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Solano County Office of Education Distributes COVID Testing Kits

SOLANO COUNTY, CA – The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released a statement last week encouraging all students and school employees to test at home for COVID-19 twice before returning from the winter break. While CDPH highly recommends that individuals test prior to returning to school, there is no associated state-wide requirement to have a documented negative test prior to returning to school. Home testing for asymptomatic individuals is optional.

Solano County Office of Education has partnered with Solano Public Health and the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to acquire and distribute COVID-19 testing kits for school districts that have not already received kits directly from the state.

SCOE distributed iHealth COVID-19 home testing kits on Wednesday, December 29th to school district representatives, educators and parents from the SCOE main office located at 5100 Business Center Drive in Fairfield.

Solano Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson assisted with kit distribution and remarked, "Solano County Office of Education coordinated PPE (personal protective equipment) distribution to Solano schools during the pandemic and we will continue that role with testing kits. SCOE is positioned to support Solano school districts, charters and families in any way we can."

Solano County Office of Education will continue to coordinate distribution of kits in the coming week as well.

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Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) provides leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for charter schools and Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville, and Vallejo school districts which serve approximately 63,000 students. Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Lisette Estrella-Henderson is elected by voters of Solano County. The Superintendent is a state constitutional officer who serves as the chief executive officer of SCOE and as a liaison between local school districts and the state.