



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

40 Beecher Road – South
Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525

Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D. – Superintendent

September 24, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) have asked elementary school districts to participate in a weekly COVID-19 screening testing program. This voluntary screening testing program is for parents/guardians who wish their children to receive such screening testing; designed to reduce the risk of school-based COVID-19 transmission, it is another tool in our toolbox of mitigation strategies. Our District has consulted with and has the support of our District Medical Advisor and our local health partner, Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD), in offering this voluntary screening testing program.

If you are not interested in such screening for your children, you need not do anything further.

If you are interested in such screening for your children, please read these details carefully:

- Weekly screening testing will be provided to unvaccinated students whose parents/guardians complete the attached consent form. The one consent form covers weekly testing throughout the year; if you wish to withdraw your child from testing, you may do so at any time.
- There is no cost for the testing; DPH has received federal funding to pay for the testing.
- Testing will be conducted by health personnel contracted by CSDE/DPH and working at Beecher Road School under the supervision of our administrators.
- If you participate, your child will be escorted from class, on a schedule developed by our administrators, to a testing location within Beecher. A BRS employee will be with your child at all times.
- Guided by the health personnel, your child will perform a lower nasal swab in each nostril, and then your child will be escorted back to class.
- Your child's testing results will be made available to school administrators, you, and DPH within 24-48 hours. We will use any COVID-19 positive testing results as part of our usual contact tracing procedures.

Additional details regarding this program are available [by clicking here for the "Project COVID DeteCT" website](#).

Quest Diagnostics has developed promotional videos for this program. I encourage you to view these videos and to also view them with your child if you will have your child participate in this program.

- [Video for students in grades K-4](#)
- [Video for students in grades 5-6](#)

To have your child participate in this voluntary weekly screening testing, please print, read, and complete both pages of the attached "Quest Project COVID DeteCT Consent Form" and have your child return the form to his/her classroom teacher by Tuesday, September 28, 2021. The form can also be downloaded from our website; [click here](#) and the form is available in the first paragraph. If you prefer to send in your form electronically, you may e-mail it to mdegennaro@woodbridgeps.org.

We anticipate that testing will begin the week of October 4, 2021. When we have the exact date confirmed, we will provide additional specific details to parents/guardians who have submitted the consent form.

Thank you for your continued support for the health and safety of all students in our community. Please contact me by e-mail (jbudd@woodbridgeps.org) or telephone (203-387-6631) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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