

DISTRICT 90 COVID-19 TESTING PLAN

For Symptomatic Students, Staff, and D90 Household Members

February 2, 2021

Objective:

Provide rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students, staff, or D90 immediate household members.

Rationale:

Mitigate risk of COVID-19 transmission in the District 90 school community by quickly identifying and supporting individuals with disease symptoms.

Operations Plan Description:

District 90 intends to expand the current on-site COVID-19 testing regimen for symptomatic students and staff to include D90 immediate household members. Tests will be administered to symptomatic individuals during established test windows three times per week (as need dictates). The testing regimen relies on rapid antigen tests provided from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The test instrument is called BinaxNOW and was requested from the IDPH in December. The tests were approved for release to the school district and picked up in Oak Forest from a central distribution center. The tests can be safely stored at room temperature and are being held in a secured location onsite.

The test center is located in a dedicated space at RMS that is not currently used for other purposes and is staffed by licensed medical professionals (such as nurses) to administer the tests in compliance with directives. We are currently administering the tests adjacent to the quarantine center at RMS, off of Jackson. The test can be read at 15 minutes and symptomatic individuals with either a positive or negative result are prompted to see their physician for follow-up directions and/or quarantine. Test results for all individuals tested are reported to the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) and are subject to contact tracing.

The test center is open at scheduled times for students, staff, or D90 immediate household members who have been referred by a D90 school nurse, infection control officer, or administrator. Students must have a signed "authorization/consent for testing" from a parent or guardian and a signed authorization that allows for sharing of student medical information between the family (child), physician, and District 90. Adults are required to sign consent for testing.

The test center is semi-private during the testing procedure, using a drive-up model. If necessary, walk-up testing can be made available. Testing occurs outside the school building to avoid potentially infected individuals from entering the facility. Accommodations have been made for lawful disposal of medical waste that is generated during the testing procedure with our infectious waste disposal contractor.

Resources Required:

The most important resource that is necessary to enact the testing plan are testing materials and PPE for individuals who are trained to administer the test, as per Abbott Labs directives. Procedures have been instituted to ensure that testing materials are available. Secure storage for test materials is in place at RMS. We are implementing our established plans for the regular removal of medical waste in compliance with guidelines, and are mandating necessary cleaning and disinfecting processes at the conclusion of all testing sessions. PPE and testing/cleaning supplies are available in sufficient amounts.

Staffing Needs:

The testing center must be staffed by a medical professional who has been trained in the proper administration and reading of the BinaxNOW test. In District 90, the individuals who are qualified to conduct testing include the Infection Control Officer, School Nurses, and independent contractors with confirmed medical certification. Trained community volunteers with medical certification may also be utilized, under limited circumstances. In addition, maintenance staff are deployed at the end of each testing session to clean and disinfect the space.

Other Considerations:

Other essential considerations include the following:

- Ongoing communications with families and staff members about the availability of the testing and information about how individuals qualify to receive testing are essential
- Fixed, reliable plans to ensure the proper disposal of medical waste must be implemented with fidelity
- Training for all individuals who staff the testing center must be provided
- Established communication protocols between the District and physicians for individuals participating in testing must be used
- Consistent use of proper testing consent/authorization procedures must occur with all individuals to minimize legal exposure to the District

Tentative Timeline to Expand Testing to Household Members (may be accelerated):

February 2-5 – Develop communications documents to families detailing change permitting symptomatic D90 immediate household members to participate

February 8-12 – Modify test center procedures to accommodate expanded testing, conduct inventory of PPE and supplies, order additional inventory as necessary – *Soft opening*

February 16 – Expansion of testing center to D90 immediate household members

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