



Current COVID testing options; Reminder to Stay Home When Sick

COVID-19 Testing

As of April 4, the Agency of Education has ended formal staff assurance and test at home programs through schools. Schools will continue to test students and staff at school as needed and will have access to tests for the remainder of the school year. Take home antigen kits will be available for pick up as needed based on the clinical discretion of the school nurse and in accordance with Vermont Department of Health guidelines. Staff and families can contact their school nurse to access test kits.

LAMP and rapid antigen tests are available for testing at school. Staff and families need to consent for testing using these school specific links.

- BPS - <https://www.simplereport.gov/register/4JF6Q>
- CBMS - <https://www.simplereport.gov/register/VAKH8>
- FES - <https://www.simplereport.gov/register/VZ69V>
- HUMHS - <https://www.simplereport.gov/register/B397D>
- MES - <https://www.simplereport.gov/register/PFPFE>
- WES - <https://www.simplereport.gov/register/7DGQD>
- WRN - <https://www.simplereport.gov/register/JCFNP>

Test kits will not be available through schools during the upcoming school vacation; please plan accordingly. Other testing options include [Vermont Health Department testing sites](#), health care providers and many pharmacies. Free take home tests are available at many Health Department testing sites. You can make an appointment to pick up an antigen or a LAMP test. The following are local test sites (and their hours):

Waterbury

Mon, Tues, Fri 9:00am - 6:00pm
Wed 1:00pm - 7:00pm
Thurs 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Sat 9:00am - 5:00pm; Sun 9:00am - 3:00pm

Waitsfield

Friday & Saturday 9:00am-2:00pm

Students at several of our schools recently got a sneak preview of "Freaky Friday", the Harwood musical being performed April 7,8 at 7:30 pm, and April 9 at 1:30 & 7:30 pm. For most schools, this was our first time gathering as a whole school community this year.



Feeling Sick? Stay Home!

We expect that flu and other viruses will become more frequent in our schools and communities. We continue to recommend that anyone with symptoms stay home. The Vermont Department of Health recommends completing a COVID test when experiencing any symptoms. Staff and students (testing COVID negative) may return to school when symptoms have significantly improved and they have been fever free for 24 hours without using medication to reduce fever.

HUUSD EVENTS

- 4/13: HUUSD Board meeting [LINK](#)
- 4/18-4/22: Spring Break, NO SCHOOL
- 4/27: HUUSD Board meeting [LINK](#)

PLEASE REPORT ALL STAFF/STUDENT COVID cases to the school.

To report a positive case, please complete [this form](#). A school nurse or administrator will reach out to you if we have further questions.

We are in the process of reviewing data and new guidance; updated protocols for HUUSD will be released this week.

Current protocols can be found on the [HUUSD COVID website](#).

March 23 HUUSD Board Report

The Harwood Unified Union School District Board met Wednesday, March 23rd, in a hybrid format.

- Harwood student representatives to the board reported on recent student-facilitated conversations on school safety and updated the board on current happenings with the student body.
- The Board denied a flag request and directed board leadership to work with the Superintendent to clarify flag policy procedures and provide a draft by April 13 for the Board's consideration.
- The Board formed a committee to support Board professional development. This training will be incorporated into the regular board meeting schedule, and a board retreat will take place in the fall.
- The Board also adopted HUUSD District Policy F11: Section 504 and ADA Grievance Protocol for Students and Staff.

The Board welcomes feedback from the community. Emails can be sent to the Board at cen-huusdboard@huusd.org. There is also time for public comment at the start of meetings, which are generally held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

The next HUUSD Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 13 at 6PM in the Harwood Library. Community members may attend in person, remotely via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/386460007#success>), or watch it broadcast live on YouTube (<http://tinyurl.com/huwebapp-youtube-live>). Agendas and supporting documents are available at <https://huusd.org/huusd-board>.

The HUUSD Board is still seeking one new director from each of the towns of Duxbury, Fayston, and Waterbury. These individuals will be appointed by the Board to serve until Town Meeting Day 2023, at which time there will be an election to fill the remainder of the term. Send letters of interest to krodgers@huusd.org and bnease@huusd.org.