

COVID-19 Testing Frequently Asked Questions

We are looking forward to having our hybrid learning students back in their physical classrooms beginning Monday, January 4th for students in Grades K-8. COVID-19 testing for these students will begin Wednesday, January 6th. Hybrid students in Grades 9-12 will be returning Tuesday, January 19th and will begin testing on Wednesday, January 20th. We realize that you may have questions about the testing process. We have put together frequently asked questions to provide some answers you may be looking for.

Why is the District testing Wednesday and Saturday?

- Many parents have expressed their desire to be present during the testing process. This cannot be accommodated while school is in session due to building entry restrictions. The District will permit 1 parent/guardian to be present during the process.
- The District wants to separate testing from the educational environment. To best accommodate parent schedules, we are offering two screening clinics: Wednesdays from 3:00 – 7:00 pm at all four elementary buildings and Saturdays from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at Frontier High School.
- These plans will continue to be evaluated and updated as necessary. Weather permitting, changes may include a drive through option for testing.

Why is Wednesday testing only at the elementary buildings?

The District will be utilizing our nursing staff from the Middle and High schools to increase testing speed and capacity at the elementary locations. Additionally, this will allow both middle and high school families closer access to testing sites.

How is my child's health data protected?

The District adheres to strict data privacy under HIPAA protections. We are only required to report testing results to the State and County health departments.

Are fully remote students eligible for testing?

No. Testing is limited to in-person students, faculty and staff.

If a parent does not consent, can the child still attend school in-person?

Yes, as long as the District meets the Orange or Red micro-cluster testing requirements of those who have consented. If the District is unable to reach the required percentage each month, fully remote instruction will be mandated.

Link to consent forms: [Consent Update](#)

Who will be performing the actual nasal swab?

District nurses will be administering the nasal swabs. Should there be a shortage of available staff, we have contracted with an outside nursing provider to assist in testing. All nursing staff is appropriately trained in performing these tests.

What can I do to help make my child more comfortable with getting a test?

The District will be posting a demonstration video to the district website for parents to watch with their children to become familiar with how the nasal swab will be administered. We hope to ease any fears or anxieties about the test for both you and your child.

What will the individual administering the tests be wearing?

Nurses will be wearing full PPE, as required for the testing, which includes, an N95 mask, a face shield or goggles, a gown and gloves.

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When will parents be notified if/when their child is chosen for testing?

Families who have provided consent will be notified the Monday prior to testing. Notifications will begin on January 4th for grades K-8 and January 18th for grades 9-12.

How will test results be communicated to parents?

At the end of each testing day, communication will go out via email and posted to the district website and social media platforms outlining the number of students tested that day and the number of positive cases, if any. Positive results will remain confidential and parents will be contacted by phone the same day.

Based on the parameters for orange zones (20% monthly) and red zones (30% monthly), approximately how often would a student be tested?

A student will not be tested more than once a month. However, there is a possibility the student may be randomly chosen to be tested again in the months following. We hope that weekly invitations aid the District in achieving the required distribution of testing throughout the month.

What happens if my child tests positive?

As stated, parents will receive a phone call from a district nurse and will be provided guidance on the next steps that should be taken. The District will report positive cases to the Erie County Department of Health, as is required, and county contact tracers will reach out by phone with further direction on isolation and quarantine.

Additional information may be found here:

[Erie County DOH COVID-19 Resources](#)
[NYS COVID Updates & Information](#)
[Isolation & Quarantine Guidance](#)