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School District 149

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Dolton School District 149 seeks to maintain a safe environment for employees, students and their families in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The District will continue its partnership with S&T Labs to test students for COVID-19 infection. This notice provides information to allow an informed consent for your student to participate.

When will the S&T Labs samples be collected?

All testing will take place at each of our schools during the day on Tuesdays and Fridays. Dolton School District 149 will be utilizing S&T Labs to test all individuals who have completed the consent forms. Consent forms can be completed by visiting our website www.sd149.org and clicking on the link "COVID-19 Consent to Test" or by filling out and returning the attached form. Please note, that you are giving consent for the entire 2023-2024 school year.

How will I know my student's results?

Only those with a positive test result or anyone identified as a close contact will be contacted following testing. You will receive a call from the school nurse's office with the results. The nurse or other designated person will report the positive results to the Illinois Department of Public Health [IDPH]. This is consistent with IDPH guidance and the Illinois Control of Communicable Disease Code.

What should I do if my student tests positive?

If your student's test results are positive, your student will not be permitted to return to school until they have completed the mandatory isolation and all symptoms (if any) have improved. Tests sometimes produce incorrect negative results called "false negatives" in people who have COVID-19. If your student tests negative but has symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have concerns about your student's exposure to COVID-19, you should keep your student home from school and call your student's doctor. If your student has any COVID-19 symptoms or has close contact with an individual infected with COVID-19, your student will need to remain at home depending on vaccination status, specific symptoms, exposure, and whether a confirmatory test will be needed. Discuss this information with the nurse at your student's school.

There may be times that a negative diagnostic test result may require that the student be picked up from school due to the type of symptom(s) present and may require a confirmatory test at an outside facility be completed or completion of an isolation period (if a confirmatory testing is not completed). This may be required by the health department due to high community transmission levels, if the school is experiencing an outbreak, if the individual has had close contact with a case of COVID-19, or when results combined with symptoms and risk factors warrant based on nurse assessment. Requirements for confirmatory testing are subject to change based on new findings.

To Excellence in Education,

Dr. Maureen M. White
Superintendent of Schools