



Dear Families,

In the Pacifica School District, we seek to maintain a safe environment for employees, students, families, and the community. To support those goals, we have partnered with [Concentric by Ginkgo](#) to provide an optional and free COVID-19 pooled testing program. We are planning to launch this program beginning the week of September 7th.

Pooling can test 25 people using one test and provide results within 2 days. The testing is simple, students in a class will swab their own noses and place their swabs in a single tube (that's the pooling step). The samples in that tube are then run as a single sample, using one test. [See it in action here](#). If a positive test is received, we will then follow up with a rapid test for the group to pinpoint the specific case. The pooled testing will take place weekly, generally on Mondays and Tuesdays, with any necessary rapid/follow up testing on Thursdays or Fridays.

Only students with completed consent forms are able to participate in testing. If you do not want your family to participate, your child will not be included in the testing program. We strongly encourage your child's participation as knowing the pooled testing results will serve as an amazing tool in our ability to ensure safety. Ultimately, testing empowers us to make these informed decisions about in-person learning and allows students, teachers, and staff to come to school with peace of mind.

We are requesting each family to participate in this program to help safeguard the well-being of our entire school community. Please sign the consent request below and read the attached overview from Concentric to answer some of the questions you may have.

To include your child in the program, please fill out the consent form with your permission to perform a COVID-19 pooled test at their school. This process should take no more than 5 minutes to complete using a computer or a smartphone.

Please [click here](https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent) (<https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent>).

Then, enter the access code below that corresponds with your child's school:

Cabrillo School - **PACIFICA-CABRILLO**
Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School - **PACIFICA-INGRID**
Linda Mar Education Center - **PACIFICA-LINDAMAR**
Ocean Shore School - **PACIFICA-OCEAN**
Ortega School - **PACIFICA-ORTEGA**
Sunset Ridge School - **PACIFICA-SUNSET**
Vallemar School - **PACIFICA-VALLEMAR**

Finally, enter your child's information, and you're done.

Note: If you need to provide consent for more than one child, please complete the process separately for each child.

For more information, visit Concentric by Ginkgo's [website](#). Any further questions can be directed to:

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[Parent Info Sheet- Concentric by Ginkgo](#)
[Parent Info Sheet- Concentric by Ginkgo- Spanish](#)

Thank you in advance for your support of the pooled testing program.

Sincerely,

Heather Olsen
Superintendent of Pacifica School District