



Mr. Thomas J. Colabufo
Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have received feedback from parents/guardians on the difficulty of getting their symptomatic children a COVID-19 test over the weekends, especially on Sundays. Given this, we are providing an opportunity for all symptomatic students to receive a BinaxNOW COVID-19 rapid test each Sunday (except Sunday, December 26).

These are the non-intrusive nasal swabs that do not go far up the nostrils, seen below:

<https://youtu.be/kOydcNxE5o4>

What: Free COVID-19 testing for all symptomatic students and staff in our District **ONLY** (BinaxNOW rapid tests)

When: Every Sunday from 2 PM-4 PM, except Sunday, December 26. **(no appointments needed)**

Where: Paul V. Moore High School Nurse's Office (Parking available in the front of school or side staff parking lot)

Why: Parents/Guardians and staff members were having a difficult time getting tested over the weekends

ONLY parents and legal guardians can bring their child for testing. Prior to arriving at the Paul V. Moore High School Nurse's Office with your symptomatic child to get tested, please submit this required information that our nurse can access in this secure link,

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCyKm8gVIT_R2bdotrDw5hSiNE_sKxuo9XxMmjtIHNafvMEA/viewform?usp=sf_link

We are required to submit the testing information for each person being tested to the Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System (ECLRS), which is required in New York State. For more information on the ECLRS, see the following link, https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/reportable_diseases/eclrs/.

These COVID-19 tests are only for **symptomatic** students and staff, and will not be used for anyone without COVID-19 symptoms that require a COVID-19 negative test for flying or other activities that require a COVID-19 negative test. **We do not have an endless supply of these rapid tests and the State's supply is decreasing, so our priority with these rapid tests are the testing of students and staff that have COVID-19 symptoms.**

Sincerely,

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