



## Free COVID-19 Testing for Symptomatic Center School District Students and Staff

Dear CSD Community,

Beginning January 11, 2021, Center School District will be offering free rapid COVID-19 testing for Center School District **staff and students** who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

**To obtain a test**, participants must:

- 1) be symptomatic,
- 2) have an appointment, and
- 3) provide written consent.

### **Testing Availability**

At this time, we plan to offer COVID testing for the remainder of Phase 1 of our Re-Entry Plan, pending the availability of nursing staff and testing supplies.

During Phase 2 of our re-entry plan, testing will continue to be offered, if possible, though availability will be limited.

**Information About Abbott's BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test Kits:** The BinaxNOW rapid antigen test is a minimally invasive anterior nasal swab test. It is intended for qualitative detection of protein antigen from SARS CoV-2 in individuals suspected of COVID-19 within the first seven days of symptom onset. It must be administered by a trained health professional (e.g., nurse, doctor) and yields results in 15 minutes.

**How to Request a COVID-19 Rapid Test Appointment:** Call (816) 349-3309 for pre-authorization to schedule a testing appointment.

**Consent:** Written consent is required prior to obtaining a test. For students under age 18, a parent or guardian must be present and provide written consent.

### **Additional Information:**

- The BinaxNow Rapid Test is only viable with individuals who are within day 1-7 of symptom onset.
- Tests are available **by appointment only** and require pre-authorization from a Center School District Nurse.
- There will be a limited number of testing appointments available on each scheduled testing day.
- The test is offered at **no cost** to CSD staff and students.
- The test is strictly voluntary/optional, and any student under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their parent or guardian, who will be required to provide consent for the test.
- Test results will be available approximately 15-20 minutes after being administered.
- The primary purpose of the test is to quickly identify COVID-19 positive individuals and isolate them at home so as not to spread the virus more widely.
- For more information about the BinaxNow Rapid Tests, please visit: <https://www.globalpointofcare.abbott/en/product-details/navica-binaxnow-covid-19-us.html>
- Any positive test result will require that individuals follow public health guidance.
- Any negative test result may necessitate further testing. Additionally, students/staff who test negative will not be permitted to return to school or work until further evaluation is completed and there is an improvement of symptoms.

Thank you,  
Center School District Leadership