

# *Martha's Vineyard Public Schools*

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Dear Staff and Families,

Thank you for all of your support as we have opened up school this year. It feels great to have all our students back to in-person learning. I want to provide you with an update on our testing program. We have the Test-and-Stay portion up and running and will soon have our surveillance testing in place. Having a weekly surveillance program will allow us to closely monitor our schools, head off any potential outbreaks, and maintain in-person instruction. Additionally, we can use test results to make any necessary adjustments to our safety measures.

Testing is not mandatory for staff and families. However, the greater the level of participation the more effective the program will be in keeping our community safe. I am asking all families and staff to provide consent. If you have already done so, thank you. If not, the link to provide online consent is in the next paragraph. Please consider participating in the program. I have also attached a letter that outlines the testing programs we will be utilizing this year.

All staff and students/parents need to complete a new consent form. You can access the consent form at <https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma>. There are many languages to choose from, click on the button at the top, right-hand corner of the main page to change languages. Once you click "consent now", you will select "Martha's Vineyard" as the district and your child's school. This page will be available for you to access at any time during the testing program. You will not be included in the testing program unless you enroll through this site.

Again, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Matthew D'Andrea, LP.D.  
Superintendent of Schools