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Lake County Office of Education (LCOE) Families,

RE: Free Test Kits for Public School Students

As we welcome back students and prepare for a successful second term of the 2021-2022 school year, I wanted to take a moment to review a key mitigation strategy made available to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This key mitigation strategy is COVID-19 testing.

In order to assist families with testing, the State of California has provided free at-home test kits available for students enrolled in public school. The following are opportunities to obtain free testing:

- Parents/guardians may pick up two test kits per student from their child's school site.
 - o Each at-home test kit has instructions on how to administer the test.
 - O Parents should inform their school of the results of the test or follow the instructions on the test kit *to self-report the results online* at:
 - https://my.primary.health/l/caschools
- Additional local testing locations can be found at:
 - O Lake County Health Department at:
 - http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Testing.htm
 - O California Department of Public Health at:
 - https://myturn.ca.gov/

If your child tests positive, please do not send them to school. Please call your child's school office for isolation/quarantine instructions.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and community. As we continue on in the school year, if your child experiences any COVID-like symptoms, please keep them at home until they have the results of a COVID-19 test. For a *list of COVID-19 symptoms* go to: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html

Sincerely,

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