

## **COVID School Testing Protocol**

Students and staff are encouraged to participate in voluntary testing if they have not previously tested positive for COVID-19 and if they have not yet been vaccinated against COVID-19. All COVID-19 testing for students is voluntary with the consent of the parent or legal guardian. Consent is provided through Haldane's Family ID database.

- Each day, 6 students and/or staff members will be selected from the list of eligible individuals to be tested. Students will be selected on a rolling basis, based on building and grade level in order to get a wide sample and allow for bussing schedules at each building.
- Each morning, one of the school nurses will send an email to the students' teachers (or to the staff member) with a scheduled time to send the student to the health office. Teachers will confirm receipt of email and send the student to the health office at designated time.
- Students/staff will be tested using the shallow nasal swab (SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test) and placed in an isolation space within the health office for 15 minutes while awaiting the results.
- Individuals who receive a positive test result will remain isolated until the parent/guardian arrives and will be sent home with a written notification from the school nurse, including Next Steps/Isolation Instructions. A parent/guardian will need to arrange transportation for the student.
- Students with a negative test result will be sent back to class and their parent/guardian will be notified via email from the health office by the end of the day.
- Each day, the school nurse will upload the individual results of that day to the ECLRS (Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System) Portal.