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Dear NCCISD Parents,

NCCISD is committed to doing all we can to keep staff and students healthy and safe. With this goal in mind, we are pleased to share that we will be taking part in a statewide program offering rapid COVID-19 tests for use in schools. This program will allow NCCISD to test both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals—including staff and students-- and reduce the risk to our school community.

What COVID-19 tests are used in this program?

This program uses BinaxNOW tests, which provide results in 15 minutes and are administered using a nasal swab in the front area of the nostril. These tests have been shown to be highly accurate, with accuracy rates of 97-98% for symptomatic individuals.

Who will be tested and when?

With parental permission, we can test individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 or who are experiencing COVID-like symptoms. *NO TESTING WILL BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT. A PARENT WILL ALSO BE PRESENT DURING THE TEST.* Mrs. McRorey will be administering the tests and has been certified through the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Education Agency to serve as the testing coordinator for NCCISD. District officials will collaborate with parents to determine the need for a test. *Again, a test will not be administered unless there is written parent consent and a parent is present during the test.*

How will the information from the tests be used?

The parent will be present to review the test results. Also, the student's parent or guardian will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours.

The results will be shared with the local health department to allow for public health reporting and contact tracing and to determine the stay-at-home period for individuals who test positive.

If any parent is interested in having their child tested, contact Mrs. McRorey at (830) 597-8155 or (830) 597-3218.

Respectfully

Kristi Powers
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