

CYPRESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Cypress Elementary School will have the ability to implement a “Test to Stay” program for students beginning September 7th. We are partnering with Vienna High School and the SHIELD program to offer the BinaxNOW 15 minute test in our school building. This program is voluntary.

How Does Test To Stay Work?

Students who are identified as close contacts can test on days 1, 3, 5, and 7 after exposure, and as long as the test results are negative, may stay in school. If your child tests positive, they will be required to quarantine and must be released by the health department before they may return to school. If your child is symptomatic and tests negative, they will follow the District’s policy for returning to school. Generally, they can return after they are symptom/fever free for 24 hours.

How do I sign my student up for COVID-19 testing?

To sign your student up for voluntary testing, complete the attached consent form and return it to school. The District will keep it on file in case your child should be symptomatic or deemed a close contact. If your child is symptomatic, you will be notified before your child is tested. If your child is considered a close contact and you have completed the consent form, your child will be tested and you will be notified of the results.

When do I need to sign up?

You can sign your child up at any time throughout the year by completing the consent form and returning it to school.

How is the testing administered?

If you consent to testing, your child will receive a free diagnostic test for COVID-19 virus through the use of the BinaxNOW test with a nasal swab. The nasal swab is run around the inside of each nostril 10 times. This is not the swab that goes all the way up the nostril. The swab is placed in the testing card and the results are given in 15 minutes. You can view a video on collection here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HIXpiZnP_c

What should I do when I receive my child’s test results?

If your child’s results are negative, no further action is required. If your child’s test results are positive, you can not send your child to school without clearance from your local Health Department. You should notify the school with your child’s return date provided by the Health Department. Please consult with the appropriate medical provider for advice and treatment. Tests sometimes produce incorrect negative results called “false negatives” in people who have COVID-19. If your child tests

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negative but has symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have concerns about your child's exposure to COVID-19, you should call your student's medical provider.

Who will receive my child's test results?

In addition to receiving your child's test results, the School District and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will also receive your child's test results. Isolation and quarantine requirements will be consistent with IDPH guidance and the Illinois Control of Communicable Disease through your local Health Department.

What happens if I change my mind and I don't want my child tested?

You will need to contact the District office. At that time, your child's information will be removed and a new consent will have to be completed for future testing.

Who should I contact for more information about COVID-19 testing?

Please contact the District office at 618-657-2525 for any questions.