

## **TUXEDO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## Dear Tuxedo School Community,

In order to safely get everyone back to in-person instruction we are implementing multiple mitigation strategies. One of these strategies is a voluntary PCR testing program to be conducted at the George Grant Mason Cafetorium/Community Room. Our original intent was to conduct the testing on Friday January 7, 2022 so that we could start in-person instruction on Monday January 10, 2022. However, the National Weather Service and NOAA have issued a winter weather advisory for Friday. As such, our nursing staff will conduct the testing of students on Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9am-2:15pm. The testing labs have advised that processing ordinarily takes between 24-48 hours to get results. So at best, we may start back to in-person instruction on Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup>.

The schedule for testing will be as follows:

9:00-9:45 am Pre-K

9:45-10:30am Grades 1 & 2

10:30-11:15am Grade 3 (both classes)

11:15-12:00pm Grades 4 & 5

12:00-12:45pm Grades 6,7 & 9

12:45-01:30pm Grades 8 & 10

01:30-02:15pm Grades 11 &12

All siblings will be tested together at the time of the youngest sibling's class assignment above. Please enter through the main doors of the cafetoreum/community room and exit through the kitchen doors of the cafetoreum/community room.

Please complete the necessary consent form and information sheet prior to arriving. These forms may be accessed electronically at either the following web address: <a href="www.patientxchange.io">www.patientxchange.io</a>

For your convenience, we have also included instructions <a href="https://5il.co/13xqk">https://5il.co/13xqk</a> and the QR code below:



If you are unable to complete the form and information prior to arrival, or if you have difficulty completing the form, the District will have staff available on –site at the GGM to assist you. Please bring your driver's license or other form of photo id and medical insurance card if you have insurance (insurance not required).

For the safety of all participants and staff, if anyone in your household is symptomatic, has tested positive for COVID or is currently quarantining, please do not attend the testing program on Sunday, but instead contact our Health Office at: mcastricone@tuxedoufsd.org (845) 351-4797 x 3106

Due to the fact that we are barely into the second week of what looks to be a long Winter, we will not be closing on Friday due to the impending snowstorm. Instead, we will be offering remote instruction. We are required by Educational Law to provide a minimum of 180 days of school, so we have to be vigilant and use our snow days very judiciously.

As I mentioned in prior communications, achieving our objective of a safe and healthy in-person instructional day is going to require the teamwork and cooperation of our entire school community; administrators, faculty, staff, parents, and students. Thank you in advance for your understanding, cooperation and participation.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey T. White

Superintendent of Schools