

## **BinaxNOW Rapid Covid-19 Testing for Students**

GJCS has received BinaxNOW rapid Covid-19 tests from the ISDH. It is our intent to use these tests as a means to shorten student quarantine times allowing an early return to school. Per the ISDH guidance, a negative BinaxNOW test result of an asymptomatic student on day 8 will allow for early return to school.

The BinaxNOW rapid test uses a nasal swab with an extraction reagent on a test card.

GJCS will use a drive-thru test option for students wishing to participate in the rapid testing program. The drive-thru will be located at the GJCS Central Office located at 1520 St. Charles. Tests will be scheduled by appointment through our Covid Nurse. She may be reached at (812) 481-4872 or [dbuschkoetter@gjcs.k12.in.us](mailto:dbuschkoetter@gjcs.k12.in.us). Appointments will begin at 8:00 a.m.

1. Parents will complete and return the testing consent form prior to the test being administered.
2. On your appointment date and time, cars will enter the rear of the building from 15<sup>th</sup> Street and pull to the north side of the building. Remain in your car.
3. The nurse will collect the signed consent form and verify the identity of the student. The nasal swab test will be conducted. Students in grades 7-12 will perform their own nasal swab at the direction of the nurse. Students in grades K-6 will be swabbed by the Covid Nurse.
4. The Covid Nurse will process the test. Results take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Parents will be asked to wait in the car until results are confirmed.
5. Parents will be given a copy of the test report and advised accordingly.
  - a. A negative test will allow students to proceed to school as long as they remain symptom free for the duration of the 14-day quarantine period.
  - b. A positive test will result in guidance to the local test site for a PCR test to confirm the positive result and inform further quarantine guidance.

Upon early return to school, students will be required to comply with masking and distancing protocols through the remainder of the 14-day quarantine period.

The use of the schools rapid test is voluntary to return on day 8 or may return without testing on day 11.