



## NORTH FOND DU LAC SCHOOL DISTRICT School Health Programs

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Dear North Fond du Lac School District Families and Staff,

Keeping our students and staff safe and healthy is our number one priority. One way we can continue to keep kids in school for in-person learning is to offer in-school COVID testing. We will continue with this like last year, however, the process will be slightly different. We are receiving covid testing supplies and support through the Department of Health Services (DHS) for the 2021-2022 school year. We are able to provide **free, in-district COVID-19 testing for our students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19. We will be using lab-based testing (PCR test) which is a more accurate test, but will take 1-2 days for results.**

To help expedite the testing process, the District is coordinating with DHS and the vendor, Noah Clinical Laboratories to provide in-district testing for District students and staff under the direction of Bridgett Amadon, RN. The intent of this process is to get testing done more quickly, and therefore, get test results sooner. This in-district testing option is available immediately starting September 1, 2021. All students and staff experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are eligible for this school based testing option, regardless of vaccination status.

In order to allow us to test a student, we need to have the parent complete the [COVID-19 permission form](#). Having this completed, we will be able to test the student anytime during the 2021-2022 School Year. A copy of the consent form will be available at open house, as well as on our School's website under the COVID Resources tab. We will still contact the parent prior to testing a student with symptoms to get a verbal ok. If there is not written consent on file, we will need a parent to come into the school to sign the form prior to testing.

### **When and How to Get Tested**

**IF AT HOME:** If a student or staff member is **at home** and has symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, sore throat, runny nose, muscle pain, headache and new loss of taste or smell), **the student or staff member should stay home.**

1. Contact appropriate school office to notify school of absence
2. Complete the [COVID COMMUNICATION FORM](#) to request a testing appointment (found on the district website)
3. Student/Staff will be tested using a nasal swab. Weather pending, the nurse may be able to test while you remain inside the vehicle. Arrangements will be made when we call with a testing time.
4. School Staff or Noah Clinical Laboratories will reach out to you with your results, both negative and positive (could take 1-2 days for results). This communication could be by phone, text or email. The person with symptoms will be asked to stay home until they receive test results.
5. If the result is positive, the Fond du Lac County Health Department will also reach out to Parent/Guardian/Staff Member for further direction. Any school work will be communicated by email to the student from teachers during time missed for isolation/quarantine.

**IF AT SCHOOL:** If a student or staff member is **at school** and has symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, sore throat, runny nose, muscle pain, headache and new loss of taste or smell), **the student or staff member should contact the school nurse.**

1. The person with symptoms will be asked to put on a face mask.
2. Parent/Guardian contacted and informed of students symptoms and the need to pick up their child.



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3. Parent/Guardian will be asked if they would like the student tested for COVID.
4. With Parent/Guardian consent (consent form on file signed by parent/guardian OR parent will need to come and sign prior to testing), the student will be tested using a nasal swab and asked to stay home until we receive the results.
5. Parent/Guardian will be notified of test results, both negative and positive (could take 1-2 days for results).
6. If the result is positive, the Fond du Lac County Health Department will also reach out to Parent/Guardian/Staff Member for further direction. Any school work will be communicated by email to the student from teachers during time missed for isolation/quarantine

If you prefer not to utilize the COVID-19 test through the School District, below are some other local options:

- Agnesian Healthcare, by appointment only: phone number: **1-844-225-0147**
- Aurora Healthcare, walk in clinic. This would be at a cost for an office visit.
- How to find a local testing location: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm>

If you have any questions about the School District's testing process, please contact one of the school nurses:

Sincerely,

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