



Johnson City Independent School District

Richard Kolek, Superintendent

Date: November 6, 2020

Re: COVID-19 Rapid Test Program for JCISD Students & Employees

Dear JCISD Parents, Guardians, Employees, and Students,

Johnson City ISD is committed to doing all we can to keep students and staff 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 tests for use in schools free of charge. While there is flexibility in implementing this program, Johnson City ISD will focus on symptomatic testing of students and staff at this time. This email offers further information on the tests and the testing program. If you have additional questions, you can view a FAQ here [K-12 COVID-19 Testing Project FAQ](#) or contact Scott Berry (830)868-7410 or email at sberry@jcisd.txed.net.

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.

For symptomatic staff:

Contact Isela Raffety at (830)868-4028 or email at iraffety@jcisd.txed.net to schedule a rapid test. Your test results will be available in 15 minutes. Tests will be scheduled by appointment only.

For symptomatic students:

If a student has stayed at home due to COVID related symptoms and would like to schedule a rapid test contact Isela Raffety at (830)868-4028 or email at iraffety@jcisd.txed.net. If your student is sent home with COVID related symptoms by the school nurse you may schedule a rapid test at that time. Tests will be scheduled from by appointment only.

All individuals must complete a consent form. The form is available on the district website and at each campus.

How will the information from the tests be used?

If a parent has given permission for Johnson City ISD to administer the BinaxNOW test for their child the school nurse will administer the test. The test administrator will share the results after the test has been administered with the student's parent or guardian and the parents or guardian will also receive a confirmation email within 24 hours. The results will also be shared with the district administrators and 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. Additionally, the total number of positive tests per school will also be shared with the Texas Department of State Health Services as is required by law.

What happens next?

Tests are available to all students who are showing symptoms of COVID-19. To participate, parents must complete this form. The first date testing will be available is November 9, 2020.

If your child is experiencing symptoms and you would like for him/her to be tested, please do NOT send him/her to campus. Instead contact Isela Raffety at (830)868-4028 or email at iraffety@jcisd.txed.net to schedule a rapid test.

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Respectfully,
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Superintendent
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