

Eleanor C Emlen School
School District of Philadelphia
Urgent COVID Notice for Thanksgiving 2022

Dear Parents,

To keep our school communities safe after the Thanksgiving Holidays, we strongly encourage all students to get tested for COVID-19 before returning to school regardless of vaccination status. Your child can test with a rapid test or home test kit. Your child will come home with two COVID-19 home tests, which is packaged in one box.

When should my child take the tests?

- First test on November 26: Please help your child take one of the COVID tests provided on the evening of Saturday, November, 26.
- Second test on November 27: Please help your child take the second test 24 hours later, on the evening of November 27.
- If your child tests negative and feels well, they should come to school on Monday, November, 28.
- Please note, if your child has recovered from a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they do not need to take a test and should attend school on Monday

What should I do if my child tests positive on one of the tests?

- Please inform the school and isolate your child for five days. Your child may return to school on the sixth day if they have no symptoms or their symptoms are improving (including being fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication) and your child can wear a well-fitting mask while at school through the tenth day after their positive test.

The test kits come with printed instructions that you should follow when administering the test.

As a reminder, vaccination is the best tool we have to fight COVID-19 and to keep our schools safe for all our students. Children are eligible to be vaccinated against COVID19. If your child is eligible but not yet vaccinated against COVID-19, please take the opportunity during the holidays to make an appointment for vaccination. The vaccine is free to all, regardless of immigration or insurance status.

Thank you for doing your part to keep COVID-19 out of our schools!

Dr. Pearl English, Certified School Nurse

Tammy Thomas, School Principal