

Dear Cashmere Families:

We continue to work collaboratively with students, families and staff to manage the risks of the Omicron COVID variant to ensure our schools stay safe, remain open for in-person learning, and provide meaningful co-curricular experiences. To achieve this, Cashmere School District will continue to follow all guidance and directives from our local and state Health Departments related to testing, contact tracing, quarantine and isolation ([see current DOH Guidelines](#)). Updates will be posted to our websites, but direct communication to families and staff will continue through building-based ClassTag accounts.

Cashmere School District has implemented the following additional steps:

Enhanced Staffing

- Each school has a dedicated Health Assistant to support testing, close contact tracing and communication.
- We proactively secured building-based substitutes to ensure coverage for potential vacancies.
- All available staff including administrators and district office personnel will be available to cover classes if necessary.

Testing

- Per Chelan Health District recommendations, we have prioritized COVID testing for symptomatic students and staff. Testing for students and staff includes:
 - “Test to Stay” – This allows asymptomatic close contacts to test two times in the first five days of quarantine to stay in school.
 - Sunday and weekday walk-in testing for symptomatic students and staff to mitigate the risk of spread in buildings.
 - WIAA mandated co-curricular testing of all participants.

Communication

- Each school will personally contact, via phone or email, the parent/guardian of any student who are deemed to be a close contact or COVID positive.
- The district continues to maintain a “[COVID Dashboard](#)” provides daily, weekly and cumulative data (by school and district) regarding COVID positives. This dashboard is updated daily, and can be found on the district and building websites.

If you have questions and/or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s school or the district office. Thank you for your help, cooperation and support!

Sincerely,

Glenn Johnson