



Dear West Seneca Families,

Given our current micro-cluster zone designation of Orange, as a District, we are required to conduct COVID-19 testing on a percentage of students and staff (20%) in order for our campuses to remain open for in-person instruction. Please see the outline provided below regarding our District testing procedures. Additionally, we encourage all families to consider providing consent for testing. Please use this link to complete the [Student COVID-19 Consent Form](#). The testing that will be conducted is relatively non-invasive and is called the Binax NOW test. You can view a video demonstration of this test being administered at the following link: [BINAX Nasal Test](#). Also, our District website provides additional information pertaining to COVID-19 testing.

## West Seneca School District COVID-19 Testing Procedures

**Purpose:** District COVID testing process includes testing 20% of our in-person population required to return to in-person instruction due to an orange zone designation as outlined by New York State.

**Testing:** Testing will occur on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays will occur during the school day and testing on Wednesdays will occur from 2-6pm at two district sites which can accommodate parents/guardians to attend with their child.

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1) Parents/guardians will be informed if their child is randomly selected to be tested. **Only those randomly selected and notified will be tested.** Parents can choose the date for their child to be tested during the school day through the Sign Up Genius calendar for their child's specific school. Each school will have a calendar available and information will be noted on the letter sent to each parent/guardian. The calendar link can also be found on the [District website COVID-19 testing page](#).

2) If you would like to be present with your child, you will be asked to inform your child's school nurse and **schedule a COVID-19 test through Sign-Up Genius** calendar for our **District COVID-19 testing on Wednesdays** from 2-6 pm. Information will be posted on the District website on how to sign up and the link is noted here: [District COVID-19 Testing-Wednesday only](#). **If you do not sign up for an evening testing appointment, your child will be tested during the school day.** Please note, our school buildings are not allowing visitors while students are in attendance. Therefore, parents will not be allowed to be present with their child during the school day.

### **Procedures for COVID-19 Testing during the school day:**

- Parents/guardians will be notified that their child has been randomly selected for our District COVID-19 testing. Parents/guardians will select the date within the month when his/her child will be tested during the school day. Each school's Sign Up Genius calendar links can be found in the letter that you will receive indicating your child has been randomly selected for testing. Links will also be found on the [District website COVID-19 testing page](#).
- Students will receive a pass or will be informed by their teacher to visit the nurse's office during their scheduled time for the testing. Each student will receive the BINAX nasal swab test by our District nurse and wait approximately 15 minutes in the school health office area for results.
- If a student tests positive, the student and parent/guardian will be immediately informed of the results and the student will be isolated and remain in isolation until the child can be picked up.
- If the student tests negative, the student will return to class.

### **Procedures for District COVID-19 Testing on Wednesdays from 2pm-6pm:**

- Arrive at the testing location at least 10 minutes before your scheduled test time. Please call the designated number on your email that you received informing you that your child has been selected. The person will provide you with detailed information regarding entrance.
- Enter the gymnasium at the door labeled ENTRANCE ONLY. Check-in with the intake coordinator in the gymnasium. Wait in the designated area.
- The COVID-19 BinaxNOW Rapid Test will be administered by the on-site nurse. Upon completion of the testing, you will exit the gym and return to your car using the door identified as EXIT ONLY.
- Results of the test will be communicated in the following manner:
  - You will receive a phone call from a District nurse if your child tests positive.
  - If your child tests positive, you will receive preliminary guidance from the District nurse and will be asked to follow up with your primary medical provider. The results will be shared with the Erie County Department of Health and an Erie County representative will contact you with additional information.
  - If your child tests negative, you will receive an email of your child's test informing you of the negative test results.
  - Please follow the directions from the designated health care professional regarding COVID-19 test results. It is important that you adhere to ECDOH guidelines.

**As a reminder, please wear a mask to your scheduled appointment, maintain social distancing, and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the appointment.**

*Thank you for cooperation in helping the District meet the NYS testing requirements. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact your child's building principal and/or your school nurse.*