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Dear Parents and Students:

While Thanksgiving may look different this year, we hope you all enjoy a safe and happy holiday. In today's edition we want to update you on surveillance testing protocols and remind you what it'll take to reopen our campus.

As discussed in prior updates, TAS is establishing a testing program for initial and surveillance COVID-19 testing to better understand how prevalent the virus is among our community and what measures need to be taken to prevent its spread. On Nov. 16, using the company CoVerify, 51 staff members and 2 students participated in our new COVID-19 testing program. We plan to use this company for continued testing of staff and students.

Effective December 7, all faculty and staff members coming to campus who work directly with students must have a recent negative COVID-19 test result on file with the HR Department. Students will also be required to file a test result if they are coming to the TAS campus for support with Distance Learning.

- Negative test results must be dated on or after Nov. 16
- After Dec. 7, students and staff working on campus with an initial confirmed negative test will be tested once a month at TAS to ensure everyone's continued safety
- Any student, faculty, or staff member with a positive COVID-19 test result must quarantine for 14 days and **will not be allowed to enter any of our campuses until a negative test result is obtained by the HR Department**
- In the event you have been in contact with staff, faculty, or students (*within 6 feet, for more than 15 minutes*) who tested positive:
 - Identity of person will not be revealed
 - You will be notified by HR Department as part of our contact tracing program.
 - You will be required to stay home for 14 days. No additional test will be required.

A reminder that the LA County Health Department is currently only allowing reentry for the following student groups who face the most challenges with distance learning:

- Special Education students
- English learners
- Chronically absent, students at-risk, or students who have experienced learning loss

Based on these criteria, up to 24 students in 11th and 12th Grade were allowed to return to campus starting Nov. 16 to receive support with distance learning. Our plan is to assess the success of this pilot effort before making a broader decision on whether to expand on-site instruction to more students and grade levels in January 2021.

As always, we are grateful for your patience and ongoing support, and we wish you a happy Thanksgiving!

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