

Mangum Public Schools has been awarded a COVID prevention grant which will pay for COVID testing to be completed at school. Testing will only be provided with prior parent authorization. The tests will provide results within the hour. Students who are signed up for testing may be tested at random or by request.

The COVID testing program will allow students to get back to the classroom quicker by reducing and/or eliminating the duration of a quarantine. All students are encouraged to participate in an effort to mitigate COVID in our school. Students who reside in the same residence, as a person who has a positive case of COVID, will still be required to quarantine, but the testing will allow for the most expedient return to the classroom.

*Furthermore*, the Mangum Board of Education altered Mangum Public School's Return to Learn Plan to not only include the new COVID testing options, but to also make the mask policy consistent across all school facilities including buses. In other words, if masks are required in the classrooms, they are required in the gym, as well as school buses. Likewise, if masks are not mandated in the classrooms, they will not be mandated in other facilities, including buses.

*Finally*, it was resolved that until changes or clarification of state statute can be made: all students will be treated the same regardless of vaccination status. Vaccination status will not be a consideration when determining a quarantine mandate.

COVID Testing authorization forms are available on the front page of the school's website. Parents are encouraged to complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible. The Testing program will start immediately and should be fully implemented as we return from Christmas break.