

Dear Milano ISD Staff and Parents,

Milano ISD is one of several school districts participating in the COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program for Texas school systems announced by Governor Greg Abbott. The Texas Education Agency (TEA), and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) are working with districts to implement this program. This program will allow employees and students (with permission from parents) to be tested free of charge with the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Rapid Ag test provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. While there is flexibility given in implementing this program, Milano ISD will focus on symptomatic testing of students and staff at this time.

For symptomatic staff: Contact Becky Thurman or Dr. Luevanos at Milano High School to schedule a rapid test. Your results will be available in 15 minutes instead of 3-5 days for PCR testing.

For symptomatic students: If student has stayed home with COVID related symptoms, call Milano ISD to schedule a rapid test. Parent permission must first be obtained before any student can be tested.

Call (512) 455.9333 to schedule a rapid test. The test is free for any Milano ISD staff and student. If employee or student test positive, the individual will need to quarantine for 10 days or you MUST provide a note from a healthcare provider with return to work/school date.

Contact Becky Thurman, Milano ISD School Nurse or Dr. Luevanos, Director of Student Services for any questions.

All test results will be submitted to the Milam County Health Department, Texas Education Agency, and Texas Division of Emergency Management as required.

Thank you for your support.

Robert Westbrook
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