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SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, USA, December 8, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In an effort to promote safety in the community while adhering to testing mandates, [Pipeline Medical](#) is helping administer COVID tests to students, teachers, faculty members and their families to major school districts (and counting) across California. The zero-cost testing is currently ongoing at Santa Maria Bonita Unified School District in Santa Maria, California.

The state and federal government have allocated funding to support school testing with initiatives such as Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II (American rescue plan).

Testing is ongoing at the following schools within the Santa Maria Bonita USD:

- Adam Elementary
- Alvin Elementary
- Arellanes Elementary



Free COVID testing conducted by Pipeline Medical in Santa Maria-bonita United School District



Free COVID testing means fewer lines to stand on

Arellanes Jr. High
Battles Elementary
Bill Libbon Elementary
Bonita Elementary
Bruce Elementary
El Camino Jr. High
Fairlawn Elementary
Fesler Jr. High
Jimenez Elementary
Liberty Elementary
Miller Elementary
Oakley Elementary
Ontiveros Elementary
Rice Elementary
Sanchez Elementary
Taylor Elementary
Tommie Kunst Jr. High
Tunnell Elementary

In a State Public Health Officer Order released in August 2021, the California Department of Public Health states that "asymptomatic unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers are required to undergo diagnostic screening testing."

Workers may be tested with either antigen or molecular tests to satisfy this requirement, but unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers must be tested at least once weekly with either PCR testing or antigen testing.

The free COVID-19 testing began at Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD) as part of an initiative of Pipeline Medical and Heal 360 Clinic and has since expanded into other districts within the state. Being amid one of the largest school districts in the state of California, the MPUSD is the among the first to run a program of this magnitude in the country. In a mission to safely help reopen and stay compliant, Pipeline Medical and Heal 360 are offering COVID Rapid Antigen and PCR tests weekly. Testing at Santa Maria Bonita Unified School District is available from 8am – 5pm.

Pipeline currently has closed contracts with three other districts in California as well, including the Evergreen Unified School District, the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, and the Tracy Unified School District. □

With daily [COVID testing](#) in over 100 locations, Pipeline is committed to promoting safety in the community, while adhering to testing mandates. All equipment, medical staff, and supplies are

provided.

□With Rapid Antigen test results available in as quick at 10 minutes, Pipeline is dedicated to getting students, staff, and other faculty working safely and efficiently. The benefit to schools is the offering of various types of testing, from Rapid COVID-19 testing to PCR confirmation, antibody testing, as well as COVID vaccines, Influenza, strep tests, and telemedicine services.□□Pipeline Medical estimates that approximately 200-300 Rapid Antigen Tests, PCR tests, and antibody tests will be administered daily as they travel from school to school.

Pipeline Medical complies with state mandates so that school resources can focus on student care and education.□□While the White House's initiative of the CARES Act makes it more streamlined for schools to receive funding for tests (eliminating their cost out of pocket), they are still difficult to maneuver, coordinate and manage. This is where Pipeline Medical comes in. □□"We had orders for tests, but we also found out that school districts were struggling with performing the tests themselves - using up resources and time that would be better suited elsewhere. And that's when we realized, we needed to facilitate the testing, as well," says Zachary Ducharme, CEO of Pipeline Medical.

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