

# COVID-19 TESTING

School Committee Meeting

Monday January 11, 2021

## 2 PROGRAMS - 2 TYPES OF TESTS

### 1. **Symptomatic Antigen Testing**

- a) Taken in-school as needed
- b) Rapid result (~15)
- c) Taken only if symptomatic

### 2. **Diagnostic PCR Testing**

- a) You will need to make an appointment
- b) Lab results take 18-24 hours
- c) Taken only if asymptomatic, with no known exposures

# SYMPTOMATIC TESTING

- For students and employees presenting symptoms (i.e. fever) in school
- Those tested are isolated until rapid results come back (~15 minutes)
- From “BinaxNOW” ([abbott.com/BinaxNOW-Test-NAVICA-App.html](http://abbott.com/BinaxNOW-Test-NAVICA-App.html))
- Parental consent is required! **Please Register:** [CS](#) / [WS](#) / [FS](#) / [MS](#) / [HS](#)

# DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

- Weekly testing of asymptomatic students and staff (need appointment)
- Parents make appointments; must create an account via Project Beacon
- **Tuesdays testing from 12:30-5 P.M.** at the [Field School Cafeteria](#)
- **Thursdays testing from 12:30-5 P.M.** at the [High School Atrium](#)
- Parental consent is required! Each appointment scheduled **separately**

# REMINDERS

- Testing is only a momentary snapshot of infection status, and it is **never a “free pass.”**
- Negative tests do not confer safety, nor reduce risk, when engaging in social activities.
- Testing of symptomatic individuals puts staff at risk. It should only be conducted when medically necessary. **Please do your part and remain home if you develop symptoms, and please follow the current procedures for return to school.**
- In school testing is not available to individuals seeking to test out of quarantine early.
- In school testing should not be accessed to meet travel requirements.

# LINKS

- [Registration Instructions for Project Beacon](#) (Parents, do this for students)
  - If you have multiple students to schedule weekly tests for, you should review the [additional instructions](#)
- Give consent for BinaxNOW rapid tests via these links: [CS](#) / [WS](#) / [FS](#) / [MS](#) / [HS](#)
  - **NOTE, CONSENT IS REQUIRED TWICE, ONCE FOR EACH PROGRAM, SEPERATELY**
- More info about both COVID-19 Testing Programs can be found on our [website](#).
- Even more info for parents & families about the testing program is available [here](#).

