

Pooled Testing Plan

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What is pooled testing?

- A quick and efficient way to screen for COVID-19.
- Pooled testing allows one group to be tested together using one test.
- Testing takes place in the classroom. The process takes 10-15 minutes to complete.
 - The test samples from the class are then pooled together in a single test.
- The test is a nasal swab.
 - Students self-administer the test. It is short (20 seconds) and noninvasive – not the sinus-cleaning tests from early in the pandemic.
- Test results will be shared within 24 - 48 hours.



Pooled testing has multiple benefits:

- Regularly testing students can detect any positive cases quickly, before an entire class or grade must quarantine for COVID-19.
- Provides equitable access to testing at no cost to individuals.
- Identifies asymptomatic cases which helps slow the spread.
- Additional layer of mitigation



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How does it work?



Parents/guardians will opt-in



Testing days are Mondays and Tuesdays



Testing starts September 13, 2021.



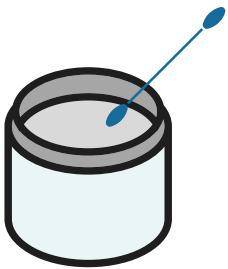
Concentric staff arrives on school campuses ready to go.



Students are taught how to swab the inside of their noses. Students self-administer the test.



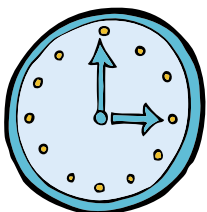
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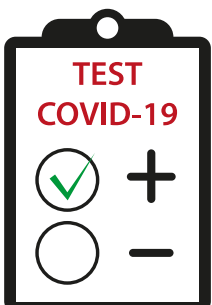
Students place the swabs into the class collection container. Booger side down!



Concentric staff send samples to a lab for testing.



Results are typically available 24 hours after the lab receives the samples.

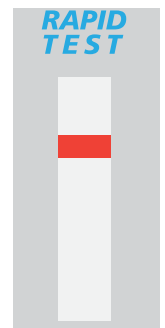


If there is a positive test, Concentric staff returns within 24-48 hours to administer rapid antigen test to all students in the class whose parents consent.



Results - Positive Pools

If a pool produces a positive result, Concentric staff will arrive at the school site. Students will self administer a rapid test to determine the positive individual(s).



Students who test positive will be sent home to quarantine for 10 days.



Students who test negative will remain in modified quarantine (allowed to come to school, remain masked, and refrain from after school activities).





How to sign-up

- Families must opt-in to have their child tested. Students without parental/guardian consent will not be tested.
- Each school site has a separate sign-up link with a unique access code.
- The link and access code for your school will be emailed to you by your child's principal.
- You only need to give consent one time for your child for the entire year.



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Student Visuals



***SELF ADMINISTERED
EASY TO DO***

ALWAYS HAND SANITIZE AFTER!

