



# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear RHS Partner School Families,

**The RHS Nurse's Office has acquired Abbott BinaxNOW rapid antigen COVID-19 screening tests and will be making these available to symptomatic students and staff members of Giles, Union Ridge, and Penoyer schools.**

According to Abbott, "BinaxNOW™ is a fast, reliable, affordable and portable rapid test that Abbott will produce at mass scale to greatly expand access to testing to people who need it." **These nasal-swab tests will be offered free of charge and only administered by trained staff members in accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Abbott guidelines.**

**Appointments must be made through the School Nurse (708-456-4242 x1268) in order to be tested. Appointments will be available between 7:45AM - 3:00PM, Tuesdays - Fridays. For students, a legal guardian must be present to consent to testing. Results will be acquired 15 minutes after samples are collected and test results will determine guidance communicated to patients.**

The following describes the testing process in greater detail:

- An appointment must be scheduled through the RHS School Nurse at 708-456-4242 x1268 or [creid@ridgenet.org](mailto:creid@ridgenet.org). For students, their legal guardian will schedule and accompany them to the appointment.
  - If driving to the appointment - Visitors should park in the visitor parking spots located on the east side of the staff parking lot off of Montrose Ave.
  - If walking to the appointment - Adult visitors, or students accompanied by a legal guardian, should wait outside of the building at Door #2 (main entrance off of Montrose Ave.)
- Upon arrival at RHS, the legal guardian or adult patient should contact Candace Reid, School Nurse, at 708-456-4242 x1268 to alert her of their arrival for the appointment.
- The RHS Nurse or trained staff member will meet the patient at their car or outside of the main entrance, depending on if they walked or drove.
- After signed permission has been obtained, the RHS Nurse or trained staff member will gather a nasal swab sample from the patient and test for results following written instructions from Abbott.
- "Next step" guidance will be provided to the guardian relevant to whether the patient's test results show the presence of COVID-19 antigens or not.
- Regardless of whether the patient tests positive or negative, results will be reported to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), per testing requirements.

For specific instructions on how the Abbott BinaxNOW rapid antigen COVID-19 screening test is administered, please visit: <https://www.fda.gov/media/141570/download>

For general information about the Abbott BinaxNOW rapid antigen COVID-19 screening test, please visit: <https://www.abbott.com/BinaxNOW-Test-NAVICA-App.html>

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us,

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