

We have been selected for the Pilot Testing Program. We are one of 40 districts to get this. We were chosen because of our low income numbers.
6 districts did Phase 1; we are in Phase 2.

The test is Abbott BinaxNOW rapid antigen tests. The test has a 97%-98% and less than a 1% false positive. It's all free.

We would have the results in 15 minutes.

2 Reasons we can test.

1. Symptomatic Students and Staff or
2. Screen of staff 1 to 2 times a week

Can do both.

Can't be used for a daily screen for athletes or students.

Why do this?

Get students and staff back in the classroom much faster. They estimate 326 in person days have been saved.

Things we need to do this:

1. The Board Attorney writes waivers for this for staff and students.
2. School Board Approval
3. Local Health Department.
4. Fill out a checklist of requirements. CLIA and I are getting a copy of the filled out one.
5. Discussion with both unions.
6. A standing order from a Doctor to do these tests.

Who does the testing:

Preference is a nurse or doctor. Can be someone else as well.

Must do the training. It is an hour long.

Where do they take the test?

Marshall does it at all schools, and their clinic in town.

School designates a place in school to do this. Called a lab.

It could be our isolation rooms.

What happens with a student or staff who has symptoms that test negative?

Treat it like you did before Covid. So if throwing up or fever sends home. If "symptom is one they wouldn't go home for before COVID you keep them there and monitor.

Marshall is close to us in size and their Supt said he would help us. Marshall just uses those that are symptomatic. 6 districts did Phase 1. We are in Phase 2.

Testing Reporting:

We would be required to enter the results into the state database. So this will take time.