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Covid Testing as of 2/19/2021

I have asked if we all have to have a COVID test before going on any campus. The reply I received was, "At this time, testing for all is not required on March 8th, as we have not yet provided for all in our system. Upon return, a 60-day cycle for all will be required. This is all based on today's guidelines.

I know some are reluctant even to take the test. If you do not want to deal with the district-selected vendor, you can go to any vendor you wish to. You have to email your results to covid@avusd.org and put **Surveillance testing** in the subject line.

[Kaiser has a less invasive and stress-free saliva test.](#) I just had it on Wednesday. You have your primary care order it by telling them you need it for work. (if they give you any issues, email me, and I will call our Kaiser Hub people). After your doctor orders the test, you can go anytime you want (the district allows you to go during work because the test is mandated). Please don't go during a zoom session. Kaiser will give you the saliva test (it is very similar to the online DNA tests). Next, you go to your car and do the test on your own time and by yourself. This allows you to feel no pressure, not wait in line forever, and know your insurance covers it. I received my results in 24 hours.

This is just an option. I know some of you are opposed to the test for other reasons, but we have to submit to it as long as the test is mandatory. I don't see testing going away anytime soon.

only because all of the staff and admin at AVUSD worked at those clinics day and night and got it done! If you see them, please thank them.

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