

# COVID-19 TESTING PROTOCOLS & FACT SHEET OF INFORMATION

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), Governor Abbott and the Texas Education Agency created COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program for Texas Schools.

## Company: Abbott Labs BinaxNOW

- We will be allotted 2,000 tests per month. We may receive additional tests depending on how many other school districts opt in by October 28, 2020.
- Our own campus nurses will conduct the testing (coaching).
- All nurses administering the tests was trained on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 online in which they had to pass an exam at the end.
- This is an Antigen test with a 97 – 98% accuracy rate. This is not the PCR test (brain stick) even though it requires a nasal swab. **Each patient may swab his or her own nostrils!** This test is looking for the protein that connects with the virus. This test determines if you have had COVID, positive or asymptomatic.
- This program will probably last through the entire school year (May) or maybe longer.
- Nasal swab – rub Q-tip around inside of the nostril (individuals may swab their own nostrils) while maintaining social distance at all times.
- Receive results in 15 minutes. One pink line is negative and two lines are positive.
- Contact local health department of results of positives (Contract Tracing) as well as TEA & Texas Department of Emergency Management.
- Report sent Department of State Health Services (aggregate results statewide)

## Testing Schedule (Voluntary Basis Only)

- Small training and testing session with nurses (Tuesday, October 20, 2020) at the high school library.
- Testing of ESC staff on Thursday, October 22, 2020.
- Adult testing available on all campuses for **staff** beginning on Monday, October 26, 2020. Most of the testing will occur in the mornings before school or during the day for special cases.
- Student testing will possibly begin November 2, 2020. **We must have a parent permission form signed before any student is tested and every time that they want to test!**
  - Testing on campuses may vary by days of the week due to utilization of our “Float Nurses” to help facilitate campus testing.

## Public Information Video

- Sample of Nose Swab (NO BRAIN STICK REQUIRED)

## Doctor's Orders

Dr. Michael Hudson has agreed and signed off on allowing our nurses to administer or coach the testing process.

## TASB Policy or Resolution

- TASB does not require a policy for testing or a board resolution.

## Login Information

- From your cell phone:
- <http://app.txrapidtest.org>
- Scan the test QR Code inside of the website
- Scan back of driver's license (this will pre-populate most of the information needed).
- If no driver's license, then information will have to be manually logged in.
- Pre-registration dashboard is not available at this time. Pre-registration is estimated to be up and running on Friday, October 23, 2020.