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September 20, 2021

Re: Voluntary COVID-19 Testing at School

Dear Almond-Bancroft Family:

Welcome back for the 2021-2022 school year! We know that last year was challenging, but we're excited to be back! We are committed to taking the steps necessary to help us safely return to school. As one of the steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and to keep our school open for in-person learning, we will offer a free, voluntary COVID-19 Testing Program for students and staff at the District.

Through this program, we will be able to identify COVID-19 cases quickly and early, which can help us prevent an outbreak before it happens. This will help us keep students in the classroom and able to take part in the school and other activities they love.

*It is important to note that your child will not be tested for COVID-19 without your permission.

We are working with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and are joining other school districts throughout the state to offer this program.

Who will be tested? The District will offer testing to all students and staff if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, if they have been identified as a close contact, or if a parent/guardian requests that their child be tested.

How is the testing done? The COVID-19 testing is free, quick, and easy. Employees of our vendor company will oversee testing with an antigen and PCR test, which includes gently swabbing the inner part of the lower nostril. This test is not painful.

Where and when is the testing done? Our District's testing site will be in Room 103. The tests will be administered by a testing technician. Antigen test results will be available within 20 minutes. All tests will have both antigen and PCR analysis performed.

How can I be sure that my child's information will be protected? Sharing of information about your child will only be done for public health purposes and in accordance with applicable law and policies protecting your privacy and the security of your child's data. The District will maintain your child's testing records with the same commitment to confidentiality as we provide to other private health and educational records and information maintained by the District.

The School District of Almond-Bancroft does not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, learning disability or handicap in its educational programs and activities.

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How will test results be communicated with parents/guardians? If your child has a specimen collected for COVID-19 testing at school:

- You will be informed each time your child is tested for COVID-19.
- You will be notified of your child's COVID-19 test result or informed of how the test result will be received (for example: by phone, text, or email). Please ensure that your contact information is updated and accurate.

This letter and the enclosed form seek your permission for the District to:

- Test your child if he/she shows symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or has been in close contact with a person with COVID-19 while in school.
- Test your child for COVID-19, regardless of symptoms, vaccination status, or close contacts, upon your request. You will then email K-12 principal, Mrs. Schumacher (tshumacher@abschools.k12.wi.us) or District Administrator, Mrs. Becker (jbecker@abschools.k12.wi.us) to set up testing for your child.

Please complete the enclosed form and submit it to Mrs. Schumacher at 1336 Elm Street, Almond or via email at tshumacher@abschools.k12.wi.us.

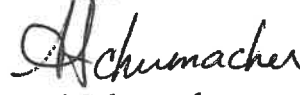
If you have questions regarding the District's COVID-19 Testing Program, please reach out to Jodi Becker or Toni Schumacher.

Thank you,



Jodi L. Becker

Jodi Becker
District Administrator



Toni Schumacher

Toni Schumacher
PK-12 Principal

Enclosure

