**Updated Guidance on COVID-19 Testing for Overnight Field Trips**

This document provides updated District guidance consistent with [LADPH Protocol for Children’s Overnight/Organized Camps App. K-1](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening_OvernightCamps.pdf). The designated administrator for an overnight field trip should **strongly recommend pre-entry COVID-19 testing for all participants**, including staff, students, and Parent and Community Services approved volunteers. The COVID-19 test should be conducted at home **24 hours prior to the field trip**.The designated administrator should send test kits and written communication to students and parents stating the following:

1. A COVID-19 test conducted at home within 24 hours of departure for staff, students, and parent volunteers is **strongly recommended**.
2. If negative, the individual may participate in the field trip.
3. If positive, the individual:
	1. will **not** participate in the field trip,
	2. must follow isolation protocols, and
	3. must upload the positive test to Daily Pass.
4. If a student exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms *before* departure, they will not be allowed to participate.

COVID-19 symptoms vary and may include the following if not due to a chronic condition (8/15/22 LAUSD Containment Plan, p. 20):

* Fever greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
* New cough
* Diarrhea
* Vomiting
1. If a student develops any COVID-19 symptoms *during* the field trip:
	1. only a nurse or medical professional with proper PPE can test the student for COVID-19; **however**,
	2. if a nurse or medical professional with proper PPE is not onsite to test the student for COVID-19, then the designated administrator will contact parents to pick up their student.
2. All parents must sign a consent form titled “*Parent’s or Guardian’s Permission For A Field Trip and Authorization for Medical Care - Trip Slip*”.

*Should it be necessary for my child to have medical care while participating in this trip, I hereby give the School District personnel permission to use their judgment in obtaining medical care for the child and I give permission to the health care provider selected by the School District personnel to render medical care deemed necessary and appropriate by the provider. I understand that the District is responsible for the conduct or safety of a student only while the student remains under the constant, direct, and immediate supervision of the field trip supervisor(s).*

A confirmed negative COVID-19 test is **strongly recommended**, though not required, for participating in overnight field trips. To ensure that there are no students with a positive case participating in the trip, the designated administrator should verify any approved positive test cases on the Principal Dashboard.

The designated administrator may email questions to the Director of Community Engagement, Helen Yu, at helen.yu@lausd.net.

For additional information, see the following link:

[Decision Pathways for Symptoms in ECE and TK-12 Schools](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/education/ScreeningEducationSettings.pdf)