COVID-19 Testing in Schools

**WHAT**

**tests are available?**

- **Rapid tests.** These tests often involve a swab of the lower nose. Results are usually available in a few minutes.

- **Pooled tests.** Involves mixing 5-25 samples together in a “batch” or “pool” and then testing the “pool” all together. Results can be available in 1-2 days. If a positive case is identified in the “pool” then individual tests are needed to determine who was the positive case. Pooled tests increase the number of people that can be tested with same amount of resources.

**WHO**

**will be tested?**

All students, teachers, and staff are eligible for testing. This includes those who have been vaccinated or have recovered from a COVID-19 infection.

**WHY**

**have testing in schools?**

When students, teachers, and staff get tested for COVID-19 every week we can:

- Find infections
- Isolate infections
- Prevent spread

Testing is important after vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 since anyone can carry the virus and spread it to others.

**HOW**

**easy is testing?**

Testing is as easy and painless as cleaning your ears! Tests require a simple swab of the nose or cheek with a Q-tip. Tests can be given by a nurse or trained professional, or they can even be administered on your own! They’re that easy!