

Newark Community Consolidated School

District #66

Ms. Demetra Turman, Superintendent/Principal

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January 27, 2022

Dear Newark CCSD 66 Staff and Families:

Newark Districts 66 and 18 have been utilizing testing services provided by O'Hare Clinical Labs in Chicago since last fall. Services have included the provision of rapid tests and two types of PCR tests as well as laboratory services to run and report PCR test results. Until early January we have found these services to be helpful and valuable. Since January 4, results from PCR tests have been very delayed in coming. Our contact from the lab tells us that the lab site is physically in the process of moving and the lab technicians have been overwhelmed with tests too numerous to process in a timely manner. We understand that this problem is not unique to our districts and that O'Hare Clinical Labs as well as another lab entity in the area are being investigated by the Better Business Bureau and the Illinois Department of Public Health for delayed and missing test results. (See report at <https://chicago.suntimes.com/coronavirus/2022/1/26/22903729/idph-investigating-2-more-covid-19-testing-companies>).

At this time, we are not sending PCR tests to the lab until they are able to process them. We are still receiving rapid tests from O'Hare Clinical Labs and hope that the lab will soon be able to deliver PCR testing services. If you desire or require a PCR COVID test, please contact your healthcare provider or a local pharmacy which may be able to provide this test. We will continue to provide rapid testing for students and staff at NGSD66 as long as testing supplies last.

Partners in Education,

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