



## **NOBLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to introduce a new option for testing of students and staff who develop COVID-19 symptoms during the school day and to return to school after 7 days for school-based quarantines.

The BinaxNOW test provides results in 15 minutes and can be used for early detection of COVID-19 in students, staff and teachers. This will allow us to respond quickly and provide tests for students with symptoms of COVID-19.

**Students and staff should not come to school if they are having symptoms. They should not come to school to obtain a COVID-19 test.** They should continue to do the daily pre-screening checklist and stay home if they have any of the following possible COVID-19 symptoms.

- fever/chills
- new loss of taste or smell
- cough
- fatigue
- congestion/runny nose
- shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- sore throat
- headache
- nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- muscle/body aches

We are asking parents/guardians to complete the consent form on the back of this letter in advance so that in the event your child develops COVID like symptoms they can be tested prior to being picked up or potentially even stay at school depending on the severity of the illness. All testing will be administered based on the judgment of the school nurses. Parent/Guardians will be contacted prior to testing if a consent form is already on file. We will also add a link to the consent form on the school's website to print at a later date if you decide to opt in to the program in the future. This consent form will stay in your child's health file (for one year) and only be used if testing is needed and can be revoked at any time.

### **Additional information in the event testing needs to take place at school:**

- There is no charge to families for testing.
- This allows the school nurse conducting the test to gently swab up to  $\frac{3}{4}$  in into the nostrils of your child if symptoms are present.
- Students who do not have completed forms on file cannot be tested at school.
- Parents/guardians that opt out of school testing will need to continue to arrange testing through their primary care provider or other testing site if directed to do so.
- We are required to report both positive and negative results to the Oklahoma CCHC.

If you have questions, please contact your school nurse.

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