through the Primary Health platform within 2-3 business days.

Sign-up Process

To get started, please pre-register by clicking one of the links below:

Student registration

https://my.primary.health/r/agbumanoogian-demirdjianschool?registration_type=student

Staff registration

https://my.primary.health/r/agbumanoogian-demirdjianschool?registration_type=staff

You only need to register once and complete a Consent Form. This Consent Form will be good for 1 year. The test will take no longer than 15 minutes.

Special Testing Circumstances

In addition to the rapid antigen school-based program offered by Heluna Health, participants will also have access to the At-Home rapid testing program during special circumstances such as a return to school following a holiday. These tests will be provided to staff members that are registered with Primary Health. The At-Home rapid tests are also free of cost and do not require insurance coverage.

The requirements of the At-Home rapid antigen program are as follows:

- Signed Consent Form on file with Primary Health
- Use of At-Home test ONLY when instructed by AGBU MDS
- Self-administration and result recording done at home through the Primary Health website

The Rapid Antigen program will run until the end of June 2022. Our hope is that we will have an opportunity to utilize this program again during the 2022-2023 school year. We will keep you informed as soon as this information is available.

Please contact Vanessa Aguilera, HSS Director and/or Ozhen Hakobyan, School Nurse, if you have any questions.

Thank You,

AGBU MDS