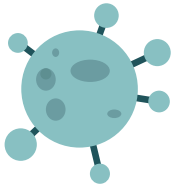# Join us as we take the #TestingPledge to keep our school community safe!

What is COVID-19?

The virus that causes COVID-19 can spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person is nearby. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after someone is exposed to the virus. Some people who are infected may not ever show symptoms, which is why everyone who is not vaccinated should take preventive measures and get tested regularly when available.

What is the COVID-19 vaccine?

COVID-19 vaccines are authorized under an emergency use authorization by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for individuals over 12 years of age. As of May 2021, more than 60% of American adults had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. All data indicates that the vaccines are both safe and highly effective at preventing COVID-19.

What is a COVID-19 test?

A quick test - either a simple painless nose swab or spitting into a tube - that will determine whether you have the virus that causes COVID-19.

Why is our school testing?

Testing helps us to catch any cases of COVID-19 before they become outbreaks. In almost half of COVID cases, the individual does not experience symptoms but can still spread COVID-19, which is why testing everyone regularly helps to prevent spread and keep our schools open safely.

Will my student have to miss class to be tested?

The testing itself takes a matter of seconds for each student and will easily fit into their day without disrupting learning. Weekly testing helps to identify and isolate positive cases before they spread. Minimizing spread in school helps keep our school open and all our students in class more often!

What if someone in my student's class tests positive?

If your student was exposed to someone who has COVID-19, we will call you and discuss if your student needs to stay home to be safe. A COVID-19 test after a few days will determine if your student is infected and needs to quarantine and seek care, or if they can safely return to class.

What if my student tests positive?

We will ask your student to quarantine at home while any needed confirmatory tests are performed. We'll be in touch to discuss medical care and other support for your student and your family.p

All we need from you is a signed permission form for your student

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