

November 14, 2020

Dear Austin High Community,

You may be aware that there has been a gradual but steady rise of positive COVID-19 cases on the Austin High School campus. Thanks to your help, we have successfully completed contact tracing to isolate the groups affected and we have determined there isn't any immediate evidence of community spread at your campus.

However, out of an abundance of caution, we have made the decision to:

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- 1) Close Austin High School for in-person learning Monday - Wednesday Nov. 16-18.
 - 2) Provide a team of nurses who will offer drive-thru COVID-19 rapid testing from noon– 3 p.m. Nov. 16 for the on-campus learning community.

Below please find a Q&A that may help you plan your day.

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Will there be classes Monday - Wednesday?

Yes, but only in a remote, off-campus learning setting. Austin High School's campus will be closed to on-campus learning and extracurricular activities on Monday through Wednesday. No staff or students will be allowed to access the facility.

In order to allow for staff and students to be tested on Monday, synchronous classes will run on a modified schedule (see below). Tuesday and Wednesday will return to our previous [bell schedule](#).

| Monday November 16, 2020 Synchronous Classes | |
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| 1st Period | 9:00 - 9:40 |
| 2nd Period | 9:45 - 10:25 |
| 3rd Period | 10:30 - 11:10 |
| 4th Period | 11:15 - 11:55 |

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How long will the campus be closed?

The campus will be closed Monday - Wednesday, Nov. 16-18.

Once we receive Monday's testing data, we will consult with Austin Public Health to decide if we will need to continue the closure.

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Will there be extracurricular activities?

Extracurricular activities will be postponed or moved off site. Communication from the Athletic Director is forthcoming.

Who qualifies to have a COVID-19 rapid test?

Austin High School on-campus staff and students and remote off-campus learners participating in in-person extracurricular activities

What do I do to get tested?

Arrive on campus during the following times:

| Last Name | Time |
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| A-F | 12:00-12:45 |
| G-L | 12:45-1:30 |
| M-R | 1:30-2:15 |
| S-Z | 2:15-3:00 |

These are drive-up tests only. No walk-ups will be allowed.

NOTE: To improve the traffic flow, staff and students are asked to please complete the attached consent form ahead of time.

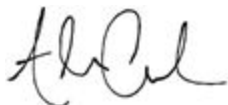
When will I receive test results?

The rapid tests produce results within 15 minutes. You will receive the results by email or text message within 24 hours.

Your health and safety is our top priority and we appreciate the partnerships we have within the campus community to maintain the safety of our students, staff and families. Thank you for helping us protect each other.

Should you have any questions about the COVID-19 testing for Monday, please reach out to Alexandra Copeland at alexandra.copeland@austinisd.org

Regards,



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