

To: Dr. Charles Johns
Board of Education

From: Dr. R.J. Gravel

Date: Monday, January 21, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Testing Program for In-Person Learning and Activities

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the administration to enter into an agreement with Safeguard Screening, LLC for the student testing program at a cost not to exceed \$11.00 per test.

Background

As part of the District's efforts to maintain a safe school environment and contain the spread of COVID-19, the Board of Education approved the implementation of required weekly COVID-19 testing for students attending in-person learning or activities. Since last Monday, over 2,000 testing kits have been distributed, and the first week of testing did not present any challenges. We are incredibly grateful to our athletic trainers, who have put together all of the kits and coordinated distribution throughout the school day.

Student testing is currently scheduled to take place once a week. Students at Glenbrook South will drop-off their tests on Tuesday, and students at Glenbrook North will drop-off their tests on Wednesday. All tests are required to be dropped off by 3:30 PM on the designated drop off day. If a saliva sample is not received, students will not attend in-person learning or activities until the next drop off day.

As shared during the January 11, 2021 Board meeting, each test's cost is \$11. We have negotiated a contract amendment with Safeguard Surveillance, LLC, that provides the school district flexibility in how many tests are submitted each week for an initial term through April 30, 2021. As part of the agreement, the school district is committing to submit between 1,700 - 2,500 tests per week. Given the growing number of students who have returned to in-person learning and additional students participating in after school activities, we are confident that the vendor's testing commitment is appropriate.

From a financial standpoint, the estimated cost of the program is as follows:

Per Week

\$11.00 per Test x 1,700 Tests = \$18,700 / Week

\$11.00 per Test x 2,500 Tests = \$27,500 / Week

For the Second Semester

1,700 Tests: \$18,700 / Week x 19 Weeks = \$355,300

2,500 Tests: \$27,500 / Week x 19 Weeks = \$522,500

COVID-19 Testing Program for In-Person Learning and Activities for Students


Thursday, January 15, 2021

RT-LAMP Testing Program Overview

- As part of the school district's efforts to maintain a safe school environment and contain the spread of COVID-19, the Board of Education approved the implementation of a weekly testing program.
- All students participating in in-person learning or activities are required to participate.
- The screener test is a self-administered saliva test. Using the supplies and instructions provided, participants will return saliva samples once a week (different for each school).
- Samples will be analyzed to indicate the potential presence of COVID-19.
 - Individuals with a finding of clinical significance will be contacted by the school district and offered the opportunity to receive a COVID-19 diagnostic test administered by a medical professional at the Glenbrook Administrative Building at no cost.
 - As with other screening measures, individuals are not permitted to return to school until cleared through an FDA approved diagnostic test or have otherwise complied with IDPH guidance on required quarantine and return to work/school protocols.

Getting Started

- To participate in the testing program, students and staff must complete a testing consent and waiver form through PowerSchool.
- A completed testing consent and waiver form in PowerSchool is required before a testing supply kit will be issued to a student.
- To access the waiver:
 - Navigate to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)
 - Use the left sidebar and select **Forms**
 - Select the **Diagnostic COVID-19 Testing Consent and Waiver**
 - Please remember to click the **Submit** button after completing the survey.

 **Non-Diagnostic COVID-19 Testing Consent and Waiver**
Revised: November 2020

Part 1: Student or Employee Information

Name (First, Middle, Last)	ID Number	School
		<input type="checkbox"/> GBN <input type="checkbox"/> GBS <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Part 2: Waiver

On October 26, 2020, the Board of Education approved the implementation of non-diagnostic COVID-19 "RT-LAMP" assay testing ("Test") for all students participating in extra-curricular activities as defined by the administration. The implementation of this test is one part of District's overall safety protocols that includes daily health screening and temperature checks, required face coverings, social distancing, cleaning, and other mitigation strategies.

In order to perform this non-invasive Test, the individual stated in section 1 of this form will participate in a twice weekly test administration by depositing a small amount of saliva in a sterile container at home. The container should then be wiped clean, placed in a zip-lock bag, and returned to school where it will be collected. The saliva will then be tested for the presence of COVID-19. Saliva samples will be used solely for the purpose of performing the Test and then destroyed following testing in a manner appropriate for biological specimens. Individual results of these tests will not be published under any circumstances.

The District anticipates the ability to run samples the same day as the collection to provide results to participants within 12-18 hours of collection.

In the event the Test indicates a potential presence of COVID-19, the individual will be notified of "findings of potential clinical significance". Notification will be made by email to the student (and their parents/guardians) or the employee.

Because of the ongoing public health crisis, the District will treat findings of potential clinical significance using this screening tool the same way that we will treat the outcomes of other screening measures we are using, such as symptom screening, temperature measurements and observable COVID-19 like symptoms. Individuals receiving notification of findings of potential clinical significance will be required to stay home and self-isolate until cleared through an FDA approved diagnostic test.

If you have any questions about the Test, please contact Dr. R.J. Gravel, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services at the District or feel free to discuss the proposed testing with your physician, to learn about the purpose, potential risks and benefits of any testing.

By signing below, you:

1. Consent for you (in the case of an employee) or your child (in the case of a student) to participate in the non-diagnostic detection of a clinically significant finding that could indicate the presence of COVID-19; and
2. Consent for you (in the case of an employee) or your child (in the case of a student) to participate in the twice weekly collection of saliva for the sole purpose of implementing the above described safety protocol;
3. Consent to the disclosure of findings of clinical significance to a district medical provider (in the case of an employee) or school nurse (in the case of a student) which will be maintained as a student or medical record in the same manner that the District currently maintains other student or medical records such as immunizations and physicals; and
4. Acknowledge that no testing is 100% accurate and that you release and hold harmless and indemnify the District from any claims (including legal costs) arising out of the participation in the Test, including but not limited to any inaccurate testing results.

If at any time, you choose to revoke consent as provided here, the revocation must be received by the District in writing indicating your desire to revoke your consent for participation in the weekly administration of the Test as detailed herein.

Part 3: Certification by Parent/Guardian or Employee

Parent/Guardian or Employee Name	_____	Date: _____
Parent/Guardian or Employee Signature	_____	

Testing Supply Kit

Each kit will have supplies for (19) tests.



Ziplock bags to transport
saliva collection tubes

Saliva collection tubes

Barcodes for saliva
collection tubes

Straws to assist with
depositing saliva into
collection tubes

On Testing Day

- Do not eat or drink for 30 minutes before you provide your sample.
- Prior to preparing your saliva sample, wash your hands with soap and water.
- Take out one collection tube, straw, barcode label, and plastic bag from your kit.
- Using the straw, spit into the tube a few times.
- Close the top of the tube and use a wipe to clean it.
- Place a barcode label on the tube. **Make sure the barcode is lengthwise so that it can be read.**
- Place the tube in the Ziplock bag.
- Return the tube at the drop box.



Drop Box

- Located at:
 - Glenbrook North
 - Door E
 - Door O
 - Glenbrook South
 - Door D
 - Door O
 - Door OO
- Samples are due by 3:30 PM on the designated testing day:
 - Glenbrook North
 - Wednesdays
 - Glenbrook South
 - Tuesdays



Important Reminders

- Participation in the testing program is required for in-person learning and activities.
- Prior to receiving a testing supply kit, parents will need to complete the **Diagnostic COVID-19 Testing Consent and Waiver** through PowerSchool.
- Students can begin picking up their testing supplies on Tuesday, January 19. Athletic trainers will be located at the main entrance of each school to issue kits to students. Please remember to be patient as these kits are issued to students for the first time.
- **For the first week of testing (January 19-22), we will be collecting samples all week, and not just on Tuesday/Wednesday. This will provide time for parents to complete the waiver, and for students to pick up their testing kits.**
- If a saliva sample is not received on Tuesday (for Glenbrook South) or Wednesday (for Glenbrook North), students will not be able to attend in-person learning or activities until the next drop off day (e.g., the following Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on the school).

If a Test Results in a Referral to a CLIA Certified Lab for a Diagnostic Test . . .

- The student/staff member is offered access to a diagnostic PCR test at no charge.
- A contracted medical professional is on site daily at the District Administration Building, able to offer rapid and PCR tests.
- Tests are processed by a CLIA Certified Lab, and results are received within 24 hours.
- The cost for this service is:
 - \$50 / Hour for a Registered Nurse
 - \$100 for a Rapid Test
 - \$150 for a PCR Test

